



# Martin News

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The newsletter for the Martin School community

**WELCOME BACK!**

**We hope you had a lovely summer!**

**September Talk Point**

**Can kindness change the world?**



It was great to see the children return to school on Wednesday with happy faces ready for an exciting year ahead! We have had a busy first week and I am delighted to report that the children have happily settled into their new classes. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Reception and Nursery children.

I am sad to let you know that Anita Togher, one of our wonderful class teaching assistants, will be leaving the school this term. Anita has worked at the school for over seven years and has provided nurture and support to so many of our children. I know you will join me in thanking her for her hard work and commitment to the school.

Our Meet the Teacher meetings start next week and will be taking place in the school hall; please make sure that you have the relevant date(s) in your diary. Please also check the calendar at the back of this newsletter for further important dates this term.

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

## Language of the Month

As a way to celebrate the myriad of languages spoken here at Martin Primary, every month we focus on a different language. September's language is English— Hello!



## Keeping your children safe online

Stay up to date with the latest, must know information in the Online Safety Newsletter sent out with Martin News every month. This includes the latest trends, key online updates and important information to keep your children safe online.

\*\*Online safety newsletter is now available to translate into over 200 languages by following the link below-  
<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/sept-2025/>

Please also remember that Nova Eden, a Children's Mental Health Expert and Smartphone Free Childhood Leader, is coming to talk to parents/carers on **Friday 3rd October** to provide information about how you can help your child navigate social media.



**Miss Glackin**

# More About Martin Meetings

Join us from 9am in the portakabin

More About Martin Meetings run every other Friday morning and 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 portakabin on the field (unless stated).

## Friday 19th September- Meet the Governors

Come and meet some of the members of the Governing body and find out about how they support our school.



## Friday 3rd October - Parenting in the Digital Age

(in the main hall)

An engaging workshop for parents and carers led by Nova Eden examining how technology is reshaping childhood and influencing young people's mental health and well-being.



## Friday 17th October- School information

Mrs Chater will share important information about the school. Useful for all adults, particularly those new to the school.



### Future meetings:

- Year 1 Phonics- information on the teaching of phonics, how to support your children at home and the Phonics Screening Check later in the year
- Martin Home School Association (MHSA)
- Year 4 Multiple Tables Check- information about the MTC in June and how to support your child at home

**Miss Glackin**

## Choir News

Our choirs start back next week. Please remember that you do not need to sign your child up, all children from Year 3 upwards are welcome to join!

### **Year 3&4 Choir**

Choir practices take place at 8.20am every Thursday starting on Thursday 11th September in the dining hall.

### **Year 5&6 Choir**

Choir practices take place at 8.20am every **Wednesday** (please note change of day) starting on Wednesday 10th September in the dining hall.



**Mrs Brais**

# Science at Martin Primary

## STEM Dorado Science magazine from the Science Team

STEM Dorado Science magazine is an exciting free resource for children aged 5-13, created by STEM Dorado Ltd (a company for science communication and outreach to children), in collaboration with researchers from University College London, Queen Mary University of London and other STEM experts. Aimed at inspiring and motivating children to explore the wonders of science, this magazine comprises diverse, interesting science articles, loads of fun activities, experiments, interviews from students and STEM professionals, jokes, fun facts and most importantly, a platform for children to express their thoughts and ideas.

The magazine is published every two months. We will put a link to the magazine in our newsletter as it comes out, starting with issue 10: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/dqwze/gahh/#p=1>

This issue is themed around Artificial Intelligence (AI), featuring a cover story by Dr. Stephen Goldrick (Assistant Professor, UCL) that makes AI accessible and exciting for young minds. Other highlights include:

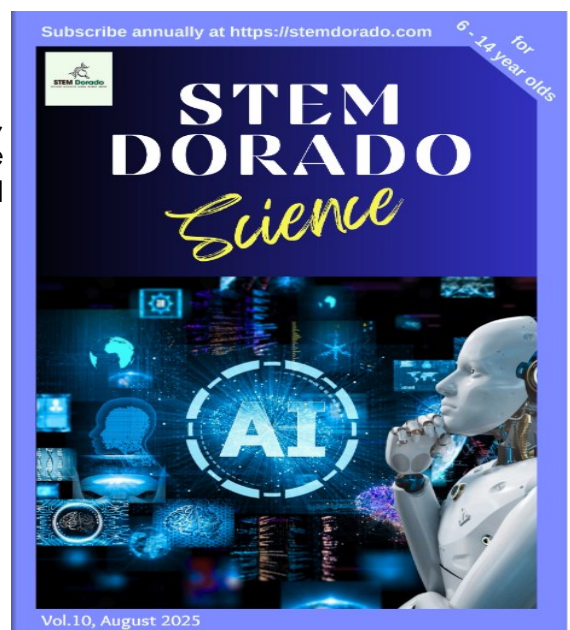
- A new collaboration with the Royal Institution, bringing you "Rocket Science" and the fascinating history of science demos and inventions
- An article from BiFoR (Birmingham Institute of Forest Research) uncovering the hidden world beneath tree roots
- A link to "Mimi's Tiny Adventure", the latest children's book from the Institute of Physics
- Exploring times-tables through stories with TT Forest club
- Reports from our UCL Summer Science Workshop and Oxford Science in the Park outreach, where children explored real labs, chemical reactions, microscopes, and 3D printing
- Brilliant contributions from children in the "AI in Daily Life" poster challenge.

