



St Martin's Post

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★ Shooting Stars ★

- Carter:** For always giving his best in all areas of learning
- Ariella:** For helping other children learn the actions for our concert song.
- Matias:** For being a great Superworm explorer on our trip to Highgate woods.
- Ruquayya:** For her excellent involvement during phonics sessions.
- Kyeisha:** For showing a great understanding when learning place value within hundreds
- Mia:** For writing a thoughtful piece of persuasive writing.
- Arya:** For always trying her best to achieve at a high level.
- Form 3:** For great behaviour and being amazing shipmates!
- Dylan:** For an intelligent and neatly written playscript
- Tobias:** For a creative description of a Goblin King in writing club
- Mila, Kabir and Naoto:** For accurate work on angles
- Freddie and Elenor:** For showing exceptional skill and effort whilst playing football against MMK School
- Krishav** - For achieving highly in using figurative language in his poetry.
- Suleman** - For excellent use of key vocabulary in his informative mini-book.

Headteacher Award - well done to our two award winners this week -

Somto for superb work in both Literacy and Numeracy this week and

Nyla for showing kindness and respect to our school visitors.

We are very proud of you both!



This week at St Martins

This week, our **EYFS** children embarked on an exciting Superworm adventure in Highgate Woods! Following a special trail, we discovered Superworm and enjoyed a cozy storytelling session on tree bark while sipping warm blackcurrant and apple juice. In Literacy, we continued working on sentence writing and rhyming, creating our very own *A Bug Came to Tea* story. Maths focused on "one more, one less" and one-to-one correspondence up to 10. Our art activities included making our own Superworms, and in Knowledge and Understanding of the World, we built a worm farm to observe the vital role earthworms play in nature. A fantastic week of hands-on learning and discovery!

In English this week, **Form 1** have been learning about real heroes such as doctors, nurses, police officers. They then chose their favourite hero to draw, label and write about whilst explainin what made them a 'hero'. We also revisited speech bubbles, where they created their own speech bubbles for our core text, 'Traction Man is Here'. During Maths lessons, Form 1 have been expanding their knowledge on place value. They learned how to partition, compare and order 2, 3 and even 4 digit numbers. They also continued to practice their 10s division facts. For our science topic about 'Everyday Materials', Form 1 have been finding items around school which consist of more than 1 material. They described these materials and discussed the benefits and uses of each material. In Art lessons we focused on pop-art, particularly Andy Warhol and Form 1 created some fantastic pieces of art in the style of Marilyn Monroe's Portrait – what a busy and exciting week!

The highlight of this week for **Form 2** has been their 'Kid's Kitchen' session when they made pizza snails, which tasted delicious! They continued to analyse The Snail and the Whale and wrote poems based on what they think the whale would have sung to the snail. In Maths, they added and subtracted 3-digit numbers, working through each column individually before putting it all together. In Art they looked closely at the texture and pattern on a variety of shells and used this information to improve their sketching skills. In Computing, Form 2 learned how to produce a pictogram by inputting data into a specialised programme.

This week, **Form 3** had the most amazing trip to the Golden Hinde. They learned about Sir Francis Drake and his pirate crew. They enjoyed practicing sword fighting skills (!), heard grisly tales of the barber surgeon and spent a drafty, creaky night aboard the old ship. They are now writing and rehearsing a splendid assembly presentation for you all on Monday morning (17th). Ahoy! They have also been working hard with Reading, Spelling and Maths assessments this week and rehearsing for the up-coming school play. The songs are sounding amazing! A really exciting and fun week of learning.

Form 4 have had an exceptionally busy week this week – they have visited the science museum, played a football tournament against Mathilda Marks-Kennedy School and have even completed their CAT tests in reading, maths and spelling. At the Science



This week at St Martins (continued)

Museum, we explored states of matter, forces and conservation. We have also continued to practice and rehearse for our forthcoming production – Wind in the Willows and have really enjoyed preparing props in art. In maths, we have learnt to measure and draw angles using protractors. In English, we completed our playscripts and performed them! We have also taken an in depth look at two poems by Lewis Carroll.

