



Martin News

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The newsletter for the Martin School community

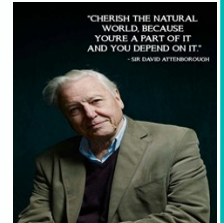
Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

Year 1 & Year 2:	2EB with 98.2%
Year 3 & Year 4:	3LR with 99.6%
Year 5 & Year 6:	5GB with 99.7%

October Talk Point

What can we do to cherish the natural world?



This week, 1BT and 1CM performed their harvest assemblies and did a fantastic job. The children spoke and sang with such confidence and everyone in the audience was so proud of them—well done 1BT and 1CM!

Our School Council recently met with representatives from Olive Dining to provide feedback about the school lunches. The children shared their likes and suggestions for improvement and the team at Olive has promised to provide a response to the ideas as soon as they can—watch this space!

It was great to see all the creative hairstyles today for Crazy Hair Day! Thank you for supporting this fundraising event.

We hope you have a happy half term week and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 3rd November.

Ziz Chater

MPS Nursery



We have a couple of spaces in our nursery available for January starters (for children who have turned three by the end of December).

If you would like to apply please pop into the office for an application form.

This week's winners

★ Gold Stars ★

1BT - Parker	4CP - Ruo Xin
1CM - Eliezer	4SK - Simon
1LK - Kaya	4TH - Veer
2CF - Aaron	5AE - Kendall
2EB - Shabab	5GB - Sebby
2OD - Colby	5SR - Hargun
3LR - Isabella	6BG - Anna
3JL - Valeria	6LC - Massi
3RT - Luna	6WW - Jacob

Rights Respecting



1BT - Swara	4CP - Bella
1CM - Abdur Rahman	4SK - Talin
1LK - Elena	4TH - Tatsuki
2CF - Mollie	5AE - Hiba
2EB - Dorsa	5GB - Emma
2OD - Liliana	5SR - Yasmin
3LR - Tomer	6BG - Abdulrahman
3JL - Shahan	6LC - Elisa
3RT - Mimi	6WW - Summer

Reader of the week



1BT - Alice	4CP - Fraser
1CM - Amber	4SK - Ailsa
2CF - Evie	4TH - Denisa
2EB - Maryam	5AE - Arik
2OD - Colby	5SR - Mohamed
3LR - Cleo	6BG - Sophie-Rae
3JL - Sylvie	6LC - George
3RT - Masha	



Secret Superstar awards

Alex in 1BT, Simon in 4CP and

Carla in 6WW

3JL Fantastic Forest School Experience

3JL have had a fabulous 5 weeks with Tristan and all the amazing Forest School volunteers.

Some of their highlights were making apple juice using the apples in our orchard, digging for treasure, making necklaces and their favourite—making fire and toasting marshmallows!

Thank you Tristan!

Miss Lundie



Year 6—Special Science Lesson!

On Monday 13th October, year 6 were lucky enough to dissect a lamb's heart. Some children might have found it a bit gruesome and horrifying but overall it was worth it. A teacher from Christ College called Mr. G visited our school to explain how to dissect a lamb's heart. We were intrigued and were genuinely thrilled to get started. The heart was icy cold and weighed about 100g. Did you know the average human heart weighs 450g and is the size of your fist?

We used scissors to cut it in half and inspected the 4 chambers with gloves of course. Just in case you didn't know, there are 4 chambers and 2 sides. They are called left and right atriums and left and right ventricles. Unhealthy hearts have lots of blood clots, this is when your valves malfunction. First deoxygenated blood flows into the right atrium. Then it travels into the right ventricle through valves. It then goes into the pulmonary artery where it gets sent to the lungs. After it is oxygenated it goes into the left atrium where it passes through valves into the left ventricle. Finally it travels through the aorta to the rest of the body.

We had an excellent time discovered lots of interesting facts about the body particularly the heart.

