



Nursery Newsletter Autumn 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Martin Nursery and our first newsletter of the school year. For your information, newsletters will be sent home to you every term. It has been lovely to meet you and your children and to see them settling in so nicely and also to welcome back our older children. We look forward to the year ahead and the opportunities for working together.

Settling In

We are encouraging the children to enter the classroom independently, hang up their coats, self register, then get ready for a quick welcoming registration carpet time. For new children, our goal is for the children to separate from their parents/carers at the gate and come into Nursery independently where staff will support the children with settling in.

Punctuality

Please be punctual when bringing and collecting your child from Nursery. If children arrive after 8.50am/12.50pm, they can feel unsettled and it also disrupts the settling in time for the other children in the class.

Nursery sessions are as follows;

Morning session – 8.40am to 11.40am (The nursery gate will be open from 8.40am to 8.50am)

Afternoon session – 12.40pm to 3.40pm (The nursery gate will be open from 12.40pm to 12.50pm)

If children arrive later than the times outlined above, they should be taken to/collected from the school office instead of using the nursery buzzer as this disrupts the carpet session. Thank you for your support with this.

Other reminders/requests

- As the weather starts to cool down this autumn, please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for our unpredictable climate so that the children can then access the full extent of the curriculum that we provide in both our indoor and outdoor classrooms.
- Please **CLEARLY LABEL ALL** jumpers, coats, hats, gloves, shoes etc.
- Please provide your child with a labelled water bottle every day. The children can then help themselves to water during the day. **Please note water only, no juice.**
- Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes in their bag (or you can leave some at school) in case they get wet during the day.
- In Nursery, unless toys or items are requested for a specific activity (or are a settling in aid) please teach your child to keep their special toys at home, as we all know the upset that is caused by their loss or damage.
- We would be very grateful if you could provide a box of tissues to help us to keep the germs at bay
- For the safety of all children please do not drive down Plane Tree Walk when collecting or dropping off your child at Nursery.
- **Scooters** - if you need to store your child's scooter at nursery for the day, please speak to a member of staff and we will show you where to put it.
- **Birthdays** - Birthdays are very special days and we like the children to celebrate with their friends. If you would like to send treats in to share with everybody, please only send fruit, raisins or a healthy option. No sweets or chocolates please. Please also remember we are a nut free school. Please note, we are unable to hand out invitations for birthday parties.
- Please work with us and ensure your child does not need to wear nappies/pull ups during the day. The nursery staff are happy to provide information on potty/toilet training if you require.

Lunchtime

Children who are with us all day eat their lunch in the school lunch hall with the nursery meal time supervisors. After they have eaten, they then return to the nursery outdoor and indoor area. School lunches cost £2.58 per day and the menus are available on our website. If your child is having packed lunch, please note that we are a healthy eating and nut free school.

Snack time

Every day in the morning and afternoon, we gather the children for snack time when they can choose a piece of fruit and drink milk, both of which are provided by the school.

Tapestry

Have you accessed 'Tapestry' yet? This is your child's online learning journal which you can log onto anytime, anywhere! You can read about what staff have observed your child doing in school and upload photographs and comments of your own. Many of you are already doing this and this is lovely to see! Also there is a weekly posting on Fridays of the nursery learning activities, with photos of the children from the week. **Please speak to a member of staff if you cannot access Tapestry.**

Support at home

Please refer to the termly home learning guidance for activities and ideas to support your child's learning at home. We will also provide children's 'Next Steps' and ideas on your children's Tapestry observations. From Monday 29th September your child will be bringing home a book they have chosen from our book corner to share with you, together with a blank exercise book to draw pictures if they wish. More information will be provided in the pack.

Outside classroom

In line with the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, our children have 'free flow' access to the outside classroom daily both in the mornings and afternoons. This provides the following:

- increased assessment opportunities - children can act differently when they are outside and therefore we may observe different skills.
- healthy body and brains - there is more space to move, get fresh air and vitamin D and additional opportunities for mindfulness - all things children need to develop and grow.
- increased Self-Esteem - outdoor play develops children's divergent thinking and collaborative skills and raises their confidence and self-esteem.
- characteristics of effective learning – children are able to play and explore, learn actively, develop their own ideas and make links between ideas.
- awe and wonder - there is often a sense of freedom that children feel outside because they feel like they are more in charge of what they are doing. There are things that children will discover outside that cannot be discovered inside sparking awe and wonder.

Important dates for your diary Autumn 2025

- **'Muddy Tuesday'**
- Our Forest School day is Tuesday. We will aim to start this **after half term**. Please make sure that your child brings in a pair of **clearly labelled** wellies or comes to school wearing them.
- **Meet the teacher event** – Wednesday 1st October at 9am in the school hall
- **Half term: Monday 27th October- Friday 31st November** (inclusive)
- **Parent/teacher consultations for Nursery**
- Tuesday 18th November and Thursday 20th November from 4pm to 7pm (more details to follow)
- **Nursery Christmas singalong to parents/carers: Tuesday 16th December** @ 9am and 1pm
- **Friday 19th December** – last day of term. School closes at 2pm. Alternative timings will be in

place for the children who only attend the afternoon sessions.

Please also log on to our school website to keep updated with events and notices at:

www.martinprimary.barnet.org.uk

Final reminders

- If your child suffers from any allergies, health or medical conditions, you must make sure that we have all the relevant medication or resources in school.
- Please ALWAYS make sure that you inform the office of any changes in your personal details so that in the event of illness, accident or other occasion, we can promptly contact you.
- If your child has a temperature, is sick or has an upset stomach, we request that they do not come into school and do not return until at least 48 hours after their last bout of illness, so that the spread of any illness throughout the Nursery classes is limited.

Many Thanks
The Nursery Team