



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 99.3%
Year 3 & Year 4:	4CP with 98.9%
Year 5 & Year 6:	5GB with 98.7%

Thought for the month

Can a computer think and feel?



The children in 3JL put on a wonderful class assembly on Wednesday and performed with great confidence and flair! Well done 3JL!

On page 2, you will find the results of the parent/carer survey that we ran at the end of last term. We were very pleased to receive more responses than in previous years and were delighted that the vast majority were positive! One of the areas we asked about was homework and, in response to feedback, we have extended the deadline for homework to Wednesdays for all year groups. We are also considering ways to vary the content and to make it more appealing for the children.

I know you will agree that the attack in Golders Green this week was deeply shocking and upsetting, especially given its proximity to the school. Our thoughts are with the victims and with all members of our Jewish community during this very difficult time. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is any way we can support you.

I hope you have a lovely long weekend. **Ziz Chater**

Language of the Month

May's language of the month is **Hindi**



This week's winners

★ Gold Stars ★

1BT - Alice	4CP - Georgia
1CM - Eliezer	4SK - Matar
1LK - Enzo	4TH - Elaisa
2CF - Zac	5AE - Ivan
2EB - Hannah	5GB - Sebby
2OD - Imogen	5SR - Domenic
3LR - Juno	6BG - Elvi
3JL - Aurora	6LC - Mala
3RT - Masha	6WW - Isabella

Rights Respecting



1BT - Rahil	4CP - James
1CM - Lorenzo	4SK - Kayla
1LK - Austin	4TH - Kimora
2CF - Nathan	5AE - Shrihan
2EB - Akram	5GB - Elena
2OD - Luca	5SR - Adam
3LR - Alia	6BG - Amir
3JL - Niharika	6LC - Mark
3RT - Arielle	6WW - Ryan

Reader of the week



1BT - Parker	4SK - Abdullah
1CM - Solomiia	4TH - Tatsuki
1LK - Olivia	5AE - Lillian-Rose
2CF - Maida	5GB - Mark
2OD - Nate	5SR - Kaito
3LR - Dina	6BG - Joseph
3JL - Arwa	6LC - Romi
3RT - Andrew	6WW - Summer
4CP - Zac	



Secret Superstar awards

Caius in 2EB, Millie in 3LR
and Mihail in 6BG

Parent/Carer Survey Results 2026

	2026 243 responses			2025 158 responses			2024 187 responses		
	Strongly agree/ Agree	Disagree/ Strongly disagree	Don't know	Strongly agree/ Agree	Disagree/ Strongly disagree	Don't know	Strongly agree/ Agree	Disagree/ Strongly disagree	Don't know
I would recommend Martin Primary School to other parents/carers	95%	3%	2%	97%	3%	1%	95%	3%	2%
My child is happy at this school	95%	2%	2%	96%	3%	1%	97%	3%	0%
My child feels safe at this school	96%	2%	2%	95%	3%	3%	97%	1%	2%
My child is well looked after at this school	96%	2%	2%	95%	3%	3%	97%	1%	2%
My child is taught well at this school	96%	2%	2%	91%	4%	5%	91%	3%	6%
My child makes good progress at this school	94%	3%	3%	92%	5%	4%	92%	3%	5%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age (Y1 to Y6)	84%	13%	3%	81%	17%	1%	85%	10%	5%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	88%	5%	6%	89%	3%	9%	91%	5%	4%
This school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	77%	6%	17%	71%	11%	19%	76%	7%	17%
This school is well led and managed	95%	3%	2%	91%	2%	8%	94%	2%	4%
I am comfortable approaching the school with a question or concern	93%	6%	1%	93%	6%	2%	93%	5%	2%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	91%	7%	2%	91%	9%	2%	88%	7%	4%
This school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	83%	8%	9%	86%	9%	6%	94%	2%	4%
Enrichment activities during the school day (e.g. Forest School, Muddy Mondays, Enabling Enterprise, theatre visits) improve the overall quality of learning	97%	1%	2%	97%	0%	3%	97%	0%	3%
The school keeps me well informed about what is going on e.g. via the website, newsletter, workshops etc...	98%	2%	0%	96%	2%	2%	97%	2%	1%

Exciting Competition Time!

