



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:	1BT with 98.6%
Year 3 & Year 4:	3RT with 97.0%
Year 5 & Year 6:	6BG with 96.2%

December Talk Point

'The best things in life are for free' - do you agree?



Christmas has arrived at Martin! Thank you so much to Tristan and his team for putting up all the festive decorations!

This week we had the first of our Year 2 Nativity performances, Honky Tonky Donkey. The children in 2OD sang and acted beautifully and their speaking voices were so clear and confident—well done 2OD! We have several other Christmas events taking place over the next two weeks so please check the calendar on the last page of this newsletter to make sure you don't miss out.

Thank you to everyone who brought in a tombola gift or a donation today—we are all looking forward to seeing you at the Winter Fair on **Saturday 13th December**.

Have a lovely weekend. **Ziz Chater**

Language of the Month

December's language is Swahili—Jambo!



This week's winners

★ Gold Stars ★

1BT - Kento	4SK - Amir
1CM - Dean	4TH - Elise
1LK - Troy	5AE - Lilianrose
2CF - Hillan	5GB - Isabella
2EB - Caius	5SR - Hannah
2OD - Kaiya	6BG - Rahim
3LR - Hazel	6LC - Inigo
3JL - Gerald	6WW - Poppy
4CP - Fraser	

Rights Respecting



1BT - Olivia	4SK - Amiyah-Rose
1CM - Eliezer	4TH - Anni
1LK - Jasim	5AE - Sia
2CF - Sam	5GB - Elena
2EB - Lyra	5SR - Amelie
2OD - Nate	6BG - Alex & Fatima
3LR - Frank	6LC - Selena
3JL - Lucia	6WW - Edward
4CP - Saul	

Reader of the week



1BT - Kashyap	5AE - James
1CM - Aaron	5GB - Estia
2CF - Federico	5SR - Aliza
2EB - Ezra	6LC - Alkedjo
2OD - Liliana	6WW - Shareefa
3LR - Luna	
3JL - Valeria	
4CP - Ruo Xin	
4SK - Eva	
4TH - Millay	



Secret Superstar awards

Leon in 1BT, Bea in 3RT and Hashir in 5AE

Year 4 Guildhall Trip

In November Year 4 visited the Guildhall Museum to see the ruins of the Roman Amphitheatre and the Roman Wall.

The Roman Amphitheatre

We travelled to the theatre 10 stops on the tube from East Finchley station. We left school mid morning and then had packed lunch at this museum. We were back before pickup time.

The Roman Amphitheatre is a museum that has lots of artefacts from Roman times. The Roman Amphitheatre is a museum that has roman walls that are left by the Romans. This place was a wonderful venue to go to for a school trip.

We saw weapons that the Romans used to fight when they were establishing Londinium. In this museum there are lots of paintings that were made by the Roman citizens. In the museum there was a place downstairs that showed how the Romans used to perform their shows - these involved fighting and executions. The actors putting on the shows would wave their arms about whilst shouting, laughing and crying toward the audience. This was necessary because the Amphitheatre was very big and the audience couldn't all hear the action.

By Georgia & Camilla



November Sports Reports

Barnet Bar No-one Sports Festival

On Wednesday it was a rainy day, but that didn't stop us having lots of fun!

I went with 10 other children from school to the amazing BBN Sports Festival, in Hendon Leisure Centre. About 6 of our lovely adults from school came with us. We travelled there by bus. There were children from lots of other schools there.

When we arrived we ate our snacks before we did lots of fun activities. We did basketball, rowing, stuck in the mud, Boccia blast, curling, racing and much more. My favourite activities were basketball and stuck in the mud. We had such a blast!

By Fatima Z Y6



Boys Football Match v Akiva Primary

The tension was on as the Martin Primary school football team stepped out onto the pitch. We could feel the adrenaline rush through our veins. As we got ready on the Christs College football ground we were only thinking about one thing: to win. The opposition team started the match and we all new that this would be a tough game. The first goal was from the opposite team to make it 1-0 but we fought back and scored to make it 1-1. All of a sudden, the halftime whistle blew which was good because we needed a break to regroup and have drink.



We all played amazingly but in the end the opposite team won. It was a great game and we all hope to beat them next time.

By Inigo Y6

Girls football tournament

On Thursday 13th November the Martin girls set off to Christ College with one quest **to get gold** so our first 2 games were friendlies then it was the real thing. One of our top goal scorers Mala; scored 2 goals in the first match and Joel scored 1. We had 12 games in total. Mala scored a lot of the goals but Halle, Ivy, Hannah and Joelle also scored some goals. So we got through to the semi finals and we won.



The tension built in us "are we gonna win?". At the end of the game it was 0-0. So it went to penalties Mala, Chloe, Emma, Shareefa and Joelle took our pens and we won 2-0! In the end no one had scored against us. To make things even better we got Gold! We were all screaming in happiness and cheering! It was so amazing and fun to experience.

In our team was Sophie, Sophie-Ray, Shareefa, Emma, Mala ,Chloe, Halle, Ivy, Joelle and Hannah. So well done Martin girls.

By Ivy Y5

Netball Tournament

The netball tournament was a thrilling experience. I thought my team and the other schools really fun. I was so happy when we got in the finals and only lost 1 game the whole day and got yummy cookies from Sally. We came in second place which was brilliant. Thanks Somayeh and Sally for coaching us.



By Assya Y5

MARTIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Winter Fair

SATURDAY
13th December
12pm-3pm

Entrance Fee : Adults £1 ; Kids Free

🎪 **Santa Show**
🎵 **Choir Performance**
🏠 **Tombola**
🛍️ **Christmas Gift Shop**
🎈 **Inflatable Snow Globe**

🎮 **Games**
🧸 **Toys**
🍴 **Food**
🥤 **Drinks**
🥞 **Hanukkah Doughnuts**

🍷 **Mulled Wine**
🍖 **Barbecue**
🍷 **Waffles**
🥧 **Mince Pies**
... and more!

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SANTA SHOW

Tickets went on sale this week for our Santa Show at the Winter Fair in our wonderful Forest School! Your ticket includes a magical show with Santa & the elves, a photo opportunity with Santa, and a special gift for every child! 🎁 Don't miss out - there are still some available via the following link : <https://www.goodhub.com/go/mpsantashow2025>

SILENT AUCTION

Our Silent Auction 2025 is closing in under a week!! If you've not checked it out yet, it's packed with brilliant prizes! Apple iPad•Amazon Kindle•Restaurant and coffee vouchers•John Lewis vouchers•luxury hampers•the list goes on...The auction ends on Thursday night 11th December! Every bid helps us raise funds for new playground equipment and outdoor resources for the children—so get browsing, get bidding, and help us make their play spaces even better! Click here; <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/silentauctionmartinprimary2025>

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/>.

Dates for your diary



Tuesday 9th December

Wednesday 10th December

Thursday 11th December

Friday 12th December

Saturday 13th December

Tuesday 16th December

Thursday 18th December

2CF Christmas Assembly @ 9am

Year 5/6 Choir performing outside Budgens @ 5pm

2EB Christmas Assembly @ 9am

Reception classes Singalong @ 9am

3LR trip to St. Paul's Cathedral

MHSA Winter Fair @ 12—3pm

Nursery Singalongs @ 9am & 1pm

Christmas Evening Concert (time tbc)

Christmas Jumper Day (& party clothes), Christmas Lunch & Class Parties

Friday 19th December

Last day of Term—school finishes at 2pm

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

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