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:	**1LK with 100%**
Year 3 & Year 4:	**4SR with 99.6%**
Year 5 & Year 6:	**6BG & 6WS with 99.3%**

Thought for the month

What makes me, me?



Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended the Meet the Teacher meetings this week. The final meeting for Nursery parents is on Monday 5th October.

Nursery and Reception parents are also warmly invited to a **Welcome Evening at 7pm on Thursday 24th September** in the school hall. This will be an opportunity to find out more about the school, meet members of the MHSA (our parent association), taste our school lunches and chat to other parents and carers in your child's class. Please join us if you can!

Finally, a reminder that any snacks provided should be either fruit or vegetables.

Have a lovely weekend.
Ziz Chater

Meet your School Governors



9am Friday 25th September 25th in the Portakabin

You may have wondered what school governors do and how we support the school. This is a chance to meet us, have a chat and find out a little more about our role.

Our governors work across committees including Standards & Achievement, Wellbeing, and Finance, helping to provide strategic leadership, accountability, support and challenge to ensure the school continues to fulfil its aims and provide the best possible opportunities for all our children.

We'd love you to come along, say hello and share your thoughts with us. Whether you're curious about the role of governors, would like to find out more about how we support the school, or simply want to pop in and say hello, we'd be delighted to see you! You can also find out more about your school governors here: martinprimary.org.uk/governors.

This week's winners

Gold

1RT - Roman	4ZC – Charlie
1CM– Ulfur	4SR – Alisa
1LK – Annabelle	4TH – Zeyneb
2JL - Zayn	5AE – Lucas
2LR - Camilla	5GB – XiuPing
2OD - Elodie	5CF – Hope
3SK – Isra	6BG – Louis
3EB - Jack	6KB – Flora
3RT – Kaynan	6WS – Bella

Rights Respecting

1RT - Mia	4ZC - Iris
1CM - Elsie	4SR - Senandung
1LK - Lockie	4TH - Arlo
2JL - Saffiyah	5AE - Georgia
2LR – Dhanvi	5GB - Yusra
2OD - Pfeiffer	5CF - Zavier
3SK - Colby	6BG - Aliza
3EB - Noor	6KB - Mason
3RT - Lyra	6WS - Nondas

Secret Superstar

Year 1	Lockie 1LK
Year 2	Marley 2OD
Year 3	Sama 3RT
Year 4	Efe 4SR
Year 5	Ruby 5GB
Year 6	Elena 6WS

Reading Volunteers Needed!



We are looking for volunteers to support our younger children at the start of their reading journey. The 15 Minutes Reading Programme helps children in Year 1 to learn to read – a vital life skill.

Volunteers come in two or three times a week for just 20 minutes to share a book 1-1 with a child. Children and volunteers both really enjoy this special time and you can see real progress, which is very rewarding. No particular skills are necessary, as training is provided.

If you would like to volunteer to read with a child, please email Cathy Neale via the office email address: office@martinrprimary.barnetmail.net

More About Martin Meetings

Join us from 9am in the portakabin

More About Martin Meetings for parents and carers; 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).

Friday 25th September

Meet the Governors

Come and meet some of the members of the Governing Body and find out about how they support the school



Friday 9th October

Arbor & Google classroom

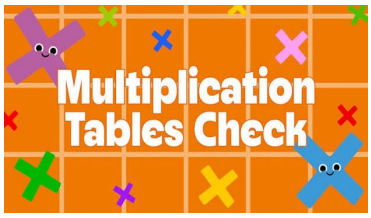
Our Business Manager and a member of our year 6 teaching team will show you how to access our platforms for parent & carer comms and home learning



Friday 23rd October

Year 4 Times Tables

Information from our Assistant Head and a member of our year 4 teaching team about the Year 4 Multiple Tables Check in June and how to support your child at home.



AUTUMN TERM 2026	SPRING TERM 2027	SUMMER TERM 2027
Tuesday 1st September 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026 **Half term** Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026 school closed Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September (staff training)	**Tuesday 5th January 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027** **Half term** Monday 15th February to Friday 19 February 2027 school closed Tuesday 5th January (staff training)	**Monday 12th April 2027 to Thursday 22nd July 2027** **Half term** Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027 school closed Monday 12th April, Monday 7th June (staff training) & Monday 3rd May (bank holiday)

Secondary Transfer—September 2027

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 2026.**

Visit our website for full details: https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/secondary-transfer. For any help and advice please visit or call the school office.

Dates for your diary



w/c Monday 21st September	Whole school homework starts for children in Y1—Y6
Wednesday 23rd September	**Year 3** Trip to Gunnersbury Park & Museum
Thursday 24th September	7pm Welcome event for **Nursery & Reception** parents/carers
Friday 25th September	9am More about Martin Meeting: the role of the governors
Friday 30th Sept to 2nd Oct	Y6 PGL residential and London trips
Monday 5th October	9am **Nursery** Meet the teacher meeting in the school hall
Thursday 8th October	School Flu Vaccinations Reception—Year 6
Friday 9th October	9am More about Martin meeting—Arbor & Google Classroom
Tuesday 13th October	9.05am **1LK** Harvest Festival class assembly for parents & carers
Thursday 15th October	9.05am **1CM** Harvest Festival class assembly for parents & carers
Friday 16th October	**Just One Tree Day**
w/c Monday 19th October	ILP meetings with relevant parents & carers
Monday 19th October	**5AE** trip to Kew Gardens
Tuesday 20th October	**5CF** trip to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 21st October	9.05am **1RT** Harvest Festival class assembly for parents & carers **5GB** trip to Kew Gardens
Friday 23rd October	9am More about Martin meeting—Year 4 times table tests

Half Term: 26th October to 30th October inclusive

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

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