We would like to invite children in Years 3-6 to compete in this years **Young Writers Monster Poetry competition!**

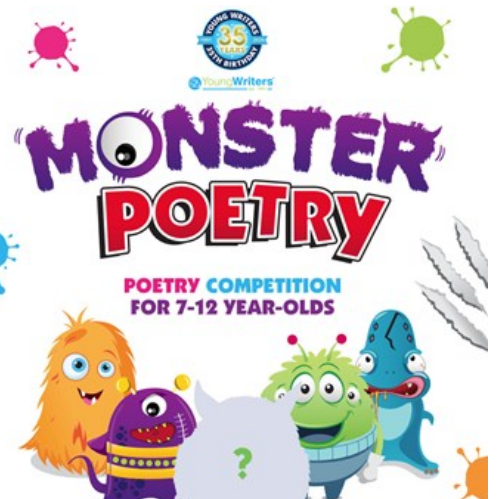
Children are invited to draw and create their own monster and to create a poem all about it!

To enter, simply complete the form at home and return it to your child's class teacher!

As you can see there are exciting prizes to be won and we are looking forward to seeing your children's creativity and talent!

The deadline for the competition is **Friday 22nd May** so be sure to get your entrances in soon!

Good Luck! **The English Team**



PRIZES FOR SCHOOLS

The school that submits the best overall set of entries will win **The Young Writers Award of Excellence** and an incredible **£1000!**



PLUS a complimentary copy of the book your pupils feature in! (The more entries you send, the more free books you'll receive. See our website for further details.)

PRIZES FOR PUPILS

The top 5 writers will each win a fantastic goody bag, including a fitness watch and trophy!



Picture for illustration purposes only - goody bag may vary!

PLUS every entrant receives a bookmark and sticker, and we award a certificate of merit to all young writers we'd love to publish.

(School & pupil winners will be chosen from entries received in the Summer Term 2026 & announced the following term.)



MONSTER POETRY EXAMPLES

My Monster (Acrostic)

My monster follows me everywhere
Yellow teeth that look sharp

My monster has slimy green skin
Orange eyes that sparkle
Not very good at keeping quiet
Sounds like squelchy sticky mud
Terrifying to look at, but really he's kind
Every day he protects me
Really strange creature, but I love him!

What Am I? (Riddle Poem)

I sleep during the day
In a nest made of your old clothes
At night I wake up and creep around
I eat the crumbs you've left on the floor
I look at you while you are sleeping
But I am friendly, I promise!
If Mum or Dad comes, I quickly hide
At sunrise I go back to my bed
What am I?

Answer: The monster under your bed.

The Sea Monster (A Kennings Poem)

Deep-sea diver
Hunt survivor
Ocean traveller
Wave bringer
Tentacle slimer
Pirate chaser
Ship muncher
Bone cruncher

The Bat (A Sense Poem)

Small and fluffy with a cute face
Feel its leathery, delicate wings
The stinky smell of droppings in its cave
Glimpse a swooping shadow in the dark
Listen, but you won't hear a thing
The bat glides silently through the night.

The Sabre-Toothed Huggle (Narrative Poem)

On the way to school I met
A monster all fluffy and blue
He wasn't a lost pet
And he was about 6 foot 2.
His teeth were pointy and white
Yet he was a friendly creature
When he asked to go and fly a kite
'Of course!' said my teacher.
We felt the wind pull the kite string
We smelt BBQ on the breeze
We played on the swings
And then climbed up the trees.
Today was amazing, today was just brill
I hope Huggle visits again, he said he will!

Online Safety Parent & Carer Information Session: Wednesday 6th May

On **Wednesday 6th May 2026** from **4pm to 4.45pm**, Knowsley City Learning Centres (who produce our online safety newsletter) will be holding their next online parent/ carer information session.

