Martin News

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The newsletter for the Martin School community

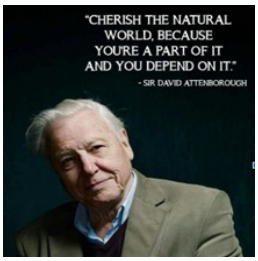
Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

Year 1 & Year 2:	**2JL with 99.6%**
Year 3 & Year 4:	**4ZC with 99.3%**
Year 5 & Year 6:	**6WS with 99.2%**

Thought for the month

How could the world change for the better?



It has finally felt like autumn this week so another reminder to please make sure that your child wears clothes that are suitable for lower temperatures and rainy days.

We are all looking forward to our Year 1 Harvest assemblies over the next two weeks—Year 1 parents and carers, please remember to check the calendar on the last page of the newsletter to make sure that you have the correct date in your diary.

As you know, our flu vaccination programme took place yesterday and I want to say a huge thank you to the health team from Barnet and to our wonderful office staff for ensuring that the vaccinations were administered so smoothly. Please remember that the team will be visiting the school again on Friday 13th November for any catch-ups.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ziz Chater

Just One Tree Day Friday 16th October



We are delighted to be taking part in **JUST ONE Tree Day next Friday—**see page 2 for all the details..

JUST ONE TREE.

This week's winners

Gold Stars

1RT - Grayson	4ZC – Rei
1CM– Philip	4SR – Sophie
1LK – Theo	4TH – Felicity
2JL - Emi	5AE – Simon
2LR - Olivia	5GB – Sam
2OD - Yaniss	5CF – Matar
3SK – Oliver	6BG – Yasmin
3EB - Sebby	6KB – Josiah
3RT – Lina	6WS – Hannah

Rights Respecting

1RT - Henry	4ZC - Martina
1CM - Anaia-Mae	4SR - Asya
1LK - Jannah	4TH - Luna
2JL - Darcie	5AE - Yunus
2LR – Emilia	5GB - Sam
2OD - Emmie	5CF - Bar
3SK - Liliana	6BG - Kaito
3EB - Elio	6KB - Hiba
3RT - Lois	6WS - Sebby

Secret Superstar

Year 1	Haytham 1LK
Year 2	Mate 2LR
Year 3	Akram 3RT
Year 4	Nina 4ZC
Year 5	Anouk 5AE
Year 6	Miguel 6WS

We are delighted to be taking part in **JUST ONE Tree Day on Friday 16th October**, continuing our school's commitment to caring for the environment.

Thanks to your generosity, our school helped plant **383 trees through JUST ONE Tree Day in 2025–2026**, bringing our total forest to **815 trees!** This is a wonderful achievement, and we hope to grow our forest even further this year.

To mark the day, children are invited to **wear something green, dress up as a tree or wear the colours of nature**, such as green and brown. There is no need to buy a special outfit—something they already have at home is perfect!

We are asking for a **suggested donation of £1**, which will help fund tree planting through JUST ONE Tree. **Every £1 donated plants one tree.**

JUST ONE Tree is a non-profit organisation supporting reforestation around the world. Its projects help absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, restore habitats for wildlife and support local communities.

During the day, children will take part in activities exploring why trees are important, how they help tackle climate change and what we can do to protect our planet. We want children to see that small actions, when we take them together, can make a positive difference.

Please bring your suggested £1 donation to school on Friday 16th October.



You can find out more at https://www.justonetree.life/.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing how many more trees our school community can help plant! **Shana Rahman**

More About Martin Meetings

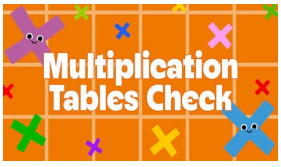
Join us from 9am in the portakabin

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 otherwise).

Friday 23rd October

Year 4 Times Tables

Information from one of our Assistant Heads and a member of our Year 4 teaching team about the Year 4 Multiple Tables Check in June and how you can support your child at home.



Online Safety Support for Families



We are pleased to share that, alongside the **monthly Online Safety Newsletter from Knowsley City Learning Centres**, we will now be uploading a **helpful monthly video** to the Online Safety section of our school website. These short videos will provide practical advice and guidance to help families support children to stay safe and make positive choices when using technology and the internet. The focus for this month is Digital Wellbeing.

We would also like to remind parents and carers that the **Online Safety section of our website is a useful place to find support, advice and resources** to help encourage a safe approach to children being online. You will find:

- the Knowsley monthly Online Safety Newsletter, providing up-to-date information and advice on current online safety issues (a copy of which is also sent out with Martin News)
- the new monthly online safety video, offering practical guidance for parents and carers
- parent online safety briefing from September 2026
- an updated Parental Controls Booklet, with guidance on setting up and using parental controls across a range of devices and platforms
- a range of helpful websites and resources designed to support parents and carers in keeping children safe online.

Online safety can be found in the parent/carers section of the school website or by following this link: https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/online-safety

Please remember to visit this section of our website regularly, as it will be updated throughout the year with new information, resources and a monthly newsletter/ video.

