



Martin News

The newsletter for the Martin School community

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Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

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| Year 1 & Year 2: | 1CM with 99.6% |
| Year 3 & Year 4: | 3JL & 3LR with 98.6% |
| Year 5 & Year 6: | 6WW with 99.7% |

Thought for the month

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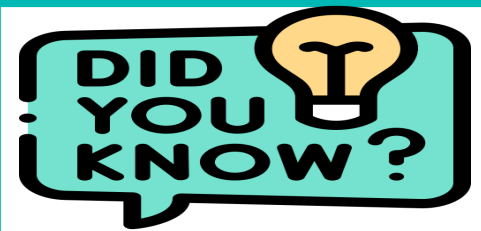


The children in 3RT performed the final class assembly of the year and it was fabulous! They performed their own version of a Greek tragedy with confidence and flair—well done 3RT!

I am sad to let you know that Arbiona Veshaj, one of our fantastic SEN Support Assistants, is leaving us today to return to her family in Albania. I know you will join me in thanking her for her hard work and wishing her every success. We have also said a temporary farewell to Halima Abdulkadir, another of our SEN Support Assistants, who is starting her maternity leave after half term — we can't wait to meet the new arrival!

On Tuesday, our athletics team took part in the Barnet Athletics event and achieved 3rd place—please see the full report on page 3. Huge congratulations to everyone who took part!

Finally, thank you so much to the MHSA for arranging a great Film Night last night. Have a lovely half term break. **Ziz Chater**



Mrs King and Vikki are our two fabulous learning mentors and we are so lucky to have them! They both support several of our children with their emotional wellbeing; some on a regular basis and others for specific issues. Thank you both for all the fantastic work that you do!

This week's winners

Gold Stars

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1BT - Parker | 4CP - Yunus |
| 1CM - Meghna | 4SK - Henos |
| 1LK - Dhanvi | 4TH - Millay |
| 2CF - Nora | 5AE - Mason |
| 2EB - Jack | 5GB - Marielle |
| 2OD - Kaiya | 5SR - Oliver |
| 3LR - Arlo | 6BG - Zainab |
| 3JL - Maya | 6LC - Paloma |
| 3RT - Bea | 6WW - Carla |

Rights Respecting



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|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 1BT - Alex | 4CP - Ruo Xin |
| 1CM - Aaron | 4SK - Eva |
| 1LK - Olivia | 4TH - Kavarli |
| 2CF - Hillan | 5AE - Archie |
| 2EB - Lara | 5GB - Louis |
| 2OD - Colby | 5SR - Hector |
| 3LR - Mia | 6BG - Sophie-Rae & Abdul S |
| 3JL - Gerald | 6LC - Raahim |
| 3RT - Zara | 6WW - Monica |

Reader of the week



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|--------------------|--------------|
| 1BT - Naura | 4SK - Bar |
| 1CM - Dean | 5SR - Adam |
| 2CF - Paulina | 6BG - Gemma |
| 2EB - Sama | 6LC - Hector |
| 2OD - Rafa | 6WW - Poppy |
| 3LR - Alia & Tomer | |
| 3JL - Haroon | |
| 3RT - Senandung | |
| 4CP - Adar | |



Secret Superstar awards

Lyra in 2OD, Yunus in 4CP and Ella in 6LC

Year 2 Spanish Day

On Tuesday, it was Spanish Day in year 2! The children had a brilliant time taking part in a range of fruit-themed activities while practising their Spanish. They chopped up fruit and ordered food from the 'fruit salad bar' to create their own fruit salad, sketched beautiful still-life pictures of fruit and played lots of fun games to practise their language skills.

A big thank you to Senorita Anita (our year 5/6 Spanish teacher), as well as Zainab, George, Leyre and Señora Carmen from Bishop Douglass, for helping to make this day such a memorable experience.

Zoë Caloghris MFL Lead



Martin's Got Talent!

Martin's Got Talent is back. This year it will not be a house competition so anyone can compete individually or in groups of up to 6.

First round auditions will be held in the classroom with the class teacher after half term and before Tuesday 23rd June.

Second round auditions will be in the music room with Mrs Brais on Friday 26th June and Monday 29th June.

We're looking forward to another fun filled competition with our talented children.

Mrs Brais



Barnet Athletics—Winners

On a cloudy and wet Tuesday morning the Martin School athletics team made their way to the Stone X Stadium for the annual Athletics Competition. This event is the highlight of the BPSS Schools' sporting calendar and our team from Year 3 to Year 6 were ready and confident for the day of field events, track and relays. We were up against teams from, Danegrove, Deansbrook, Millbrook Park, Akiva, Belmont, Rosh Pinar, All Saints NW2 and All Saints N20.

Field Events: Long jump, speed bounce, shot put and howler (javelin)

Well done to all our field event athletes who ran, jumped and threw to their very best. All the morning training sessions showed how confident the children were in their events gaining top three positions in most events.

Year 5 Field and 400m: Sophia, Miguel, Laila, Daniel, Elise, Ivan, Marielle, Eden, Zelda.

1st places for Miguel, Marielle, Eden and Zelda in the 400m

Placed: Sophia, Laila, Daniel, Elise, Ivan and Miguel in the 400m.

Year 6 Field and 400m: Isabella, Nicky, Assya, Inigo, Anna, Mark, Shareefa, Victor, Paloma, Samuel.

1st places for Nicky and Assya

Placed: Isabella, Inigo, Anna, Mark, Shareefa, Victor, Paloma and Samuel in the 400m.

The wet, cloudy weather didn't dampen the teams efforts across the whole day with amazing results adding to our overall team score.

