



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:	1LK & 2CF with 97.9%
Year 3 & Year 4:	4TH with 100%
Year 5 & Year 6:	5GB with 98.7%

Happy
Summer
Holidays
everyone!



It's been a busy and fun final last week of the summer term! The children in years 4 and 5 sang beautifully at their end of year celebrations. Our Martin's Got Talent competitions also took place and we were incredibly impressed by the confidence of the musicians, comedians, dancers and magicians who took part. Many congratulations to all the children; particularly the winners in years 3 & 4 - Matilda (4TH), Phoebe & Anni (4TH), Senandung (3RT) and Frank (3LR); and in years 5 & 6 - Amelie (5SR), Micah (6LC), Massi, Parker and Alkedjo (6LC) and Josiah (5AE).

I am delighted to let you know that Nicola Child, one of our fabulous SEN TAs, is getting married during the holidays and we wish her and her partner a very happy celebration!

As you know, this week we said a sad farewell to Hannah Paul, Raj Rawal and Rob Shepherd and we wish them all every success and happiness. We also said goodbye and thank you to Talia Wolf who has been teaching the children in 2CF and to Riya Aggarwal who has been supporting the children in 1LK.

Today was the last day at Martin for our wonderful Year 6 class of 2026! It has been an absolute privilege to see the children grow throughout their time at the school and we are so proud of all their successes. We know that they will all continue to shine in whatever they do and we cannot wait to hear about their exciting adventures and achievements.

Finally, a huge thank you for all your support this year. I hope you all have a wonderful summer with lots of rest, fun and happy times. **Ziz Chater**

This week's winners



Gold Stars



1BT - Pfeiffer	4CP- Edi
1CM -Abdulrahman	4SK- whole class
1LK - Emelia	4TH- Rudra
2CF - Jack	5AE- Hiba
2EB - Sama	5GB- Yazan
2OD - Viktoriia	5SR- Stan
3LR - whole class	6BG - Luis
3JL - Maya	6LC - Hector
3RT - Andrew	6WW - Aarush

Rights Respecting



1BT - Alexandra	4CP - Bella
1CM - Seo	4SK - Amir
1LK - Rose	4TH - Millay
2CF - Amelia	5AE - Joe
2EB - Liam F	5GB - Thuwayba
2OD - Colby	5SR - Aliza
3LR - Isabella	6BG - Elvi
3JL - Shahan	6LC - Massi
3RT - Senandung	6WW - Nicky & Daya

Reader of the week



1BT - Tilly	4CP - Ricky
1CM - Eliezer	4SK - Yousuf
1LK - Saffron	4TH - Janos
2CF - Iris & Federico	5AE - Zahid
2OD - Noah K	5GB - Azalea
3LR - Sara	5SR - Daniel
3JL - Yarden	6BG - Joelle
3RT - Efe	6LC - Selena & Chloe



Secret Superstar awards

Aysha 1CM, Andrew 3RT,
& Harvey 5SR

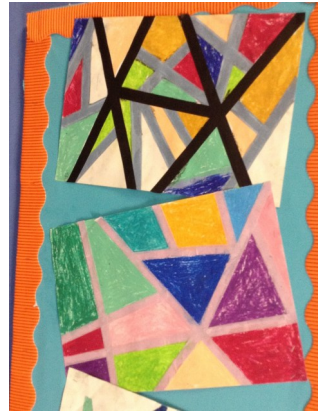
Art Week 2026

At the end of June, we celebrated Art Week with children across the school participating in a range of art activities. Connecting with this year's maths focus, our theme was 'Maths in Art' and children from nursery to year 6 created artwork based on several artists who use maths, shape and geometry in their work.



We looked at Sonia and Robert Delauney's Opism style, the optical art of Bridget Riley, the architectural design of Sarah Morris and themes of reflection and symmetry in creatures and nature, to name a few. We enjoyed experimenting with a variety of art media and techniques to create our own interpretations of maths in art. The children produced some fantastic work, which is displayed in the corridors.

A big thanks to Simon Whiteman for interrupting his retirement and helping to plan the activities, as well as to all the staff for their commitment to Art Week during the heatwave!



AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM on Friday 26th June 9am. It was lovely to reflect on everything that has been achieved and future plans.

