



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 98.5%
Year 3 & Year 4:	3JL & 3LR with 96.7%
Year 5 & Year 6:	5GB with 97.7%

December Talk Point

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



It has been lovely to see the sun this week and we are hoping that it lasts for the Winter Fair on Saturday!

We have been treated to several fantastic Christmas performances this week. 2CF and 2EB performed their Nativity shows and the children sang and performed with great confidence and enthusiasm. Our Reception classes sang beautifully for their parents and carers this morning and it was great to see how much progress they have made in such a short amount of time. Finally, our Year 5/6 choir visited local care homes to sing Christmas tunes to the residents and they also sang outside Budgens on Thursday, raising a fantastic £113 for the North London Hospice! Well done everyone!



I am sad to let you know that two members of staff will be leaving us at the end of this term. Kate Osborn has been at Martin for over three years and has supported many of our children in her role as teaching assistant; she is leaving us to pursue a career in counselling. Pas Acierno has worked at Martin since 2009 and will be retiring to spend more time with his family. Pas has worked in many different roles in the school, most notably in the sports team, and we are so grateful for his enthusiasm and dedication. I know you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and wishing them success and happiness.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow at the Winter Fair! **Ziz Chater**

This week's winners

★ Gold Stars ★

1LK - Camilla	5AE - Deniz
2CF - Amelia	5GB - Husna
2EB - Ezra	5SR - Sai
2OD - Joel	6BG - Joseph & Anastasia
3LR - Aiyah	6LC - Victor & Micah
3JL - Nina	
4CP - Etta	
4SK - Abdullah	6WW - Aarush
4TH - Sam	

Rights Respecting



1LK - Sonya	5AE - Sophie
2CF - Evie	5GB - Arthur
2EB - Meriam	5SR - Louis
2OD - Imogen	6BG - Lara
3LR - Musab	6LC - Stelios
3JL - Maya B	6WW - Daya
4CP - Anouk	
4SK - Amir	
4TH - Inioluwa	

Reader of the week



1LK - Remy	5AE - Hashir
2EB - Lara	5GB - Luca
2OD - Nate	5SR - Louis
3LR - Alexia	6LC - Assya
3JL - Martha	
4CP - Aisha	
4SK - Harvey	
4TH - Rafael	



Secret Superstar awards

Emilia in 1LK, Alisa in 3RT and Micah in 6LC

Christmas Lunch, Party & Jumper Day...

Thursday 18th December!

Thursday 18th December will be a very special day at Martin Primary with Christmas lunches, parties and **Christmas Jumper Day!**

On that day children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or a festive accessory, e.g. a hat or hair band, and we will be collecting donations for the **Save the Children charity**. A suggested donation is £1.

Please note that we will book a school lunch for **all** children in the school. So if your child currently brings a packed lunch from home, they will automatically be offered a Christmas Lunch. All meat will be halal and there will also be vegetarian and special dietary options available.

Children in Reception to Year 6 will not be charged for the Christmas lunch; the cost for Nursery children will be **£2.58**.

If you do not want your child to have a Christmas lunch please let the office know via email by Monday 15th December.



FESTIVE MENU

ALLERGENS

CE = CELERY
CR = CRUSTACEAN
E = EGGS
F = FISH
G/B = BARLEY
G/O = OATS
G/R = RYE
G/W = WHEAT
G = GLUTEN
L = LUPIN
MK = MILK
MO = MOLLUSCS
MU = MUSTARD
N = NUTS
P = PEANUTS
SE = SESAME
SO = SOYA
SU = SULPHUR DIOXIDE
* = MAY CONTAIN

**TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY WITH
FESTIVE TRIMMINGS & GRAVY
(G/B, W)**

**ROAST VEGETABLE WELLINGTON WITH A TOMATO
SAUCE
(MK, SU, G/W)**

RUSTIC ROAST POTATOES

HONEY CARROTS

BRUSSEL SPROUTS & PEAS

**CHOCOLATE YULE CAKE
WITH VANILLA CREAM
(E, MK, SO*, G/B*, O*, W)**

OR

**FROSTY THE GINGERBREAD BISCUIT
(E, MK*, G/B*, O*, W)**

**JOIN US
FOR LUNCH
IN DECEMBER
2025**



Olive & G
food with passion

Barnet Indoor Athletics—Morning Winners!

Last week our school Indoor Athletics Team took part in the highly anticipated morning competition at Copthall Leisure Centre. We were up against six other teams from across the borough in our competition. The scene was set for a very competitive, exciting morning of both track and field events.

The standard in all events was very high. The Year 5/Year 6 team from Martin were jumping, throwing and running at their personal best. The atmosphere was electric throughout the events. The track event results were extremely close, split seconds between the times of the winning teams in both heats. All the before school training and practising at Christ College helped our team to be confident at the competition venue.

WELL DONE to: Year 6 Boys: Gus, Micah, Joshua, Victor, Casra, Inigo, Abdelrahman, Eli, Jacob, Nicky & Mark.
Year 6 Girls: Assya, Mala, Paloma, Shareefa, Ivy, Elvi, Joelle, Anna, Isabella, Niamh, Emma, Sophie & Summer
Year 5 Boys: Eden, Adam, Luca, Miguel
Year 5 Girls: Sofia & Zelda

The tension mounted at the end of all the events as we realised how close the results were going to be.

1st Martin
2nd Woodridge
3rd SMSJ

The noise was deafening, 30 very proud young athletes!

Amazing team work.... 2,4,6,8, who do we appreciate. They're funky, they're cool they're from Martin School!!

Roving reporters: Ivy, Elvi and Paloma

"Something that is very hard is very easy when you put your mind to it." **Micah** after he's obstacle race.

"Never give up because the next one could be your best one." **Casra** after he's javelin throws.

"You won't succeed if you don't try your best." **Sophie** after her triple jumps.

"I felt proud and felt I did well" **Paloma** after her obstacle race

Everyone in their track events smashed it. Well done to our brilliant athletics team.. We were amazing and got the **GOLD**

Overall we finished second across the borough out of sixteen schools—a great end to the Autumn Terms sporting calendar ☐

Miss Adams



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



Saturday 13th December

Tuesday 16th December

Thursday 18th December

Friday 19th December

Monday 5th January

Tuesday 6th January

Wednesday 7th January

Wednesday 14th January

Friday 16th January

Thursday 22nd January

Friday 23rd January

w/c 26th January

Thursday 29th January

Friday 30th January

Thursday 5th February

Friday 6th February

Friday 13th February

MHSA Winter Fair @ 12—3pm

Nursery Singalongs @ 9am & 1pm

Christmas Evening Concert

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

Last day of Term—school finishes at 2pm

Inset Day: school closed for staff training

Children return to school

4TH Swimming starts

3LR Forest School starts

Parent/carer forum in the school hall @ 9am

4SK Class Assembly @ 9am

More about Martin Meeting @ 9am—how to access support for your child & the role of the Learning Mentors

ILP meetings for relevant parents/carers

4TH Class Assembly @ 9am

Reception parent/carer reading workshop @ 9am

4CP Class Assembly @ 9am

Parent/Carer Information Meeting @ 9am—Parent/carer

information Meeting @ 9am—Barnet Integrated Clinical Services

Year 1 parent/carers reading workshop @ 9am

16th February to 20th February inclusive: school closed for half term holiday

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

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