



# Martin News

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The newsletter for the Martin School community

Happy  
Hanukkah



We wish everyone a  
Healthy and Happy



Merry  
Christmas



What a fabulous event the Winter Fair was on Saturday! **Thank you so much** to all the volunteers who organised the food, games, stalls and the magical Santa's Grotto as well as the team who arranged the hugely successful Silent Auction. Please see page two for more photos and the amazing amount of money that was raised!

This week, we were treated to lovely Christmas singalongs by our Nursery children and a wonderful Christmas concert organised by our amazing music leader, Gabi Brais. There were so many talented children involved who performed with such confidence and enthusiasm and there was also a rare performance by the staff choir! Well done everyone!

Thank you for our fantastic kitchen team for cooking us a delicious Christmas lunch yesterday. We also wore Christmas jumpers for our parties and had a thoroughly enjoyable day!



As you know, Paul Rossi is stepping down as Chair of Governors at the end of this term and I know you will join me in thanking him for his hard work and commitment to the school over the last seven years. He has made a huge contribution to the success of the school and we are so grateful for all his invaluable advice and support. We also send all our best wishes to Laura Conio who is starting her maternity leave today and a huge welcome to Sangeetha Tharmalingam who is covering in Miss Conio's absence.

Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on 6th January. **Ziz Chater**

## This week's winners

### ★ Gold Stars ★

1BT - Tilly	4CP - Simon
1CM - Seo	4SK - Varvara
1LK - Kaya	4TH - Amelia
2CF - whole class	5AE - James
2EB - whole class	5GB - Evan
2OD - Thea	5SR - Stan
3LR - whole class	6BG - Amir
3JL - Charlie	6LC - Alkedjo
3RT - Arielle	6WW - Archie

### Rights Respecting



1BT - Zayn	4CP - Masie
1CM - Abduh Rahman	4SK - Zavier
1LK - Saffron	4TH - Matilda
2CF - Anesa	5AE - Oli
2EB - Hannah	5GB - Yazan
2OD - Luca	5SR - Kaito
3LR - Millie	6BG - Mihail
3JL - Valeria	6LC - Victor
	6WW - Niamh

### Reader of the week



1BT - Mika'il	4SK - Kiah
1CM - Lorenzo	4TH - Ariyan
2CF - Elio	5AE - Sophia
2EB - Sama	5GB - Leo
2OD - Sammi	5SR - Imala
3LR - Aaloka	6LC - Ella
3JL - Arwa	6BG - Melek
3RT - Rosie	6WW - Daya
4CP - Nikolas	



## Secret Superstar awards

Nate in 20D, Andrew in  
3RT, Elaisa in 4TH  
& Daya in 6WW

## Silent Auction

### MHSA SILENT AUCTION RAISED £4898!!

Thank you to the Martin Primary community. To those of you who donated amazing prizes, and to everyone who bid. Because of you, we've exceeded our target and raised **£4898** for our school. The last chance to collect your prizes will be **Friday 19th December**. If you miss the deadline, you will need to wait till the new year. Thank you to all who donated for the teacher requests. All of the items you contributed to will be delivered to the classrooms in January. All except one, Tristan's snow machine, which has already been purchased and you will see being used in all its glory on the last day of school. We hope you enjoy it!!!



## Winter Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the Winter Fair on Saturday, it was a truly lovely event. It was wonderful to be able to bring back our Santa show to our fantastic Forest School setting and we were so lucky to have such an incredible team of Elves supporting Santa, thank you so much to the whole team!

Thanks to your incredible support, we raised an amazing **£4,000** on the day — and when added to the silent auction total, that brings our fundraising to an incredible **£8,900!**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped before, during, and after the fair to make it such a success. A special thank you to the staff members who gave up their Saturday to join us.

A massive shout-out to the small but mighty auction team, and to all those who so kindly donated prizes — your generosity made such a difference.

There are hundreds of things happening behind the scenes to make events like this possible, and every single bit of help truly matters. Every single person involved is a volunteer, and it really is a team effort. A big thank you to everyone who played a part — we couldn't have done it without you!





### Guess the name/weight contest

Thanks to everyone took part in our guess the name/weight competition leading up to and at the Winter Fair, and the winners are.....Callum in Hedgehogs, Ezra in Year 2 and Juno in Year 3!

Congratulations to you all!

### Have a lovely Holiday!

As the year comes to a close, we want to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday break and a wonderful 2026. See you January!

### Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

Year 1 & Year 2: 1LK with 95.5%

Year 3 & Year 4 3LR with 94.0%

Year 5 & Year 6 6WW with 98.3%

### Sports News

Congratulations to the Girls football team who won 2-0 last Friday in the first round of the East Girls Cup!

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# More About Martin Meetings

Join us from 9am in the portakabin

### Friday 6th January- How to access support for your child & the role of our Learning Mentors

Meet our amazing Learning Mentors and find out about the fantastic work they do to support children in school. We will also look at the places/ people children can go to for help and support in school.



### Future meetings coming up -

**Google Classroom/ Arbor** - information

about accessing both Google

classroom and the Arbor app at home

**Test anxiety** - find out about strategies

to support your child at home if they

are feeling anxious about exams or

school work.

**Maths** - find out about our maths

curriculum at Martin Primary School

**Eco-Council** - hear from our wonderful

Eco council about the work they do in

school and the local environment

More About Martin Meetings take place every other Friday morning and 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 portacabin on the field (unless stated otherwise). **Miss Glackin**

## Date for your Diary—Winter Wear Wednesday!

In January we will be collecting good quality hats, scarves and gloves suitable to be worn by both children or adults to support the Asylum Seeker drop-in. The Christmas holidays is a good time to sort out all your outer winter wear. Thank you for your support

# Winter Wear Wednesday

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quality hats, scarves and  
gloves for all ages for the  
Asylum Seeker drop-in



Please bring items in on  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January and  
put in the boxes at the top and  
bottom gates

## 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](http://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



**Friday 19th December**

**Last day of Term—school finishes at 2pm**

**Monday 5th January**  
**Tuesday 6th January**  
**Wednesday 7th January**

**Inset Day:** school closed for staff training

Children return to school

**Wednesday 14th January**  
**Friday 16th January**  
**Thursday 22nd January**  
**Friday 23rd January**

**4TH** Swimming starts

Pantomime for all children funded by the MHSA

**w/c 26th January**  
**Thursday 29th January**  
**Friday 30th January**  
**Thursday 5th February**  
**Friday 6th February**

**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

**Friday 13th February**

**4TH** Class Assembly @ 9am

**Reception** parent/carer reading workshop @ 9am

**4CP** Class Assembly @ 9am

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

**Year 1** parent/carers reading workshop @ 9am

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

**Wednesday 25th February**  
**Friday 27th February**  
**Tuesday 3rd March &**  
**Thursday 5th March**  
**Wednesday 4th March**  
**Thursday 5th March**

**5SR** Forest School starts

More about Martin Meeting @ 9am—Maths

Parent/teacher consultations 4pm—7pm

**5AE** Class Assembly @ 9am

**World Book Day**

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

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