



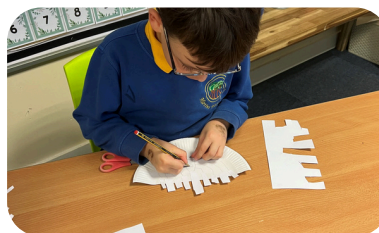
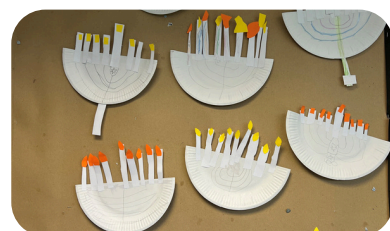
NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th November 2024



Year 2 - RE

In RE, year 2 have been learning about the Jewish festival, 'Hanukkah'. The children looked at a Menorah and a Hanukkiah and compared the differences. They noticed that a Hanukkiah has 9 candles and to make it Kosher the shamash (helper) candle has to be higher or lower than the other 8. Take a look at some of the children's Hanukkiahs.



Year 6 science.

In their science lessons this week, the year 6 children have been learning about the different blood cells in our bodies and the roles they have. Here, Ethan (one of our year 6 pupils) explains what he has learnt.

This week we have made our own blood samples and learnt that plasma carries all the different types of cells. we also learnt that the different cells are:

- White blood cells that fight diseases and infections.
- Red blood cells help carry oxygen around our bodies.
- Platelets help stop bleeding.



Poppy Appeal



We are reaching the end of our poppy appeal but still have a few items left. The poppies along with zip pulls, and snap bands are available for a small donation from the office.

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Nursery -Fireworks

After a week's break nursery have come back refreshed and ready to learn about their new topic 'Autumn celebrations'. This includes the story of the gun powder plot with the children learning how Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament and kill King James . They learnt that we now celebrate this by lighting bonfires and letting off fireworks.

The children have been retelling the gun powder plot story on their small world table and been exploring lots of different ways to create their own firework pictures using different resources including paint, chalks and loose parts.



Oscar's Christmas appeal

A word from Oscar (yr6) who is planning his Christmas appeal.

'This is something that I started when I was 4 years old and this will be my 7th year doing it for the Home Start Charity. This is my last year at Martins Wood so I would like to make this one count. If you can donate anything to my just giving page or bring in any Christmas biscuits, or Christmas selection boxes or chocolates that would be great.

I'd also like to thank all the MW students, staff and parents for their support over the years, the food packages we have been able to make up for Xmas have helped so many families and made their Xmas that extra bit special. '

Further details will be given in next weeks newsletter.

Winter Reads

Hertfordshire Libraries are excited to announce our Winter Reads Challenge, which will run from Friday 1 November to Saturday 31 January. This initiative aims to encourage all ages to engage with reading during the winter months through a series of fun and flexible challenges. Those who complete all six challenges by Saturday 31 January will be entered into prize draw to win an iPad. The Challenge is FREE, all you need to do is pop into the Stevenage library, join and pick up the challenge material.

UPCOMING DATES

13th November - Yr 6 Stevenage Synagogue visitor

25th November - Yr 4 HCL Healthy food workshop

25th November - EYFS Tour (2pm)

26th November & 27th November - Flu Vaccinations for whole school

Friday 29th November - School closed

9th December - EYFS Tour (9.30am)

10th December - Early years stay and play

9:15 -10:15 Nursery Ash + Aspen

10:30 - 11:30 Saplings

2:00 - 3:00 Nursery Oak + Apple

12th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

16th December -

9:15 - 10:00 KS2 performance 1

10:00 - 10:45 FOMW provide hot drinks and mince pies

10:45 - 11:30 KS1 (Cast A)

1:00 - 1:45 KS1 (Cast B)

1:45 - 2:30 FOMW provide hot drinks and mince pies

2:30 - 3:15pm KS2 performance 2

Friday 20th December - Term ends

Whole school attendance is currently 96.7%

Remember to achieve 100% attendance your child needs to be in school, every day and on time.

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Early years tours

We still have places available on our early years tours, so if your child is due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2025 then please come along to one of our Early Years tours to find out more about our great school.



Proposed consultation

Martins Wood School is consulting on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2026/27 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed change is:

1. To reduce the PAN from 90-60

The consultation period runs from 28 October– 8 December 2024. Please send your comments regarding the proposals to the Trust direct at governance@ivylearningtrust.org

Hertfordshire County Council is also running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for the school year 2026/27 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

HCC's proposed changes are:

1. To reduce the published admission number (PAN) at four community or voluntary controlled primary schools.
2. Retain the remainder of the county council's existing admission arrangements for 2026/27, including PANs, Relevant Areas and schemes of coordination.

The consultation period runs until 8 December 2024. Please see the attached poster attached to the newsletter emails or visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2026 for more information and to respond online.

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