Martin News

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The newsletter for the Martin School community

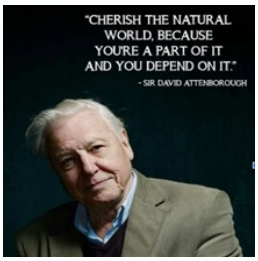
Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

Year 1 & Year 2:	**1CM with 99.5%**
Year 3 & Year 4:	**3EB with 99.1%**
Year 5 & Year 6:	**5GB with 100%**

Thought for the month

How could the world change for the better?



This week, we were treated to 1RT's Harvest assembly and we were so impressed by the children's wonderful performances!

Thank you for all the donations to our Harvest collection which our Eco Council members delivered to the Finchley Foodbank today. Thank you also to anyone who wore pink today and donated to Wear It Pink 2026, an event which is taking place as part of Breast Cancer Awareness month. If you would still like to donate to this fantastic cause, please click on the following link: https://www.justgiving.com/page/gabi-brais-1?utm_source=CL&utm_medium=DT.

After half term, you will be receiving information about how to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher after school on either 17th or 19th November so please remember to look out for that email.



I hope you all have a happy and relaxing half term break.

Ziz Chater

Just One Tree Day—Thank you!

We raised **£303!** Every £1 donated means 1 tree planted so Just One Tree will be planting 303 more trees!

Thank you for your continued support of this very worthwhile charity, to date we have helped to plant over 1000 trees!

JUST ONE TREE.



This week's winners

Gold Stars

1RT - Liam	4ZC – Ethan
1CM– Mila	4SR – Celia
1LK – Leo	4TH – Leo
2JL - Alastair	5GB – Denisa
2LR - Aymen	5CF – Rex
2OD - Tilly	6BG – Elise
3SK – Rafa	6KB – Jahid
3EB - Zac	6WS – Elena
3RT – Lois	

Rights Respecting

1RT - Yahya	4ZC - Martha
1CM - Yaseen	4SR - Mimi
1LK - Yousef	4TH - Almira
2JL - Enes	5GB - Ariyan
2LR – Mate	5CF - Eva
2OD - Marie	6BG - Hannah
3SK - Imogen	6KB - Alice
3EB - Federico	6WS - Leo
3RT - Ayesha	

Secret Superstar

Year 1	Reem 1LK
Year 2	Seo 2JL
Year 3	Sama 3RT
Year 4	Yusra 4ZC
Year 5	Eva 5CF
Year 6	Harvey 6BG

Autumn comes to Forest School

There may be Autumn rain, but rain does not stop Forest School! A muddy day is great to dig for treasure. **Tristan**






Spooky Science!

Why not try out this spooky activity over half term from science sparks? If you show a picture of your finished lamp to your class you can earn a super science stamp. **The Science Team**

LAVA LAMP SPOOKY

SCIENCE SPARKS



You'll need:

- A clear plastic or glass bottle or jar
- A bottle of vegetable oil
- Water
- Alka Seltzer
- Food colouring

Instructions

Fill the bottle about a quarter full with water. Top up to near the top with vegetable oil.

The oil and water should separate into two layers, water at the bottom and oil on the top.

Once the oil and water have separated, add enough food colouring to get the colour you want. The colour will mix with the water at the bottom.

Pop in half an alka seltzer tablet and watch the bubbles.

Add more alka seltzer little by little to keep the bubbles rising and falling.

Barnet Cross-Country Event

Results just in...
On Thursday 15th October our Martin School cross-country team took part in the first cross-country race at Copthall Playing Fields. The weather and conditions were perfect for the 22 schools competing in the morning event. The 1500m course was around the perimeter of two areas with an uphill start and a downhill, flat finish.

All of our team completed the 1500m course and showed great determination and resilience. There were 44 children in each race and the starts and finishes were very competitive.

WELL DONE to all our runners for your running on the day and for attending the 8am training sessions leading up to the event.

Year 4 : Rana, Alisa, Celia, Zeyneb, Andrew, Arlo and Efe

Year 5: Phoebe, Matilda, Lydia, Simon, Ricky and Robin

Year 6: Hargun, Zelda, Uma W, Miguel and Luca

Congratulations to: Zelda—4th and Miguel—2nd who have both been selected to attend cross-country trials to represent Barnet at the Youth Games in November.

Results just in out of 22 schools....

Martin 3rd Overall

Girls team were placed 2nd

Boys team were placed 7th



Report from Luca & Miguel Y6
On the day, we had to wake up at around 6.50am in the morning and go to school. When we got there we waited in the dining hall. Soon after, we walked to the bus stop when we got on we chatted until we got off. Next, we walked to the other bus stop we got on it. It took around fifteen minutes to get there. When we arrived we were all feeling exited but also a bit nervous. Soon we went to the field where the competition is held. First up, the participation event and we did super well! everyone was so tired because the ran a huge amount 1500 meters long they did superbly not stopping at all. Soon the nerves built up and we were determined to get 1st place. Next the year 4 boys race. They stepped up to the start and the whistle blew and they all crowded up in a big cluster of children we did really well again. The same thing happened with the year four girls race and they all still got solid places in the race.

The year 5 girls did really well getting a great score which boosted our confidence with the next race the year 5 boys. They all started in a big clump of people but then they all started to spread out towards the end. Soon after, the last two races but first the year six girls they all paced themselves at the start but at the end they all used the last amount of energy to sprint at the end. Last but not least the year six boys, once again they all started in a big cluster then the all started to spread out towards the end. We all did really well getting great scores! Then we had to go back on the buses. When we got back, everybody congratulated us in our classrooms, asking us what places we got.

Thank you for all our supporters on the day and to Jonathan and Oliver for your time with us supporting the team. **Miss Adams**

Sarah Sackman MP's Winter Holidays Card Competition

Sarah Sackman MP, Member of Parliament for Finchley and Golders Green, is inviting local primary school pupils to design her 2026 Winter Holidays Card. Children are encouraged to submit an A5 drawing, painting or piece of artwork celebrating the local area during the festive season. The attached flyer gives details of how to enter. If you are unable to email the submission please contact the school office, who will be pleased to help.



Community Information

ADHD Conference for Parents, Carers and School Staff

On Tuesday 8 December at 9.30am - 12.30pm, BELS Inclusion Advisory Team are hosting an online conference exploring ADHD.

Join us for an online conference exploring ADHD, with practical strategies and shared experiences to support children and young people at home and in school. Hosted by the Inclusion Advisory Team (IAT) in partnership with Headstuff ADHD Therapy, the Barnet Parent Carer Forum, and Barnet schools

For more information and to sign up for this conference please see the **flyer** sent with this newsletter.

Secondary Transfer—September 2027

CLOSING DATE 31ST OCTOBER!

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



Half Term: 26th October to 30th October inclusive

Monday 2nd November	**4TH** trip to the Guildhall
Tuesday 3rd November	**4ZC** trip to the Guildhall
Thursday 5th November	Individual school photos
Friday 6th November	9am More about Martin meeting—RE Curriculum
	4SR trip to the Guildhall
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
	Year 2 Trip (10am) to the Arts Depot for a Festive Show
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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