The focus of the session will be 'a guide to social media and livestreaming'. It will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing understanding of social media and livestreaming, the associated risks and steps you can take to support your child.

Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter for more information.

A link to the session will be sent out nearer the time.

Miss Glackin



Forest School News!

The children in 5AE have been having a great time at Forest School this term. This week they have been learning and working hard on their team building skills and are in the process of re-building our pizza oven so that they can make pizzas. Thank you, as always, to our wonderful volunteers Tom and Roger. **Tristan Green**



Nursery Applications

September 2026 starters - Autumn Term

Please collect an application form from the school office if you wish to apply for a nursery place.

Further information about our nursery can be found at: <https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/martin-nursery/>



More About Martin Meetings

Join us from 9am in the portacabin

Friday 17th April 2026- Test Anxiety

Find out about strategies to support your child at home if they are feeling anxious about exams or school work. Particularly pertinent for Year 6, but all welcome.



Friday 22nd May- Eco- Council

Come and meet our Eco-Council and hear about the efforts they have made so far to make our school more sustainable and to promote sustainability around the school.



Friday 26th June - A year round up!

Find out all the fun and exciting things that have happened in Martin Primary School this academic year.



More About Martin Meetings cover a wide range of topics such as school information, strategies to support your children at home, children sharing their experiences and curriculum information. They take place at 9am on the given dates and are held in the portacabin on the field (unless stated otherwise).

Miss Glackin

Film Night

We are excited to announce that our Film Night choices have been voted for by the School Council!

- Years 4-5 will be watching Mufasa (PG)
- Years 1-3 will be watching Despicable Me 4 (U)
- Reception children will enjoy a selection of Julia Donaldson short films.

Tickets on sale now!

Please keep an eye on your WhatsApp groups for the days and times tickets will be available to purchase. We will also be hosting a parents' bar again which is a great chance to catch up with other parents whilst the kids enjoy the films.

**It's always such a lovely event that all the children look forward to
and we hope everyone can join us for a fantastic evening
of fun and entertainment.**



MHS A
Martin Home School Association

Presents

Tickets on sale
week commencing
27th April

FILM NIGHT

SCREEN 1
RECEPTION

Room on the Broom
The Snoods and Gmooos
Tabby McFat

SCREEN 2
YEAR 1 / 2 / 3

DESPICIBLE
ME 4
Only in cinemas July 2

SCREEN 3
YEAR 4 / 5 / 6

MUFASA
THE LION KING
THE NOVELIZATION

DOORS OPEN 6PM
TICKETS - £5
(includes film, popcorn and drink)

THURSDAY
21ST MAY
Martin Primary School, Plane Tree Walk

PARENTS BAR
(sit back and relax with a drink
and nibbles while you wait)

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)

SPRING TERM 2027

Tuesday 5th January 2027 to
Thursday 25th March 2027

Half term

Monday 15th February to
Friday 19 February 2026

school closed Monday 4th January
(staff training)

Dates for your diary



Monday 4th May

Wednesday 6th May

Friday 8th May

w/b Monday 11th May

Tuesday 12th May

Wednesday 13th May

Thursday 14th

Friday 15th May

w/b Monday 18th May

Tuesday 19th May

Wednesday 20th May

Thursday 21st May

Friday 22nd May

May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

Parent/carer Online Safety Information session
online @ 4pm

Relationship & Sex Education meetings for Year 6 parents &
carers @ **9am** in school & **1pm** over TEAMS

Year 6 SATs week

ILP meetings for relevant parents & carers

2EB trip to Golders Hill Park

2CF trip to Golders Hill Park

3LR class assembly @ 9am

Year 1 Trip to London Zoo

Relationship & Sex Education meetings for Year 5 parents &
carers @ **9am** in school & **1pm** over TEAMS

2OD trip to Golders Hill Park

Walk to School Week

Borough Athletics Competition

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

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

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