



# Martin News

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The newsletter for the Martin School community

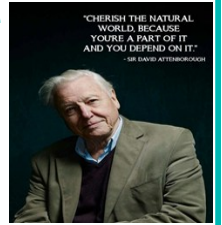
## Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

Year 1 & Year 2:	2CF with 97.6%
Year 3 & Year 4:	3RT with 99.3%
Year 5 & Year 6:	5SR with 99.3%

## October Talk Point

What can we do to cherish the natural world?



We were delighted to welcome Nova Eden to the school this morning to talk to parents and carers about Parenting in the Digital Age. It was great to see so many parents and carers in attendance and I know they found Nova's talk extremely interesting and informative. We are hoping that Nova's team will be coming in again to run online safety workshops for our children in years 5 and 6 in the near future.

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the way in which a small minority of our families park their cars outside the school. Double parking and parking on yellow lines/zigzags is illegal, inconsiderate and, most importantly, threatens the safety of our children. If you drive to school, please remember to arrive in plenty of time to find a legal and safe place to park. Thank you for your support.

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. October's language is Spanish— hola!



## This week's winners

### ★ Gold Stars ★

1BT - Alex	4CP - Lucas
1CM - Arham	4SK - Youcef
1LK - Sonia	4TH - Yusra
2CF - Elio	5AE - Uma
2EB - Liam B	5GB - Elena
2OD - Victoria	5SR - Max
3LR - Alia	6BG - Melek
3JL - Yarden	6LC - Andriani
3RT - Mimi	6WW - Danny

### Rights Respecting



1BT - Yaniss	4CP - Nikolas
1CM - Amber	4SK - Kayla
1LK - Camilla	4TH - Sam
2CF - Nora	5AE - Adam
2EB - Ezra	5GB - Ellie
2OD - Sammi	5SR - Laila
3LR - Tomer	6BG - Gemma
3JL - Rei	6LC - Casra
3RT - Celia	6WW - Carla

### Reader of the week



1BT - Arlo	4CP - Etta
1CM - Saffiyah	4SK - Lyanna
1LK - Dhanvi	4TH - Inioluwa
2CF - Noor	5AE - Ollie
2EB - Doga	5SR - Zelda
2OD - Theodora	5SR - Stan
3LR - Hakim	6BG - Abdul Rahman
3JL - Diya	6LC - Mala
3RT - Leah	



## Secret Superstar awards

Zac in 2CF, Diego in 3LR,  
James in 5AE and Assya in 6LC

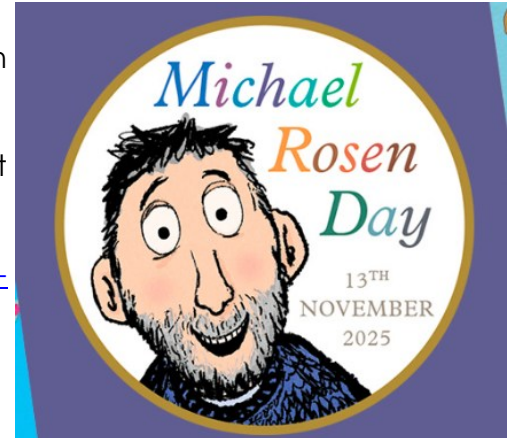
# Michael Rosen Poetry Competition

The English Team would like to share information about an exciting poetry Competition that Michael Rosen is running.

Click the link to learn more about how to enter and what you can win!

<https://www.walker.co.uk/michael-rosen-day/poetry-competition/>

**The English Team**



## 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



# More About Martin Meetings

Join us from 9am in the portakabin

More About Martin Meetings take place 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 portacabin 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

## East Finchley Library Events

Please find below a list of upcoming events taking place at East Finchley Library from October to December.

### **Sign, Story and Sign**

Join us for rhymes, stories celebrating diversity and some simple British Sign Language to go along with them.

Date: Monday 27 October at 10.30-11.15am

Ages: 2-5 years

Cost: Free

Booking required: <https://barnet-libraries.played.co>

### **Wonderland: Through the Crafting Glass**

Tumble down the rabbit hole and enter a world of creativity!

Join us for a magical journey as you craft and design enchanting Alice in Wonderland themed creations.

Date: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10-11am

Age: 4-11 years

Cost: £3

Booking required: <https://barnet-libraries.played.co>

There will be free activities and colouring sheets available from East Finchley Library during Halloween and Christmas. For other activities happening in Barnet Libraries, please visit: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/creative-communities-events>

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see you at the library soon!

## 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



**Thursday 9th October**

**Friday 10th October**

**Wednesday 15th October**

**Friday 17th October**

**w/c Monday 20th October**

**Wednesday 22nd October**

**Friday 24th October**

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 12th November**

**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

NSPCC PANTS Day

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

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