



# Martin News

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The newsletter for the Martin School community

## Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Year 1 & Year 2: | 2EB with 100%  |
| Year 3 & Year 4: | 3RT with 100%  |
| Year 5 & Year 6: | 6BG with 99.3% |

## Thought for the month

Is it ever okay to lie?



First of all, a huge well done to the children in 5SR who performed a wonderful re-enactment of the story 'Holes' in their class assembly on Wednesday. The speaking and acting skills were fantastic—well done 5SR!

This week some of our Year 5 children took part in the annual Barnet Dance Festival at the Arts Depot. Their dance to 'Walking on Sunshine' was performed with such confidence and enjoyment and it brought huge smiles to all of our faces! Well done to everyone involved!

As you know, we recently collected Winter Wear for the Asylum Seekers' Drop In which takes place at the school once a month and I wanted to share with you the lovely thank you message that we have received: *'I'm writing to express our sincere thanks to everyone at the school for your wonderful support ... Your generosity will make a real difference to people who are facing difficult circumstances, especially during the colder months. The thoughtful notes included with the donations were particularly touching—they added such a personal and compassionate element to the gifts, and we know they will bring comfort and encouragement to those who receive them.'* Have a good weekend. **Ziz Chater**

## Red Nose Day

Support Red Nose Day on **Friday 21st March** by wearing red and bringing a donation for this great charity! **See page 2 for more details**



## This week's winners

### ★ Gold Stars ★

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 1BT - Kairon  | 4SK - Leo         |
| 1CM - Aaron   | 4TH - Denisa      |
| 1LK - Elena   | 5AE - Alisha      |
| 2EB - Lara    | 5GB - Noah        |
| 2OD - Orli    | 5SR - Harvey      |
| 3LR - Alexia  | 6BG - Abdulrahman |
| 3JL - Nina    | 6LC - Parker      |
| 3RT - Elif    | 6WW - Summer      |
| 4CP - Gabriel |                   |

### Rights Respecting



|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1BT - Charlotte        | 4CP - Maisie  |
| 1CM - Mohammed & Itzan | 4SK - Hope    |
| 1LK - Camilla          | 4TH - Phoebe  |
| 2EB - Arham            | 5AE - Freddie |
| 2OD - Liam             | 5GB - Luca    |
| 3LR - Ela              | 5SR - Kaito   |
| 3JL - Maya B           | 6BG - James   |
| 3RT - Efe              | 6LC - Chloe   |
|                        | 6WW - Kayla   |

### Reader of the week



|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1BT - Jeanne   | 4TH - Amelia |
| 1LK - Arielle  | 5AE - Josiah |
| 2EB - Caius    | 5GB - Uday   |
| 2OD - Rihaan   | 5SR - Laila  |
| 3LR - Diego    | 6BG - Miki   |
| 3JL - Niharika | 6LC - Victor |
| 3RT - Zara     | 6WW - Poppy  |
| 4CP - Yunus    |              |
| 4SK - Matar    |              |



## Secret Superstar awards

Jack S in 2CF, Yusra in 4TH  
and Deniz in 5AE

## Red Nose Day 2026!

On Friday 20th March we will be marking **Red Nose Day** by wearing red in return for a donation to this very worthwhile charity (suggested donation £1).

This year the children will be asked to share their best jokes with their classes. We are all looking forward to this fun annual day in school.

**Mrs King and Mrs Ingram-Lahey**



## A Rap for World Book Day

Yo, yo, Yo—Listen up, it's World Book Day  
We're flipping through pages, let stories play.  
From fairy tales to comics, every single page.  
Books are the magic that unlock the stage.

I got my backpack got my Library card.  
Steppin in the classroom, yeh this rap hits hard.  
From Hogwarts to Narnia let me take you there  
Through words and pictures, we're flying in the air.

I'm talking Percy Jackson with the lightning bolt  
And Sherlock Holmes with the detective jolt.  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid, laugh 'til you cry.  
Matilda tricks going to you, feels sly

We got History, Science, Maths and Art.  
Every single chapter's a way to be smart.  
Picture books, chapter books, let the mind expand  
With a book in your hand, you're the ruler of the land.

