



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 97.1%
Year 3 & Year 4:	3JL with 97.1%
Year 5 & Year 6:	5GB with 97.3%

Thought for the month

Would the world be better if children were in charge?



The children in our Year 3 and 4 choir recently performed at the East Finchley Festival in Cherry Tree Woods and sang so beautifully to a very large audience—we were all extremely proud of them! Both our choirs will be singing at the Summer Fair today so please make sure you come along to see them.



It looks like the weather is getting warmer again next week so please make sure that your child has a hat and water bottle in school. Please also apply suncream in the mornings—preferably the longlasting type. If you wish to send your child to school with a small bottle of suncream, it must be named and kept in their bag; please note that the staff are unable to apply it for them.

Our Year 4 drama group performed at the Barnet Drama Festival last night along with other primary and secondary schools. Our children were the youngest to perform and I am delighted to let you know that they won **first place**—what a fantastic achievement!! (More information next week).

Finally, annual reports will be sent out later today by email. I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fair! **Ziz Chater**

Language of the Month

July's language of the month is

Afrikaans



This week's winners



Gold Stars



1BT - Sinan	4CP- Lydia
1CM - Aidan	4SK- Lyanna
1LK - Remy	4TH- Millay
2CF - Mollie	5AE- Deniz
2EB - Doga	5GB- Alice
2OD - Mimi	5SR- Amelie
3LR - Luna	6BG - James
3JL - Arwa	6LC - Elisa
3RT - Alisa	6WW - Marveh

Rights Respecting



1BT - Charlotte	4SK - Bar
1CM - Darcie	4TH - whole class
1LK - Melina	5AE - Sia
2CF - Adam	5GB - Hannah
2EB - Lois	5SR - Lewis
2OD - Rafa	6BG - Melek
3JL - Haroon	6LC - Alkedjo
3RT - India	6WW - Zoe
4CP - Alba	

Reader of the week



1BT - Elodie	3RT - Zara
1CM - Aisha	4CP - Ruoxin
1LK - Rose & Rowyn	4SK - Parsa
2CF - Aaron	5AE - Adam
2EB - Lina	5GB - Marielle
2OD - Noah SP	5SR - Yasmin
3LR - Leo	6BG - Anastasia
3JL - Martina	6LC - Fatima
	6WW - Nicky



Secret Superstar awards

Akram 2EB, Eva & Xavier 4SK,
Sophie-Rae 6BG & Mala 6LC

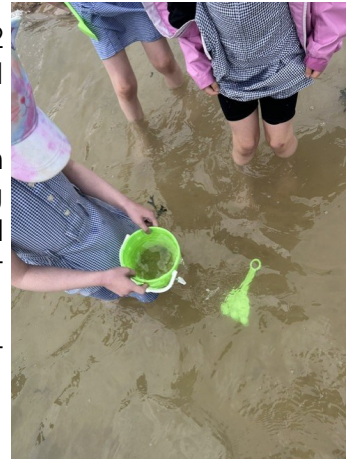
Year 2 visit Canvey Island

As part of our Geography learning, on Tuesday 30th June, Year 2 visited Canvey Island in Essex to explore how the seaside has changed since the Victorian Era.

Despite the weather being cloudy and cool, the children had lots of fun building sandcastles, splashing in the water and even searching for shells and crabs! We relaxed on the sand with a tasty picnic and enjoyed using our senses to explore what we heard, smelt, saw and felt at the beach.

Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers for their incredible support in making it a memorable day.

Year 2 Team

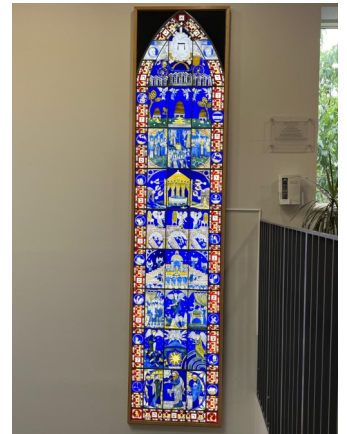


Year 4 Synagogue Trip

On Monday last week the children in Year 4 had a fascinating trip to the New North London Synagogue in Finchley. The children learnt about Jewish customs within the synagogue and were introduced to the symbols of Judaism.

The children also experienced the taste of Cholla & grape juice (the Sabbath food that is blessed before eating) and they saw the holy Torah (the scrolls) hand written in Hebrew that are read during the religious services.

Mrs Paul



World Cup in Art Week

During Art Week, pupils took part in a creative PE experience adapted for the extreme heat.

They designed and produced origami-style football shirts inspired by the World Cup, combining sport, art and design in an engaging cross-curricular activity. The sessions encouraged creativity, teamwork and imagination while ensuring activities remained safe and appropriate for the weather conditions.

PE Team



SEN Information

Autistic Speaker Jodie Clarke on Executive Function

We are pleased to share information regarding this online talk. Please note that the talk is free, but it is essential that parents/carers/staff register. Full details below.

Hannah Taylor

Autism Advisory Team: Parent/Carer & Professional Virtual Seminar



BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People

Are very pleased to welcome Autistic guest speaker:

Jodie Clarke (co-author of *The Secret Life of Rose: Inside an Autistic Head*) on
Executive Function.

'Executive functioning can impact (amongst other things): working memory, time management, task initiation, staying on task and emotional regulation, switching tasks and transitions.' From *The Secret Life of Rose*, Jodie Clarke & Rose Smitten.

The online talk (or recording) is free, but it is essential that parents/carers/staff register.

Where: Online via Zoom

When: Monday 13th July 1pm-2pm

Or Recording of the talk: Wednesday 15th July at 6-7pm

Please register for one date only.

