



Martin News

The newsletter for the Martin School community

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Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

Year 1 & Year 2:	1BT with 97.5%
Year 3 & Year 4:	3JL & 3LR with 98.6%
Year 5 & Year 6:	5GB with 97.3%

Eid Mubarak
and Happy
Nowruz to all our
families
celebrating
today



We have all enjoyed the sunshine this week and I am pleased to report that the field is finally drying out so we are hoping to use it again after the Easter holidays!

You may have noticed that we have several beautiful new bench tables in the playgrounds which have been donated by the MHSA. Thank you to the Committee and to you for your generous contributions.



Our maths evening for parents and carers is taking place next **Thursday at 7.30pm** in the school hall and we strongly encourage you to attend. This session will explain how we teach maths in school and will provide invaluable information about how you can support your child with their learning.

Finally, I would like to wish all our families celebrating a **Joyful Nowruz** and **Happy Eid al-Fitr**. Have a good weekend. **Ziz Chater**

Red Nose Day

Thank you for your fabulous support today for this great charity!

We raised **£310.97**

If you wish to donate please scan the QR code below:



This week's winners

★ Gold Stars ★

1BT - Jeanne	4CP - Bella
1CM - Mehrin	4SK - Amir
1LK - Joanie	4TH - Inioluwa
2CF - Adam	5AE - Shrihan
2EB - Anaya	5GB - Miguel
2OD - Nate	5SR - Elise
3LR - Dina	6BG - Alex
3JL - Sylvie	6LC - Halle
3RT - Zara	6WW - Zoe

Rights Respecting



1BT - Olivia	4CP - Etta
1CM - Aysha	4SK - Amiyah
1LK - Elena	4TH - Veer
2CF - Iris	5AE - Deniz
2EB - Liam B	5GB - Ellie
2OD - Sammi	5SR - Stan
3LR - Hazel	6BG - Rotem
3JL - whole class	6LC - Inigo
3RT - Peggy	6WW - Zak

Reader of the week



1BT - Yaniss	4CP - Therapon
1LK - Theo	4SK - Olivia
2CF - Nathan	4TH - Misha
& Hillan	5AE - Joe
2EB - Emilia	5GB - Aryah
2OD - Liliana	5SR - Olivia
3LR - Isabella	6BG - Luis
3JL - Martina	6LC - Lilja
3RT - Cairo	6WW - Marveh



Secret Superstar awards

Lyra in 2EB, Jenson in 3LR

and Freddie in 5AE

Year 4 Trip to the Golden Hinde

Year 4 had a great time visiting the Golden Hinde this month. They learnt all about Sir Francis Drake and his exploits as well as what it was like to live and work on a ship in the 16th century.



Sensory-based functional needs Workshop

Monday 23rd March at 10am

Partnership for
Inclusion of
Neurodiversity in
Schools (PINS)

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

Absence Requests

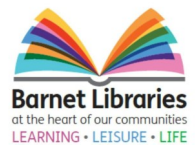
Just a reminder to try to schedule appointments for your family outside of school hours to reduce the impact on your child's learning and to reduce interruptions in the classroom.

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!

Barnet Libraries Festival



Barnet Libraries are pleased to announce an exciting new Barnet Libraries Festival!

Celebrating the National Year of Reading and taking place from 4th – 19th April, there are lots of events for children and teenagers.

Children can meet award winning author Steven Butler for a morning of fun featuring stories from 'The Nothing To See Here Hotel' series. Expect laughter and surprises throughout the event!

Renowned poet Joshua Seigal will be reading from his award-winning publications in an energetic and interactive performance. Children can take part by signing up for the open mic session to read their own poems. There are a host of workshops taking place, making llama puppets, bird feeders, lego building, egg carton portraits or dreamcatchers.

Teenagers can join author Candy Gourlay for a creative writing workshop or learn the art of comic story writing and illustration with the Beano's Kev F. Most events are free.

Click here to [Find out more and book tickets.](#)



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)

**Thought for
the month**
Is it ever okay
to lie?



Don't forget!
School Closes at 2pm
on Friday 27th March
for the Easter Holidays



Dates for your diary



Tuesday 24th March
Wednesday 25th March
Thursday 26th March

Friday 27th March
Monday 13th April
Wednesday 15th April
Friday 17th April
Wednesday 22nd April
Friday 24th April

Wednesday 29th April
Friday 1st May
Monday 4th May
Friday 8th May

w/b Monday 11th May

Wednesday 13th May
Friday 15th May

w/b Monday 18th May
Wednesday 20th May
Thursday 21st May
Friday 22nd May

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

End of Spring Term @ 2pm

First day of Summer Term—school open for all children

Swimming starts for **4CP**

9am More about Martin Meeting—test anxiety

Forest school starts for **5AE**

Secondary Transfer Meeting for Year 5 parents & carers of **Year 5**
children @ 9am in school & 1pm over TEAMS

3JL class assembly @ 9am

Years 3 & 4 Parent/Carer Forum

May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

Relationship & Sex Education meetings for Parents & Carers of
Year 6 children at 9am in school & 1pm over TEAMS

Year 6 SATs week

ILP meetings for relevant parents & carers

3LR class assembly @ 9am

Relationship & Sex Education meetings for Parents & Carers of
Year 5 children at 9am in school & 1pm over TEAMS

Walk to School Week

3RT class assembly @ 9am

MHSA Film Night

9am More about Martin Meeting—Eco Council

Monday 25th—Friday 29th May inclusive—school closed for half term holiday

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

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