Track Events: Year 3 to Year 6 sprints and relays.

Well done to: Nina, Lia, Efe, Jenson, Madinah, Etta, Phoebe, Anni, Abdullah, Robin, Jasper, Rex, Hannah M, Hannah, W, Sophia, Zelda, Constantinos, Adam, Luca, Eden, Mala, Emma, Sophie, Joelle, Jacob, Micah, Gus, Nicky.

The track is always very exciting with some amazing performances from all the school teams with future athletic talents on show on the track.

Well done to: Efe, Madinah, Marielle, Sophia, Eden, Constantinos, Joelle, Summer, Nicky for reaching and placing in their sprint finals. Eden placed 1st in both his heat and final event.

On to the relays, the noisiest part of the afternoon! The spectators were on their feet cheering the children round the track and along the home straight to the finish line. We had a really strong relay team afternoon with all our squads placing in the top four.

Well done Yr 5 and Yr6 girls for coming in 1st place and Yr 4 Girls and Yr 6 boys in 2nd place.



Barnet Athletics—Winners (con.)

The time for the results had come..... The stands had that nervous energy you could feel around the teams waiting for the results to be read out.

Field events: 1st place—Martin School!

Overall: 3rd place—Martin School

The children had an amazing day at the stadium and all their hard work, training before school and commitment on the day was amazing to see.

A GREAT DAY OUT at Stone X

Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers, Marion, Jasmin and Georgie, for all your support and help on the day.



Miss Adams, Somayeh and Sally

Reports from our athletes

On the 19th May 2026 Martin's outdoor athletics team journeyed to Stone X Stadium to compete against eight other schools in two different types of events; track and field. Year three to six competed in track events and years five to six had a chance to represent our school in the field event.

Overall everyone had a blast and the whole team gave their all and we are proud to say we won the field events and came **third overall** which is an amazing accomplishment and we have our amazing coaches Somayeh and Miss Adams to thank for that.

by Emma Y 6

On Tuesday 19th May 2026 Martin Primary athletics team went to Stone X stadium to face other schools in Barnet.

Thanks to all the children's hard work we were able to win the field events and came third overall. We are thankful for our AMAZING coaches Somayeh and Miss Adams.

By Mark Y6

Music News

Yr 5/6 Choir: Barnet Music Festival - **Thursday 11th June.**

If you did not receive any extra tickets from the draw here at school, please remember that tickets will go on general sale at the **Arts Depot Box Office** from **10am on Tuesday 2nd June, and can be purchased either in person, by phone on: 020 8369 5454 or online.** The venue is very clear that you will not be allowed to book tickets before that date and that extra tickets cannot be reserved in advance of purchase.

Yr 3/4 Choir: East Finchley Festival - **Sunday 21st June**

Please note that the meeting time for the choir will be **1.50pm** by the community stage for our **2.15pm** slot.

Mrs Brais



Summertime Sandwich Menu!

After half-term the Olive Deli Bar will be available to all children until the end of the Summer term. This is in addition to the daily hot food choices, salad bar and desserts. For the Summer Menu please see our website <https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/school-lunches>

If you would like your child to start school lunches after the half-term holiday please let the Office know by **Monday 1st June**.



Barnet Young Carers

We would like to share information about a supportive local service that may be helpful for some families in our school community.

Barnet Young Carers supports children and young people who help care for someone at home. This may include helping with younger siblings, household tasks, emotional support, translating, or supporting a family member who is unwell or needs extra help.

Many children and families do not realise that this support role is recognised as being a *young carer*, and many families manage these responsibilities quietly every day.

Barnet Young Carers offers advice, activities and support for both young people and their families.

If you feel this service may be helpful for your family, please speak to the school in confidence, you can **email: welfare@martinprimary.barnet.sch.uk** or visit [Barnet Young Carers](#)

Mrs Taylor



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)

Eid Party

This year's Eid Party led by our fabulous parent group will take place on
Friday, 12th June at 3.30pm.

There will also be a cake sale on **Friday 5th June** after school to help
raise funds for this event.

We look forward to seeing you at the Eid Party!



Dates for your diary



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

Monday 1st June

w/c 1st June & 8th June

Thursday 4th June

Friday 5th June

Wednesday 10th June

Thursday 11th June

Friday 12th June

Tuesday 16th June

Wednesday 17th June

Friday 19th June

Thursday 25th June

Friday 26th June

Wednesday 1st July

Thursday 2nd July

Friday 3rd July

Tuesday 7th July

Wednesday 8th July

Thursday 9th July

Friday 10th July

Inset Day—school closed for Staff Training

Year 4 multiplication checks

Class photographs

Years 1 & 2 Parent/Carer Forum

Cake Sale to raise funds for the Eid Party

Forest school starts for **5GB**

Barnet Music Festival **Y5/6 Choir** @ 6pm

Eid Party

Sports Day

Year 3 trip to Gunnersbury Park

Nursery & Reception Parent/Carer Forum

Year 5 trip to the Barbican

New Reception (September 2026) parent/carers meeting @ 6pm

More About Martin meeting—Year review

Nursery Celebrations @ 9am and 1pm

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day

Reception to Year 5 Meet their new teacher day

New Nursery (September 2026) stay and play @ 4-5pm

Reception celebrations at 9.10am

MHSA SUMMER FAIR 3.30pm to 6pm

Annual Reports sent to parents/carers (after school)

Year 6 Leavers' show @ 9.15am

Year 6 Leavers' show @ 6pm

Year 2 celebrations at 9.10am

Year 3 celebrations at 9.10am

Year 2 Jamboree @ 5-7pm

Year 1 celebrations @ 9.10am

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