



# 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 99.2%
Year 3 & Year 4:	4TH with 96.7%
Year 5 & Year 6:	6LC with 100.0%

## September Talk Point

Can kindness change the world?



As you know, last week most of our Year 6 children visited the PGL Activity Centre in Kent. The children stayed at the Centre for two nights and took part in several exciting activities including team building, zip wiring, orienteering and the 'leap of faith'. They all had a fantastic time as you can see from the photos on page 2. As you may be aware, some schools are having to stop residential trips because staff are reluctant to give up their free time. We are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated team who work so hard to make sure that the children enjoy every minute and I know you will join me in thanking them: Miss Glackin, Miss Wrobel, Mrs Brais, Mrs King, Mr Acierno, Marzena and Tristan. Also a huge thank you to Ms Baughen and Miss Conio for organising several exciting trips and activities for our Year 6 London group.

Next Friday at 9am, we will be visited by Nova Eden, a Children's Mental Health Expert, who will be talking to parents and carers about Parenting in the Digital Age. Nova will provide essential information about the dangers children face online as well as useful tips to help them cultivate healthy digital habits. It is essential that all parents and carers have a good understanding of today's online world so please do come along if you can. Have a lovely weekend. **Ziz Chater**

## Finchley Food Bank Harvest Collection

10th October 2025

See page 3 for information about how you can support our local Foodbank



## This week's winners

### ★ Gold Stars ★

1BT - Charlotte	4CP - Adar
1CM - Emi	4SK - Varvara
1LK - Kye	4TH - Madinah
2CF - Noor	5AE - Flora
2EB - Joel	5GB - Noah
2OD - Talia	5SR - Yasmin
3LR - Hakim	6BG - Zainab
3JL - Langping	6LC - George
3RT - Musa	6WW - Ryan

### Rights Respecting



1BT - Mika'il	4CP - Muhammad
1CM - Luca	4SK - Amir
1LK - Sonya	4TH - Misha
2CF - Dottie	5AE - Deniz
2EB - Lina	5GB - Nondas
2OD - Kaiya	5SR - Kaito
3LR - Alexia	6BG - Samuel
3JL - Shahan	6LC - Joshua
3RT - Arielle	6WW - Sophie

### Reader of the week



1LK - Austin	5GB - Thuwayba
2CF - Aaron	5SR - Stan
2EB - Kaynan	6LC - Paloma
2OD - Orii	6WW - Ibrahim
3LR - Almira	
3JL - Nina	
3JL - Elif	
4CP - Saul	
4SK - Talin	
5AE - Alice	

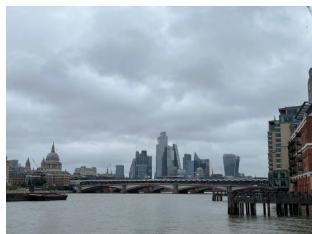


## Secret Superstar awards

Mohammed in 2CF  
and Hope in 4SK

# Year 6 London Group & PGL 2025

Our Year 6 children enjoyed fabulous trips last week. The London Group visited the Southbank and Tate Modern and enjoyed working on their London Art project inspired by the works they saw at the gallery. On the Friday they had fun bowling. Meanwhile the PGL group had a fantastic visit to Kingswood and took part in lots of different outdoor activities including a campfire on the last night.



# Finchley Food Bank Harvest Collection

## 10th October 2025

We ask families to bring in specific donations as requested by the Foodbank  
Please bring in the following and leave them in the designated places at morning drop  
off:

Reception & Nursery - biscuits

Year 1 - rice and baked beans

Year 2 - tinned meat and tinned tomatoes

Year 3 - tins of tuna/sardines/mackerel

Year 4 - tinned or dried pulses (e.g. chickpeas, lentils, kidney  
beans)

Year 5 - tinned fruit and tinned vegetables

Year 6 - shampoo/soap/deodorant/toothpaste

Staff - washing capsules

## Forest School

3JL started at Forest School this week; enjoying the lovely Autumn weather. The children used the apples from our own orchard to make juice.

**Tristan Green**



# Olive Dining—Favourites Day Lunch

On **Thursday 2nd October** Olive Dining will be serving a special Favourites Day lunch, if your child is currently bringing a packed lunch to school and would like to try school lunches please do let the office know by **Monday 29th September**. School lunches are free to all children in Reception to Year 6. Nursery lunches are £2.58 per day.



**FAVOURITES DAY**

**CHICKEN PIZZA**  
(MK, G/W)

**MARGHERITA PIZZA**  
(MK, G/W)

**HOMEMADE SEASONED WEDGES**

**PEAS OR SWEETCORN**

**VANILLA ICE CREAM**  
(MK)

**ALLERGENS**  
CE = CELERY  
CR = CRUSTACEAN  
E = EGGS  
F = FISH  
G/B = BARLEY  
G/D = OATS  
G/R = RYE  
G/W = WHEAT  
G = GLUTEN  
L = LUPIN  
MK = MILK  
MO = MOLLUSCS  
MU = MUSTARD  
N = NUTS  
P = PEANUTS  
SE = SESAME  
SO = SOYA  
SU = SULPHUR DIOXIDE  
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**JOIN US FOR LUNCH ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

*Olive Dining*  
food with passion

## 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). **Miss Glackin**

### 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
- Year 4 Multiple Tables Check- information about the MTC in June and how to support your child at home

# Free Child Car Seat Safety Checks

Last year, 92% of car seats checked in Barnet had errors, most of them serious enough to put children at risk of injury or death in a collision.

Barnet Council is offering **free child car seat checks** to help families ensure their children are travelling safely.

**Wednesday 8th October, 10am – 3pm**

**at Tesco car park, Coppetts Centre, North Circular Rd, N12 0SH**

A trained expert from Good Egg Safety will be on hand to check seats and offer advice – no booking required.

**Let's work together to keep children safe  
on the roads.**

[road.safety@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@barnet.gov.uk)

<https://www.facebook.com/goodeggsafety> or <https://fb.me/e/9prgSJfEG>



## 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



Wednesday 1st October

Friday 3rd October

Tuesday 9th October

Friday 10th October

Wednesday 15th October

Friday 17th October

w/c Monday 20th October

Wednesday 22nd October

Friday 24th October

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

Finchley Foodbank Harvest collection

**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

Year 3 Cake Sale after school.

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

Tuesday 4th November

Wednesday 5th November

Thursday 6th November

Friday 7th November

Tuesday 11th November

Wednesday 15th October

**5SR** visit to the British Museum

**5AE** visit to the British Museum

Individual photos

**5BG** visit to the British Museum

Year 5 cake sale after school

Remembrance Day

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

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

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