



# 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: 1LK with 93.5%  
Year 3 & Year 4: 3LR with 93.8%  
Year 5 & Year 6: 6BG with 95.2%

Happy Easter  
to our families  
celebrating this  
holiday



Happy Pesach to  
our families  
celebrating  
Passover this  
holiday



It has been a very busy last week of term! The first big event was Maths Day on Tuesday—hopefully your child has told you all about The Great Chocolate Robbery! You can find out more about the day on page 2 and can watch the video here <https://youtu.be/puFfwbjOuM8>; please find out from your child how many clues they managed to find! Continuing with the maths theme, we ran a maths workshop on Thursday evening for parents and carers to help them understand how we teach maths and to find out how they can support their child's maths learning at home. Feedback has been extremely positive so the session will be repeated at 9am on Monday 27th April for those who were unable to attend last night. Thank you so much to the maths team for arranging such a fun day for the children and the invaluable sessions for the parents and carers.

On Tuesday evening, we held our Spring Concert at which our Year 3 & 4 choir performed along with solo singers and instrumentalists. The audience was so impressed by the courage and confidence of the children and by their wonderful musicality. Thank you to Mrs Brais for arranging such an enjoyable evening.

On Wednesday, it was 5GB's turn to perform their class assembly and they told us so many interesting facts about space. We also had a chance to hear their beautiful singing voices. Well done 5GB!

Finally, yesterday 4SK and 4CP performed on their trumpets and clarinets—another musical treat!

I hope you all have a lovely break and wish a Happy Pesach and Happy Easter to our families celebrating over the holidays. **Ziz Chater**

## This week's winners

### ★ Gold Stars ★

1BT - Noah      4CP - Nikolas  
1CM - Mila      4SK - Lyanna  
1LK - Austin    4TH - Arian  
2CF - Iris      5AE - Archie  
2EB - Lois      5GB - Idlir  
2OD - Jordan    5SR - Hannah  
3LR - Mia      6BG - Mihail  
3JL - Yarden    6LC - Mark  
3RT - Leon      6WW - Niamh

### Rights Respecting



1BT - Naura      4CP - Zach  
1CM - Nicholas    4SK - Harvey  
1LK - Marty      4TH - Janos  
2CF - Zac      5AE - Emma  
2EB - Shabab    5GB - Estia  
2OD - Joel      5SR - Olivia  
3LR - Arlo      6BG - Joseph  
3JL - Valeria    6LC - Gabriel  
3RT - Mohamed   6WW - Monica

### Reader of the week



1LK - Paulina    5AE - Kendall  
2CF - Anesa      5GB - Ibtisam  
2OD - Luca      5SR - Max  
3LR - Jenson    6BG - Cindy  
3JL - Lily      6LC - Selina  
3RT - Kai      6WW - Kayla  
4CP - Edie  
4SK - Kiah  
4TH - Kimora



## Secret Superstar awards

Juniper in 1CM, Rosie in 3RT  
and Poppy in 6WW

# Maths Day!

On Tuesday 24th March, there was a crime at Martin Primary school! Mrs Chater's chocolate was stolen from the staff room fridge! Luckily, we had a school full of children on the case. Children from Nursery to Year 6 watched a video of the crime taking place and spent the day solving clues to find out who had stolen the chocolate. To watch the video of the crime, please click here: <https://youtu.be/puFfwbjOuM8>



The aim? To see that we use maths in life every day; whether it is telling the time, counting items in a fridge or comparing piles of objects (and of course to reunite Mrs Chater with her chocolate!)

It was so wonderful to walk around school and hear the excited buzz in all the classrooms as children worked together to solve mathematical problems and investigations. Classes thought about how we are all mathematicians and how we use maths every single day. Some of the ideas of when we are mathematicians were:

- when I count sounds in a word in my phonics lesson
- when I play board games and do puzzles
- when I make sure I brush my teeth for 2 minutes
- when I play football and take the score or think about the angle I need to kick the ball
- when I pay for something in a shop
- when we notice the shapes of things around us
- when I measure ingredients when baking

'I liked helping people and working together to solve the challenges. No one should say that they can't do maths because they should believe in themselves and know that we use maths everyday!' (Luca Year 2)

'I liked the algebra activity because it was fun to find patterns and using the numicon.' (Joseph Year 6)

'The button up mystery was fun because I figured out the pattern and was able to solve the mystery! I also like the chocolate video that we watched lots of times to spot all of the clues.' (Therapon Year 4)

'I liked the chocolate investigation because it was challenging and fun.' (Niamh Year 6)

'I am a mathematician because I like using shapes.' (Huxley Reception)

'I liked the chocolate problem and watching the film with the teachers. I liked using my maths to solve the problems. Maths is my favourite subject!' (Viktoria Year 2)



## Nursery Applications

Please collect an application form from the school office if you wish to apply for a nursery place. Please see our website for further information about our nursery <https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/martin-nursery/>

### September 2026 starters - Autumn Term

The closing date for applications, for children who turn 3 before the end of August 2026 will be **Monday 13th April 2026**



## Barnet Libraries Festival

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



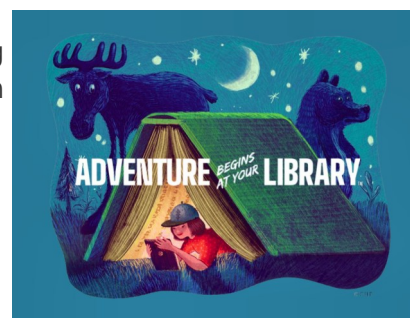
Celebrating the National Year of Reading and taking place from 4th – 19th April, there are lots of events for children and teenagers.

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 starts for the  
Summer Term on  
Monday 13th April



## Dates for your diary



**Monday 13th April**

First day of Summer Term—school open for all children

**Wednesday 15th April**

Swimming starts for **4CP**

**Thursday 16th April**

**1LK & 1BT** Trips to East Finchley Library

**Friday 17th April**

9am More about Martin Meeting—test anxiety

**Wednesday 22nd April**

Forest school starts for **5AE**

**Monday 20th April**

**5AE** Rivers Walk Trip

**Tuesday 21st April**

**5SR** Rivers Walk Trip

**Thursday 23rd April**

**1CM** Trip to East Finchley Library

**Friday 24th April**

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

**Wednesday 29th April**

**5GB** Rivers Walk Trip

**Friday 1st May**

**3JL** class assembly @ 9am

**Monday 4th May**

Years 3 & 4 Parent/Carer Forum

**Friday 8th May**

**May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)**

**w/b Monday 11th May**

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

**Wednesday 13th May**

**Year 6** SATs week

**Thursday 14th**

ILP meetings for relevant parents & carers

**Friday 15th May**

**3LR** class assembly @ 9am

**w/b Monday 18th May**

**Year 1** Trip to London Zoo

**Wednesday 20th May**

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

**Thursday 21st May**

Walk to School Week

**Friday 22nd May**

**3RT** class assembly @ 9am

**Reception** Trip to the Little Angel Theatre

MHSA Film Night

9am More about Martin Meeting—Eco Council

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

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