Link & QR to sign-up below:

[Autistic Speaker Talk: Jodie Clarke on Executive Function, July 2026 – Fill in form](#)



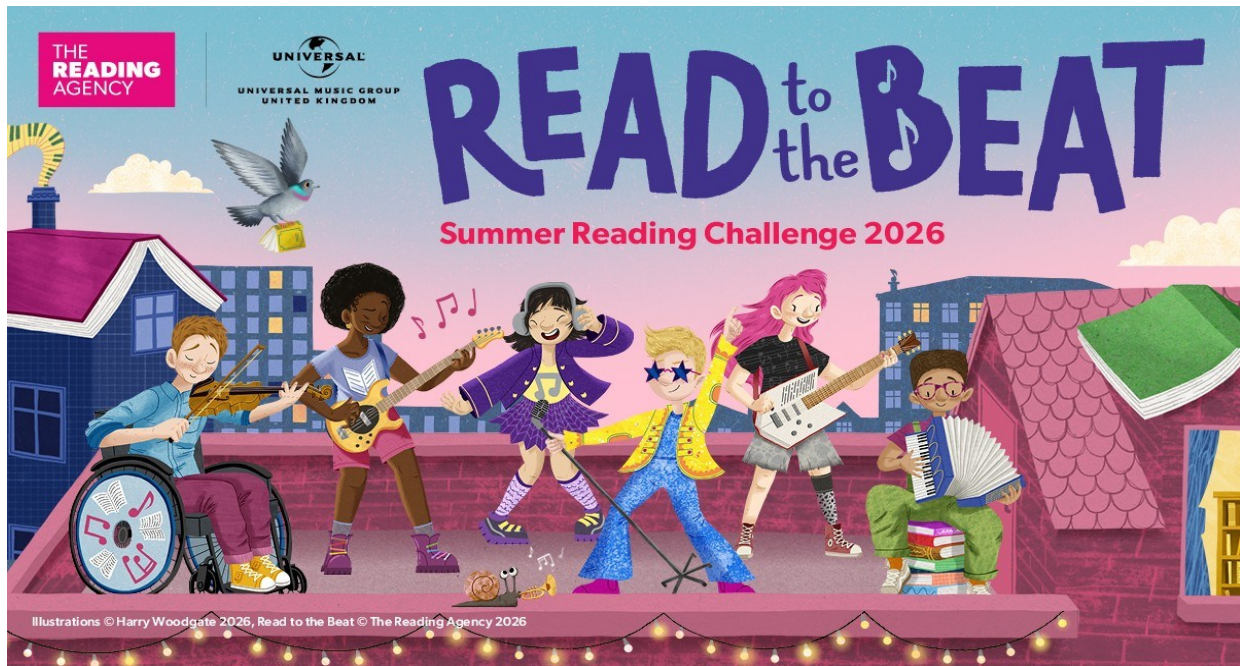
About this talk:

Any questions please email:

Autism.Team@Barnet.gov.uk

with 'Jodie Clarke Talk' in the subject line.

Community News



Read to the Beat! Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Barnet Libraries are inviting families to join the **Read to the Beat! Summer Reading Challenge 2026** and get into the rhythm of reading over the school holidays. Delivered in partnership with The Reading Agency and Universal Music Group UK, this music-themed challenge celebrates how stories and songs can inspire, connect and spark imagination.

From Saturday 4 July and throughout the holidays, children from 4 to 12 years can sign up at any Barnet library during [staffed hours](#). To complete the challenge, participants must **read six library books** of their own choice. They can also read eBooks via [Libby](#) and eAudiobooks via [BorrowBox](#).

Children will collect rewards and stickers for reading, and a certificate and medal on completion. There is also a special mini challenge for under 4s, encouraging families with younger children to join in the fun.

Alongside the challenge, libraries will host **a lively programme of music-themed events**, including craft activities, DJ and rap workshops, STEM sessions, and instrument-making.

Find out more at www.barnet.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge.

We hope to see you at the library soon!

Best wishes from **Barnet Libraries**

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)

Martin Nursery



We are now inviting applications for children who will be three years old by January 2027 to join our school nursery. Rated '**Outstanding**' by Ofsted, our nursery offers a fun and engaging curriculum, including weekly sessions in our wonderful Forest School. We focus on ensuring that every child enjoys a smooth and happy transition into Reception with the skills and confidence they need to thrive throughout their primary school journey.

We offer morning, afternoon and full-day places with additional wraparound care from **7.30am to 6pm** through LBL, our excellent on-site childcare provider. LBL also runs an on-site holiday club, providing families with access to up to **49 weeks of childcare each year**.

We will be running school tours throughout the term for parents and carers who would like to learn more about the nursery and the rest of the school. If you have friends or family who may be interested, please encourage them to book a visit by **calling 0208 883 1455**.

Dates for your diary



Friday 3rd July

MHSA SUMMER FAIR 3.30pm to 6pm

Annual Reports sent to parents/carers (after school)

Tuesday 7th July

Year 6 Leavers' show @ 9.15am to parents & carers

Wednesday 8th July

Year 6 Leavers' show @ 6pm to parents & carers

Thursday 9th July

Year 2 celebrations at 9.10am

Year 3 celebrations at 9.10am

Friday 10th July

Year 2 Jamboree @ 5-7pm

Tuesday 14th July

Year 1 celebrations @ 9.10am

Wednesday 15th July

Year 4 celebrations @ 9.10am

Year 5 celebrations @ 9.10am

Friday 17th July - Last day of Summer Term @ 2pm

Tuesday 1st September

Inset Day—school closed for staff training

Wednesday 2nd September

Inset Day—school closed for staff training

Thursday 3rd September

Children return to school: Y1 to Y6 inclusive and current Nursery

Monday 7th September

New Reception Stay & Play (see your welcome pack for times)

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

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