If you ever have any concerns about your child's online safety, please speak to a member of the school team. We are always happy to help signpost families towards appropriate support and advice.

SEN Information

BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People - Autistic Speaker Dr Pooky Knightsmith

Understanding Children Who Mask - for parents and carers of autistic children who hold it all together at school

If your child manages the whole school day, then falls apart the moment they're home with you, that isn't you doing something wrong, it's what happens when a child finally reaches the person they feel safest with.

This session is for parents and carers of autistic children who mask, and it's mostly about home: Why the evenings look like they do, the quiet signs that come long before a crisis, and the small changes that take the pressure off. You'll also get words that help school see the same child you see.

The online talk (or recording) is free, but it is essential that parents/carers/staff register.
Where: Online via Zoom
When: Tuesday 20 October 10am to 11am
Or recording of the talk: Wednesday 21 October at 6pm to 7pm
For further information and to sign-up please see the flyer sent out with this newsletter.

Football Team News

In our first match, we emerged victorious! When we arrived on the pitch, we did our normal warm ups such as a 3v2 overload, attack v defence. As kick off began, we were ready to play St Johns N11. Early in the first half, it was Anni who opened up the score board making it 1-0 to us. Minutes later, they came battling back at us and scored, making it 1-1. Next, it was Marielle who stole the show. She scored two goals, one in the first half and another in the second. She was our team's top goal scorer so far. We made the score 3-1 to us. Thuwayba, our goal keeper, was exceptional for the match that day, making some incredible saves to prevent the other school from scoring. Our starting squad: Thuwayba, Matilda, Elise W, Hannah W, Marielle, Phoebe and Anni. Substitutions: Ellie W and Zelda. Everyone was amazing and we also made a brilliant effort in our first match.

Written by Thuwayba and Hannah W Year 6

On Monday 5th of October, we had our second match against Mannorside school. The game started with Anni, Phoebe, Marielle, Hannah, Matilda, Elise and Thuwayba in goal. On the first half, we mainly stayed in their box and we had many opportunities to score. Eventually, we scored two amazing goals. The second half we played much better football and our attack was so strong. The final score was 5 - 0 to us. Our squad this match was Thuwayba, Matilda A, Elise W, Hannah W (captain), Marielle, Phoebe and Anni. Substitutions: Ellie W and Zelda.

Written by Marielle and Ellie Year 6





Olive Dining—Celebrating World Music Day

On **Thursday 15th October** Olive Dining will be serving a special World Music Day menu, if your child currently brings a packed lunch to school and would like to try school lunches please do let the office know by **Monday 12th October.** School lunches are free to all children in Reception to Year 6; Nursery lunches are £2.58 per day. If your child is on a special Allergens diet, they will have a special Favourites Day allergy free menu.



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.

Starting Primary School—September 2027

Children born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023** are due to start in a reception class in September 2027. Applications can now be made online via **www.eadmissions.org.uk. The closing date is 15th January 2027.**

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

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We need a volunteer Treasurer!

The MHSA is looking for a volunteer to join our committee as our new Treasurer.

Our Treasurer plays a really important role in helping us run **exciting school events** and raise **vital funds** that directly benefit our children and school community.

Without a Treasurer, we simply can't continue with our fundraising activities — so your help could make a huge difference!

What would the role involve?

Record keeping
Keeping simple, accurate records of money coming in and going out.

Banking & floats
Handling event cash, managing bank payments and organising floats for events.

Annual report
Preparing end-of-year financial information, including the accounts for our Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Committee meetings
Providing a brief financial update at meetings when needed.

Don't worry if you're not an accountant!

You do not need to be a financial expert to take on this role. Previous charity experience would be helpful, but it's certainly not essential. Our current Treasurer will provide a **full handover** and be on hand to support you.

We'd love to hear from you!
To find out more, get in touch with the MHSA committee

mhsasecretary@gmail.com

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)

Dates for your diary



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

Thursday 5th November	Individual school photos
Friday 6th November	9am More about Martin meeting—RE Curriculum
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day assemblies
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
w/b 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th November	Parent/carer meetings with teachers for **Nursery to Y6**
Friday 20th November	9am More about Martin meeting—Year 1 phonics screening
Wednesday 2nd December	9.05am **2OD** Christmas celebration for parents/carers
Friday 4th December	9am **Year 5 & 6** Parent/Carer Forum in the school hall
Tuesday 8th December	9.05am **2JL** Christmas celebration for parents/carers
Thursday 10th December	9.05am **2LR** Christmas celebration for parents/carers
Friday 11th December	9.05am **Reception** Christmas singalong for parents/carers
Tuesday 15th December	9am & 1pm **Nursery** Christmas singalongs for parents/carers 6.30pm Christmas concert
Thursday 17th December	Christmas lunch and class parties
Friday 18th December	**Last day of term: school closes at 2pm**
Tuesday 5th January	**School closed for staff training**
Wednesday 6th January	**Children return to school for the spring term**

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

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