



# Martin News

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The newsletter for the Martin School community

## Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

Year 1 & Year 2: **1BT with 100%**

Year 3 & Year 4: **4TH with 97%**

Year 5 & Year 6: **5AE with 100%**

## September Talk Point

Can kindness  
change the world?



We have had a very successful first full week of the autumn term and it has been great to see how quickly the children have settled back into the school routines. It has also been lovely to welcome our new Reception and Nursery children and we look forward to getting to know them and their families.

Thank you to those of you who attended our Meet the Teacher meetings this week. We look forward to seeing Year 4 & 5 parents/carers at the meetings next week and Reception and Nursery parents/carers on 26th September and 1st October respectively.

Our Year 6 children are all looking forward to the residential and London trips next week and I am sure they will have a fabulous time!

Have a lovely weekend. **Ziz Chater**

## Reminders

Just a few reminders for the start of the school year:

- Parents and carers should not park in the carpark in Plane Tree Walk—these spaces are reserved for staff and people with a blue disabled badge.
- If your child is unwell please call the school office between 7.30am and 9am.
- Please ensure that all your child's clothing is named—we already have a pile of unnamed lost property!
- Please be on time in the mornings!

**Thank you for your support**

## This week's winners



1BT - Enes	4CP - Panka
1CM - Angelo	4SK - Connor
1LK - Arielle	4TH - Tatsuki
2CF - Evie	5AE - Mason
2EB - Sama	5GB - Uday
2OD - Orli	5SR - Emir
3LR - Adonis	6BG - Miki
3JL - Bibi	6LC - Joshua
3RT - Rosie	6WW - Mara

## Rights Respecting



1BT - Emilia	4CP - Aisha
1CM - Darcy	4SK - Hope
1LK - Polina	4TH - Millay
2CF - Jack	5AE - Jacob
2EB - Arham	5GB - Hannah
2OD - Noah SP	5SR - Jack
3LR - Luna	6BG - Cindy
3JL - Sylvie	6LC - Hector
3RT - Andrew	6WW - Sharifa

# 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 otherwise).

## 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

**Please note that there is no choir next week on 17th and 18th September as Mrs Brais is on school journey.**

Our choirs started back this 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 in the dining hall.

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

Choir practices take place at 8.20am every **Wednesday** in the dining hall.



Mrs Brais

# Health Advice from Barnet Healthcare Team

## Guidance and Support for parents and carers on managing infections during the winter months

With children heading back into the classroom and winter season approaching, it is important to be aware of steps that can help reduce the spread of infections to ensure the health and safety of our school community. Below are some key steps you can take now and throughout the coming term to help protect your family.

Knowing when to keep your child at home and when to send them to school:

Children can attend school or nursery with mild symptoms like a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough if they don't have a fever. However, if they do have a fever, they should stay home until they feel better and the fever has gone. If they have symptoms of diarrhoea and vomiting, they should stay at home for at least 48 hours after symptoms have cleared.

NHS UK also provides easily accessible guidance for parents to help manage winter illness at home: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### Good hygiene habits

Good hygiene stops infections from spreading, which means less disrupted learning time.

Simple habits such as washing hands properly for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes and staying away from others when sick are effective ways to stop the spread of germs. Letting in fresh air can also reduce the spread of airborne viruses.

The e-bug resources <https://www.e-bug.eu/> can support you in explaining and discussing hygiene habits with your child or teenager, helping them understand why these practices are important. NHS UK also provides easily accessible guidance for parents to help manage winter illness at home: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### Getting vaccinated

Last year, we saw an increase in flu related hospitalisations among school aged children. Flu can be serious in children and can cause sudden and serious illness such as bronchitis or pneumonia

The flu vaccine is the best way to protect your child. It's safe, free, and quick, most children receive a painless nasal spray in seconds, with no needles involved.

During the autumn term, all primary and secondary school children (year groups 7-11) will be offered the flu vaccine. Please complete the consent form when it is sent to you by your school - whether you want your child to receive the flu vaccine, have already had it elsewhere, or do not wish them to be vaccinated. You can sign up in advance: <https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/barnet>. Vaccination at Martin Primary will be on **9th October 2025**.

It's also important to ensure your children are up to date with routine vaccinations for diseases like measles, mumps, rubella and whooping cough. If unsure, you can check their red book or contact their GP.

## Health Advice cont.

Vaccination UK provides regular clinics to catch up on missed vaccinations. Details of upcoming clinics, locations and times can be found by contacting:

- Call 0208 432 7075
- Email: [barnet@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:barnet@v-uk.co.uk)
- Email: [barnet@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:barnet@v-uk.co.uk) • Book: directly here: <https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/book>

### **Free parent and carer webinar on the flu virus and flu vaccine – Hosted by Vaccination UK**

This autumn, Vaccination UK is offering two free health information webinars for parents and carers, focusing on the flu virus and the flu vaccine. Each session will be led by a nurse who will also discuss natural immunity and address common concerns and misconceptions.

#### **Webinar dates:**

17th September, 8:00–9:00pm

FREE PARENT WEBINAR: The flu vaccine in children and young people:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/event-details/free-parent-webinar-the-flu-vaccine-in-children-and-young-people-1>

18th September, 6:00–7:00pm

FREE PARENT WEBINAR: The flu vaccine in children and young people:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/event-details/free-parent-webinar-the-flu-vaccine-in-children-and-young-people-2>

## 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 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>	<b>4SK</b> swimming starts
<b>Friday 19th September</b>	Y6 Kingswood and London Group Trips
<b>w/c Monday 22nd September</b>	9am More about Martin Meeting: the role of the governors
<b>Tuesday 23rd September</b>	Whole school homework starts for children in Y2—Y6
<b>Wednesday 24th September</b>	<b>3JL &amp; 3RT</b> visit to the Natural History Museum
<b>Thursday 25th September</b>	<b>3JL</b> Forest school starts
<b>Friday 26th September</b>	<b>3LR</b> visit to the Natural History Museum
<b>Wednesday 1st October</b>	9am Reception Meet the teacher meeting in the school hall
<b>Friday 3rd October</b>	9am Nursery Meet the teacher meeting in the school hall
<b>Tuesday 9th October</b>	9am Parenting in the digital age meeting for parents/carers
<b>Wednesday 15th October</b>	School Flu Vaccinations Reception—Year 6
<b>Friday 17th October</b>	<b>9.10am 1LK</b> Harvest Festival class assembly for parents & carers
<b>w/c Monday 20th October</b>	9am More about Martin meeting—School Information
<b>Wednesday 22nd October</b>	<b>Just One Tree Day</b>
<b>Friday 24th October</b>	ILP meetings with relevant parents & carers
	<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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