Alongside these, there are hands-on experiments, puzzles, wellbeing resources on Mental Health in the AI Era, and inspiring interviews with real researchers.

Additionally, here is a link to all previous issues: <https://www.stemdorado.com/resources>

We hope you enjoy this new addition to the school newsletter!

**The Science Team**



# Community News

**This is a special invitation** to all the schools who have worked with us on the artwork and poetry for the Trinity Road – Manor Park Road Underpass. We also want to extend this invitation to family, friends and the whole school community to celebrate all that has been achieved over the last 10 years of Grange Big Local with your help and support.

**This weekend! GBL Fun Palace Community Festival, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 12 – 4pm at Tarling Road Community Centre, 20 Fallows Close N2 8L. Flyer attached.**

**Everything is free! Free food, refreshments and entertainment. This is our way of saying thank you and making sure everyone has a great time.**

There will be lots of exciting activities and arts and crafts for people of all ages to get stuck into. We will have the wonderful Wild Science – featuring their animals, and the explosive Little Volcanos making an impact! We will be joined by the Fire Brigade for an explore of the fire engine and North London Air Scouts will be supervising soft axe throwing!

We will have fantastic free food and refreshments and everyone can get a free ice cream from Jimmy in the Ice Cream van! Enjoy good music, song and a bit of belly dancing. You can explore the Tarling Garden and go walk about in Barnwood Community Forest Garden with a nice cup of tea! Good weather is also booked (the long-range weather forecast is looking good)!

**Looking forward to seeing you there!**  
**Grange Big Local**



# SEN Parent/Carer Training Courses



## BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People

### **BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers. An Online Parent/Carer Training Course**

**Autumn Term 2025**

A comprehensive training and support programme for parents/carers of children **aged 6-19**, with a **diagnosis of Autism**.

This course is available free of charge to **families living in Barnet**.

**A 6-session online training course, covering topics including:**

- An overview of what it means for your child to be Autistic.
- Communication.
- Sensory needs.
- Understanding emotional regulation/'behaviour'.

This course also gives parents/carers an opportunity to learn together and share experiences online.

Please only sign up for **one** of these courses and please do not sign up if you have already attended this course, or the Cygnets Course.

#### **BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents and Carers. Autumn Term 2025 One, A 6-session morning course.**

**Dates and times:**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 10-11.30am  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 10-11.30am  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 10-11.30am  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10-11.30am  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10-11.30am  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 10-11.30am

Sign up here: [BACPAC Autumn 2025 One](#)

#### **BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents and Carers. Autumn Term 2025 Two, A 6-session evening course.**

**Dates and times:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 6-7.30pm  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 6-7.30pm  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 6-7.30pm  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 6-7.30pm  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 6-7.30pm  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 6-7.30pm

Sign up here: [BACPAC Autumn 2025 Two](#)

For any enquires please email [Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk) with 'BACPAC course' as the subject, thanks.

## AUTUMN TERM 2025

Monday 1st September 2025 to  
Friday 19th December 2025

### Half term

Monday 27th October to  
Friday 31st October 2024  
school closed Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd  
September  
(staff training)

## SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 to  
Friday 27th March 2026

### Half term

Monday 16th February to  
Friday 20th February 2026  
school closed Monday 5th January  
(staff training)

## 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)

## Secondary Transfer 2025—2026

Applications for secondary schools for all Year 6 children can now be made online via [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk). The closing date is 31st October 2025.

Visit our website for full details: <https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/secondary-transfer/>. For any help and advice please visit the Office.

## Dates for your diary



<b>Tuesday 9th September</b>	9am Year 2 Meet the teacher meeting in the school hall
<b>Wednesday 10th September</b>	9am Year 1 Meet the teacher meeting in the school hall
<b>Thursday 11th September</b>	9am Year 3 Meet the teacher meeting in the school hall
<b>Friday 12th September</b>	9am Year 6 Meet the teacher meeting in the school hall MHSA Secondhand Uniform Sale
<b>Tuesday 16th September</b>	9am Year 4 Meet the teacher meeting in the school hall
<b>Wednesday 17th September</b>	9am Year 5 Meet the teacher meeting in the school hall
<b>17th—19th September</b>	Y6 Kingswood and London Group Trips
<b>Friday 19th September</b>	9am More about Martin Meeting: the role of the governors
<b>w/c Monday 22nd September</b>	Whole school homework starts for children in Y2—Y6
<b>Friday 26th September</b>	9am Reception Meet the teacher meeting in the school hall
<b>Wednesday 1st October</b>	9am Nursery Meet the teacher meeting in the school hall
<b>Friday 3rd October</b>	9am Parenting in the digital age meeting for parents/carers
<b>Tuesday 9th October</b>	School Flu Vaccinations Reception—Year 6
<b>Wednesday 15th October</b>	<b>9.10am 1LK</b> Harvest Festival class assembly for parents & carers
<b>Friday 17th October</b>	9am More about Martin meeting—School Information
<b>w/c Monday 20th October</b>	<b>Just One Tree Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 22nd October</b>	ILP meetings with relevant parents & carers
<b>Friday 24th October</b>	<b>9.10am 1BT</b> Harvest Festival class assembly for parents & carers <b>9.10am 1CM</b> Harvest Festival class assembly for parents & carers

**Half Term: 27th October to 31st October inclusive**

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

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