By Cindy and Agatha Year 6



Cross-Country: Copthall Playing Fields

Our school team took part in the cross-country races held at Copthall Playing Fields on Thursday 16th October. The weather and conditions were great for the races and all our team worked extremely hard in their individual races to finish to the line and to collect our school scores.

Well done to all our runners:

Year 4: Anni, Hope, Millay, Simon, Tatsuki, Jasper, Rex

Year 5: Zelda, Uma, Hargun, Hannah, Miguel, Constantinos, Louis, and Yazan

Year 6: Isabella, Niamh, Sophie, Shareefa, Gus, Eli, Ibrahim

Congratulations to Zelda for her 3rd place, bronze medal!

The first race scores have been confirmed: Martin Team were in **4th place** out of the 18 schools that competed in the morning. An amazing morning of racing and team work.

Thank you to the parent helpers, Georgie and Sonja and all our parents that supported the children on the day. Please see Eli's report of the day below.

Miss Adams

On Thursday 16 October the cross country team raced a one mile (1.5k) race against over ten different schools. On the day of the race, we had to be in school by 8:00 (far earlier than I usually arrive) and get ready for the big day ahead. We took two buses to arrive to where the event would be hosted. The race would be held at the Copthall playing fields.

The first race would be participation with athletes such as Ibrahim, Louis, Sophie, Rex, Shareefa, Hargun & Jasper. Next would be the year 4 girl race followed by the year four boys with Tatsuki, Simon, Hope & Annie running. Then it was the year five races with Constantinos, Zelda, Uma & Miguel competing. Finally it was the year 6 girls and boys race, Eli, Niamh, Isabella & Gus all doing amazingly.

Overall I rate the day a 10/10, with excellent running from everyone on the team.

By Eli year 6



More About Martin Meetings

Join us from 9am in the portakabin

Friday 7th November- MHSA

Come and find out about the amazing work the Martin Home School Association (MHSA) do for our school and how you can support them.



Friday 21st November- Year 1 phonics

Hear from our phonics lead about our approach to teaching phonics, ways you can support your child's phonics learning and understanding and the statutory requirements. Particularly relevant for parents/ carers in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 but beneficial for all.



Friday 5th December- Year 4 timestables

We will be sharing information about the Year 4 timestable tests - particularly useful for parents/carers in Year 4.

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4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

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**



Children brought home Cauliflower cards forms this week, spares are available in the Office—Happy Half-Term designing!

You haven't got long until Christmas...
Your orders and artwork must be in soon

- Cards
- Mugs
- Playing Cards
- Spiral Books
- Gift Labels
- Wrapping Paper

ARTWORK MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY:
Monday 3 November

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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)

Starting Primary School—September 2026

Children born between **1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022** are due to start in a reception class in September 2026. Applications can now be made online via www.eadmissions.org.uk. **The closing date is 15th January 2026.**

Visit our website for full details: <https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/admissions/>.

Secondary Transfer 2025—2026

Applications for secondary schools for all Year 6 children can now be made online via www.eadmissions.org.uk. **The closing date is 31st October 2025—however we do recommend you apply a few days before this date.**

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



Tuesday 4th November

5SR visit to the British Museum

Wednesday 5th November

5AE visit to the British Museum

Thursday 6th November

Individual student photos

Friday 7th November

5BG visit to the British Museum

Monday 10th November

4TH trip to the Guildhall

Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Wednesday 12th November

NSPCC PANTS Day

Thursday 13th November

4CP trip to the Guildhall

Tuesday 18th November

Parent/carer teacher consultations 4-7pm

(booking opens 5th November via Arbor app)

Wednesday 19th November

Reception heights and weights

Thursday 20th November

Parent/carer teacher consultations 4-7pm

(booking opens 5th November via Arbor app)

Friday 21st November

4SK trip the Guildhall

Tuesday 25th November

3JL trip to St. Paul's Cathedral

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

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