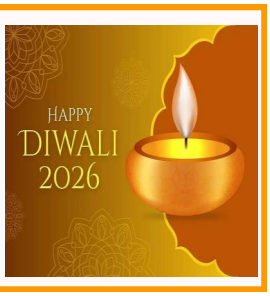
Martin News

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The newsletter for the Martin School community

Happy Diwali to our families who are celebrating this weekend



Thought for the month

What does it mean to be brave?



Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. This half term is always exciting and we have lots of fun activities and events planned.

This term's parent/carer meetings with the class teachers will be taking place on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th November from 4pm to 7pm and we will be sending out emails next week with details about how to arrange an appointment.

Next Wednesday is Remembrance Day and the children will be taking part in special assemblies to recognise the contribution and sacrifice that many people have made over the years in order to keep us safe. Poppies and other items will be available on the school gates so please remember to bring a donation if you can.

Have a lovely weekend.

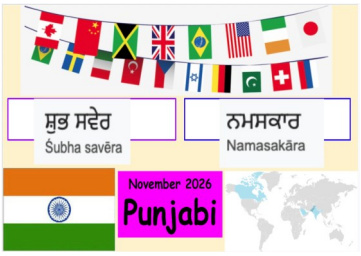
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Language of the Month

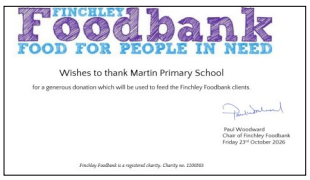
As a way to celebrate the myriad of languages spoken here at Martin Primary, every month we focus on a different language.

November's language is Punjabi:

Subha Savera!



Foodbank Donations - Thank you!



On Friday 23rd October the Eco Council Reps visited the Finchley Foodbank to deliver our harvest donations. The children met the volunteers and were shown round the store room to see how the food is sorted ready for their clients to collect.

The staff at the Foodbank were overwhelmed by the amount of generous donations from our Martin Primary families and asked us to pass on their heartfelt thanks. Thank you also to Cathy, Tristan and Jimmy for sorting and pushing our trolleys of donations and of course our wonderful Eco Council Reps—Louis H, Kendall, Maisie, Yusra and Lyanna .







Children in Need 2026



This year we will be collecting for the Children in Need charity on **Friday 13th November.**

On the day children can wear bright colours to school (non-uniform). The suggested donation for this worthwhile charity is £1. There will be collection buckets on the gates also with a QR code for those that are cashless.

Children in Need's theme this year is 'Challenge Yourself' so the children will be taking part in fun activities at school.

The aim is for the children to have fun, whilst learning about the importance of supporting this very worthy charity and the impact their donations can have on many people's lives.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs King & Mrs Ingram-Lakey

Try BOCCIA Festival

This week, a group of children in Year 6 took part in the annual, Try BOCCIA Festival held at Copthall Leisure Centre.

The event was for both primary and secondary schools across the borough and it gave the children an opportunity to try out a new skill and compete against other school teams.

A steady hand and great hand eye co-ordination was needed throughout the games played. There was a competitive edge to the final bowls each end as you had to decide either to' stick or risk' to gain or lose points.



The boys discussed their strategies after each game... some strategies worked and others needed a little more work!

We played seven games altogether and gained 18 points and lost 3 points. A lovely morning of skills, team work and sportsmanship!

Well Done to:
Kayton, Freddie, Archie, Mason and Adam.

Miss Adams

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)

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/.**

For any help and advice please visit or call the school office.

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day assemblies 
Friday 13th November	Children in Need MHSA Uniform Sale after school
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
Tuesday 24th November	**5CF** trip to the British Museum
Wednesday 25th November	**5GB** trip to the British Museum
Friday 27th November	**5AE** trip to the British Museum
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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