COOL FOR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

In swift response to the recent heatwaves, and following discussions with the school, we launched our 'Cool for School' fundraiser. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we've raised an amazing £4,000! The school is now exploring the best air conditioning options and obtaining quotes to make the most of these funds. If anyone in our school community has experience with air conditioning systems and would be happy to offer advice, please get in touch with the school office at office@martinprimary.barnetmail.net.



SUMMER FAIR

What a lovely afternoon we had at our School Summer Fair!

It was wonderful to see our school community come together and enjoy such a fantastic event. From candy floss, the tombola, games, choir performances, and the BBQ to an amazing DJ set by some of our talented Year 5 pupils, there was something for everyone! We raised an incredible **£3600.00**

A huge thank you to every single person who volunteered their time to make the day such a success. We simply couldn't run events like this without your support. A special shout-out to Keilly and Kenny from Gathering Tree Theatre, who kept the children entertained in the reading tent with a musical adventure and plenty of kazoo fun! They have some exciting workshops coming up—follow them on Instagram @gatheringtreetheatre to find out more.

As always, we would like to say an extra special thank you to all of the staff who gave up their own time to volunteer. It means so much to us, and the children absolutely love seeing you there and making special memories together.



A big thank you to all our sponsors, Budgens, Grahams, Somebody Digital, Tatlers and Tax Assist for once again sponsoring our event - its a huge support for us and we are very grateful.

RAFFLE

Thank you to all the school community who participated in the MHSA summer fair raffle. We were able to raise an amazing total of **£1550**.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, for their continued generosity and support. Congratulations to all of our winners. All prizes have now been collected/distributed.

THANK YOU

As the end of term is finally here, the committee wants to give a huge thank you to all your support over the past year and wishes all the year 6 pupils every success in their new chapters at secondary school in September. All the year 6 reps have been fantastic and we will miss you!

Thank you to all those who stepped up as a rep this year, it is a great support for all of us and truly appreciated, we are looking forward to seeing some new faces in September to take on the role. 😊

Finally, we'd like to say a heartfelt farewell and a huge thank you to two of our committee members, **Camilla** and **Liz**, who are leaving the school this year. Over the years, you have both given so much to our school community through your dedication, music, fun, and support. Your enthusiasm has helped create wonderful memories for our children and families, and you will both be greatly missed (though we're hoping you might still make the occasional appearance!). Wishing you both every happiness and success in the future. Thank you for everything.

Wishing everyone a very happy Summer break - see you in September!

Thank you to all kind supporters of the Martin Walkathon 2026!

On a lovely sunny Friday last week all children at Martin Primary from Nursery to Year 6 took part in our annual Martin Walkathon around the East Finchley Allotments.

We raised **£1,545** which will be split between the **Finchley Foodbank** and the **MHSA**.

Well done to all the children at Martin Primary!



Community News

GROW Farm Summer Holiday Clubs 2026

The GROW Farm are running two free Summer Holiday Clubs for children who receive benefit-related free school meals and/or are looked after by Barnet Council.



For further information please go to: <https://www.wearegrow.org/>

Free Parent & Child Independent Travel Road Safety Workshop

Is your child in Year 5 or Year 6? Are they already travelling independently, or preparing to do so? The Barnet Road Safety team are offering a **free interactive workshop** for **children and their parent/carer** to attend together.

Through engaging activities and discussions, the workshop will explore:

- Distractions such as mobile phones, headphones and friends
- Driver behaviour
- Decision-making and risk awareness
- Common road safety concerns and real-life situations

All children attending will receive a **free goody bag** which will include high-visibility accessories.

Date: Monday 24 August

Time: 10am to 12pm **or** 2pm to 4pm

Venue: London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London, NW9 4EW

To request more information and a booking form, please

email: road.safety@barnet.gov.uk

Please note: Booking is essential as places are limited.

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)

Thank you Yard Sale Pizza

Thank you to Yard Sale Pizza East Finchley; who are very generously sponsoring our Year 6 leavers' party today.



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 run regular school tours 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 17th July - Last day of Summer Term @ 2pm

Year 6 Leavers' party @ 2pm

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September

Thursday 3rd September

Monday 7th September

Inset Day—school closed for staff training

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