



# 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:	2CF with 98.8%
Year 3 & Year 4:	3RT with 99.7%
Year 5 & Year 6:	6WW with 99.0%

## September Talk Point

Can kindness  
change the world?



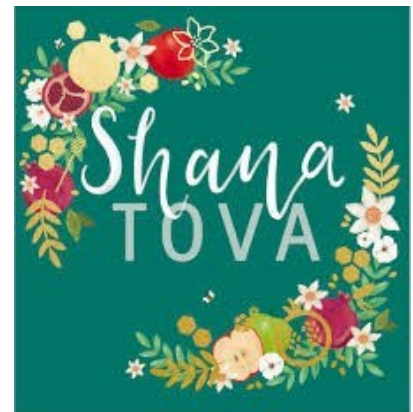
This week has been a busy one, full of excursions, year 2 have been on a walk around East Finchley as part of their Geography topic, on Wednesday some of year 6 left for PGL and our year 6 London Group went into the City to walk along the South Bank taking in the best sights of London. They visited the Tate Modern and participated in the Tate Draw exhibition. More about the fun that was had at PGL next week. Thank you to those parents who attended the Meet the Teacher Meetings this week we hope you found them helpful.

A reminder for Reception parents your meeting is on 26th September at 9am.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and we wish our Jewish families a happy and sweet New Year.

Chantal Lust

Wishing all our Jewish families celebrating Rosh Hashanah a good and sweet new year



## This week's winners

### ★ Gold Stars ★

1BT - Eesa	4CP - Zak
1CM - Juniper	4SK - Olivia
1LK - Saffron	4TH - Robin
2CF - Iris	5AE - Josiah
2EB - Lois	5GB - Constantinos
2OD - Rihaan	5SR - Lewis
3LR - Sara	6BG - Joseph
3JL - Zayn	6LC - Stelios
3RT - Peggy	6WW - Zak

### Rights Respecting



1BT - Jeanne	4CP - Therapon
1CM - Seo	4SK - Matar
1LK - Theo	4TH - Ruby
2CF - Mohammed	5AE - Sophia
2EB - Akram	5GB - Marielle
2OD - Colby	5SR - Zelda
3LR - Felicity	6BG - James & Alex
3JL - Lily	6LC - Paloma
3RT - Alisa	6WW - Marveh

### Reader of the week



1LK - Amelia	4SK - Jasper
2CF - Kiera	5AE - Alexandra
2EB - Lyra	5GB - Alice
2OD - Oliver	5SR - Elise
3LR - Jenson	6BC - Emilia
3JL - Hazel & Ryan	6LC - Micah
3JL - Amira & Kayden	6WW - Leo
4CP - Georgia & Anouk	



## Secret Superstar awards

Kashyap in 1BT,

Lyanna in 4SK & Kota in 6BG

# 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

Reminder choirs return next week following school journey. 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; **please note—now in the Music Room every week.**

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

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

Mrs Brais



# Information from BICS



BICS is a service that supports children and young people's wellbeing and mental health.

It provides services to children, young people and families with mental health and wellbeing needs in the borough.

If you are struggling with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties, contact us for help if you live in the borough or attend a Barnet school.

BICS are **inviting you to join our virtual workshops**. These workshops aim to increase your knowledge of common wellbeing and mental health difficulties faced by children and young people. They also aim to provide you with strategies to assist you in supporting your young person.

We have four topics coming up between October and December 2025.

## **Introduction to Neurodiversity Workshop**

BICS are inviting you to join a virtual mental health workshop which aims to help parents and carers to build awareness and understanding of neurodiversity and how it may affect their child or young person. We'll introduce key themes and explore common challenges – sharing practical strategies for navigating support.

We will cover; how to access support with or without a formal diagnosis, ways to advocate for your child in school, simple and effective strategies to try at home, and the local services/resources available in Barnet.