During **Form 5's** English lessons, they completed their final drafts of their informative texts about Tutankhamun using a range of media types including posters, documentaries, mini-books and websites. In their science lesson, they learnt about reversible and irreversible changes and have planned their own investigations lined to this which they will conclude next week. In Topic, the children have studied ancient sources (wall paintings) and used their knowledge to explain what the Egyptians believed about the afterlife and how their beliefs are similar/dissimilar to more modern religions. In their French lesson, Form 5 have learnt about healthy living, understanding how to use the French negative and the word for 'some'. Form 5 have officially conquered fractions and are now diving into the world of metric and imperial measurements. From centimetres to inches and grams to ounces, they're sharpening their conversion skills like true math detectives! Working in pairs, they've been tackling tricky numbers, helping each other, and mastering the art of switching between systems.

In **English**, Form 6 have researched facts about Mexico choosing a range of topics from Mexico's geography to its cuisine to festivals such as Day of the Dead. They have planned their own informative texts around their research. During their Latin lesson, Form 6 have learnt how to express possession of masculine and feminine nouns. Form 6 have been deep diving into the Maya Maths system, discovering how this ancient civilization counted and calculated in a completely different way! They've put their skills to the test by solving tricky number problems and even creating their own Maya-style Maths challenges. It's been a fantastic way to explore the brilliance of the Maya people and see how their ideas have influenced modern mathematics. Our budding travel agents have been hard at work designing persuasive brochures and video reels to invite tourists to visit Maya landmarks. They've carefully chosen their words to make their destinations sound unmissable, honing their marketing skills along the way. Who knew that history and advertising could go hand in hand? To round off an exciting week, Form 6 also visited the Bank of England Museum, where they got a firsthand look at the fascinating world of finance. They explored how money has evolved over time, from gold bars to digital banking, and even learned about the role of the Bank of England in shaping our economy. A highlight of the trip was getting up close to a real gold bar—an eye-opening moment for many! This visit helped the children understand not just where money comes from, but how it impacts their daily lives and the world around them. A fantastic effort from Form 6—keep up the great work!



St Martin's School



Autumn Term 2024

Return to School: Wed 4th Sept 2024
Half Term Break: Mon 21st Oct – Fri 1st Nov
Term Ends: Friday 13th Dec 2024

Spring Term 2025

Return to School: Wed 8th Jan 2025
Half Term Break: Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb
Term Ends: Friday 28th March 2025

Summer Term 2025:

Return to School: Tue 22nd April 2025
Half Term Break: Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May
Term Ends: Friday 11th July 2025

Autumn Term 2025

Return to School: Wed 3rd Sept 2025
Half Term Break: Mon 20th Oct – Fri 31st Oct
Term Ends: Friday 12th Dec 2025

Spring Term 2026

Return to School: Tues 6th Jan 2026
Half Term Break: Mon 16th Feb - Fri 20th Feb
Term Ends: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026:

Return to School: Tue 21st April 2026
Half Term Break: Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May
Term Ends: Friday 10th July 2026

- 20th March:** Form 1 Tate Modern Trip
- 21st March:** **SPONSORED DAY!!**
- 24th March:** Form 2 Southend Beach Trip
- 26th March:** Topic Walk About – 8.10am to 8.40am
- 27th March:** Wind in the Willows – Full School Production
6pm Performance at The Radlett Centre
- 28th March:** Easter Food Bank Collection
- 29th June:** School Fete – All welcome

Golden Tea is an opportunity for children to show Mrs Wilson the work they have completed that week of which they are most proud, whilst enjoying juice and biscuits together. The following children were chosen at random to enjoy Golden Tea with Mrs Wilson during Monday morning break time next week.

Zahi

Noah

Izzy

Ilias