So turn the page, don't just stare at the cover  
Each story's a journey, a friend and a lover  
Dragons, spaceships, heroes of the past.  
Books take you on adventures that forever last.

From Shakespeare's plays to graphic novels too.  
Every single story's got something new.  
So open up a book and let your brain ignite.  
World Book Days the reason your day is better and right.

I know world book day was yesterday  
but good books don't have an expiry date. **By Mica Year 6**



# Choir News

## Year 5/6 Choir

Next week Year 5/6 choir will be on **TUESDAY** 17th MARCH AT 8.20am.

## Year 3/4 Choir

Year 3/4 choir please go onto the google music room and learn all the words for your songs for the **Spring concert**.

## Concert Performers

The concert rehearsal will be on Monday **23rd March** during the school day, so please do not forget to bring in instruments and music

**Mrs Brais**



# 5SR Forest School!

5SR have been enjoying their time at Forest School this half term. They have been learning to use knives safely and how to build their team skills. This is all in preparation for the last two weeks of the course where they will learn about survival and building fires. A big thank you to our volunteers Roger and Tom. **Tristan Green**





# Sensory-based functional needs Workshop

Partnership for  
Inclusion of  
Neurodiversity in  
Schools (PINS)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am

**This workshop will be led by Mardian Vries, Lead Occupational Therapist from Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies—all welcome!**

Children experience and respond to the world through their senses.

For some children, differences in how sensory information is processed can impact their daily functioning, including play, learning, behaviour, and participation in everyday activities such as dressing, eating, sleeping, and transitions.

This presentation will introduce parents to the concept of sensory-based functional needs and how these can influence a child's behaviour and engagement at home.

The session will explore how the home sensory environment—including noise levels, lighting, movement opportunities, textures, and daily routines—can affect a child's regulation and ability to participate in tasks.

Parents will learn how to recognise signs that their child may be seeking or avoiding certain sensory input, and how these responses may be linked to challenges with attention, emotional regulation, and daily routines.

Practical strategies will be shared to help parents adapt the home environment and routines to better support their child's sensory needs. This will include ideas for creating calming spaces, incorporating movement and deep pressure activities, supporting transitions, and embedding sensory strategies into everyday activities.

The aim of the session is to empower parents with a better understanding of their child's sensory profile and provide realistic, practical tools that can help support regulation, participation, and independence at home.

**Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us at 10am. To book your place or find out more, please contact Cathy in the Office**

## SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 to  
Friday 27th March 2026

### Half term

Monday 16th February to  
Friday 20th February 2026  
school closed Monday 5th January  
(staff training)

## SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 to  
Monday 20th July 2026

### Half term

Monday 25th May to  
Friday 29th May 2026  
school closed Monday 1st June, Monday 20th  
July (staff training) & Monday 4th May  
(bank holiday)

## AUTUMN TERM 2026

Tuesday 1st September 2026 to  
Friday 18th December 2026

### Half term

Monday 26th October to  
Friday 30th October 2026  
school closed Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd  
September  
(staff training)

## Absence Requests

Just a reminder to try to schedule appointments for your family outside of school hours to reduce the impact on your child's learning and to reduce interruptions in the classroom.

We totally understand that sometimes these cannot be avoided; if this is the case, please email the school office in advance with the simplest proof (the text message confirmation is best) with your child's name and class as the heading, as early as you can. This means that the teacher will be aware in advance and can endeavour to plan around this absence.

Any problems, please don't hesitate to call the office.

Thank you!

## Dates for your diary



**Monday 16th March**

**Tuesday 17th March**

**Wednesday 18th March**

**Friday 20th March**

**Tuesday 24th March**

**Wednesday 25th March**

**Thursday 26th March**

**4TH** Trip to the Golden Hinde

**3LR** Trip to the British Museum

**3RT** Trip to the British Museum

**Red Nose Day**

Spring Concert @ 6.30pm

**5GB** Class Assembly @ 9am

**4CP & 4SK** Clarinet & Trumpet Assembly for parents & carers  
@ 9.05

Parent & Carer Maths Calculation Workshop @ 7.30pm

**Friday 27th March**

**End of Spring Term @ 2pm**

Additional dates can be found on our website at: <https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/diary/>

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