This workshop is aimed at parents/carers with lived experience of neurodivergent children, families new to Barnet and seek guidance of available support, those new to the concept of neurodiversity and anyone seeking guidance pre-diagnosis for their child/young person.

## **BICS Family Minds: Supporting your Child's Emotional Wellbeing**

This workshop is to gain a deeper understanding of your child's wellbeing and learn how to support their mental health in ways that respect and include your family's cultural background and practices. You'll gain practical tips, advice, and guidance on where to turn to for additional support and services if needed. By the end of the workshop, you will feel empowered with tools to continue help your child feel understood and supported.

## **Supporting your Child to Manage Difficult Emotions**

In this workshop we will cover what our stress response is and how it effects children and young people's ability to manage their emotions. You will learn skills to help support your child in managing difficult emotions as well as how you can model self-care and emotion regulation.

## **Understanding and Managing Friendships**

BICS are inviting you to join a virtual mental health workshop which aim to increase your knowledge on managing friendships and the difficulties that may affect your child or young person.

The workshop will increase your understanding of your child or young person's friendships and the difficulties that may arise. The workshop will help you to understand how anxiety plays a role in friendships difficulties and socialising, how this is affected by neurodivergence and how to empower your child or young person to develop boundaries around friendships and manage bullying.

# Information from BICS



The workshop also focuses on how to communicate about these issues and when you may need to help to problem solve how to manage any difficulties, helping to enhance your own relationship with your child or young person.

Attached to this newsletter is full details on the workshops below and other help information.

Workshop	Date/Time	Sign-Up Link
<b>BICS Family Minds: Introduction to Neurodiversity</b>	<b>Wed, 8 Oct 2025 12:00 - 13:15 BST</b>	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bics-family-minds-introduction-to-neurodiversity-tickets-1612033458469?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bics-family-minds-introduction-to-neurodiversity-tickets-1612033458469?aff=oddtcreator</a>
<b>BICS Family Minds: Supporting your Child's Emotional Wellbeing</b>	<b>Wed, 5 Nov 2025 12:00 - 13:15 GMT</b>	<a href="#">BICS Family Minds: Supporting your Child's Emotional Wellbeing Tickets, Multiple Dates   Eventbrite</a>
<b>BICS Family Minds: Supporting your Child to Manage Difficult Emotions</b>	<b>Wed, 26 Nov 2025 12:00 - 14:00 GMT</b>	<a href="#">BICS Family Minds: Supporting your Child to Manage Difficult Emotions Tickets, Multiple Dates   Eventbrite</a>
<b>BICS Family Minds: Understanding and Managing Friendships</b>	<b>Wed, 26 Nov 2025 12:00 – 13:30 GMT</b>	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bics-family-minds-understanding-and-managing-friendships-tickets-1634322666089?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bics-family-minds-understanding-and-managing-friendships-tickets-1634322666089?aff=oddtcreator</a>

Mrs Taylor

## 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



w/c Monday 22nd September  
Tuesday 23rd September  
Wednesday 24th September  
Thursday 25th September

Friday 26th September  
Wednesday 1st October  
Friday 3rd October  
Tuesday 9th October  
Wednesday 15th October  
Friday 17th October

w/c Monday 20th October  
Wednesday 22nd October  
Friday 24th October

Whole school homework starts for children in Y2—Y6

**3JL & 3RT** visit to the Natural History Museum

**3JL** Forest school starts

**3LR** visit to the Natural History Museum

**Y6** Heights and Weights (school nursing team)

9am Reception Meet the teacher meeting in the school hall

9am Nursery Meet the teacher meeting in the school hall

9am Parenting in the digital age meeting for parents/carers

School Flu Vaccinations Reception—Year 6

**9.10am 1LK** Harvest Festival class assembly for parents & carers

9am More about Martin meeting—School Information

**Just One Tree Day**

ILP meetings with relevant parents & carers

**9.10am 1BT** Harvest Festival class assembly for parents & carers

**9.10am 1CM** 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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