



# NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

## SUMMER

How quick the time has gone and we are already at the end of this academic year! Reflecting back on the past year, there have been so many moments of joy and chances to celebrate the children of Martins Wood.

The Autumn term began with Year 6's PGL trip where the children faced their fears abseiling, climbing and swinging. Our ambassadors visited the council offices as part of Stevenage Schools Parliament and set about making changes across Stevenage. To end the term we celebrated Christmas with our Key Stage 1 production and Key Stage 2 concerts which brought festive cheer.

In the Spring term, Nursery children celebrated Chinese New Year with a traditional dragon dance, we all came to school in our best book themed costumes, Year 3 slept over in the school hall and many of us enjoyed the Easter Egg hunt organised by our wonderful volunteers (FOMW).

The Summer term has been jam packed. The Year 4 and 5 children have taken part in their overnight stays with new experiences for all, our youngest children were visited by a range of different animals, sports days were enjoyed by all and we have been treated to some glorious sunny days.

We wish all the children and wider school community a restful and happy summer holidays. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September for another fun filled year.

Mrs Hannah Taylor & Mrs Zoe Phillips

Finally, a thought for our Year 6 children who are moving on to their new adventures. In the past few weeks they have been celebrating the end of their Martins Wood journey with a trip to Wicksteed park, a disco and finally their leavers assembly. Year 6 we will miss you all.

### MARTINS WOOD, FAREWELL

You walked in small, you're leaving tall,  
With memories made – we've loved it all.

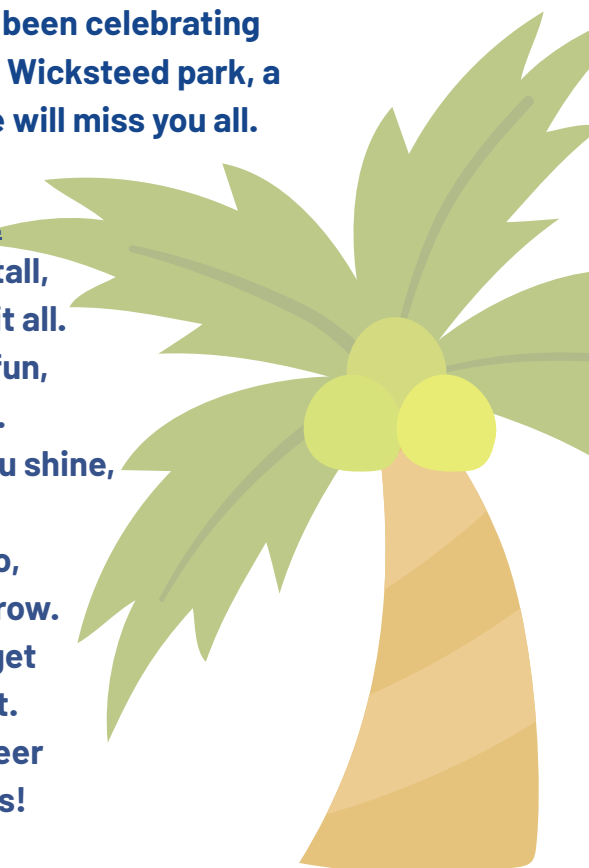
From learning maths to lunchtime fun,  
Your journey here is nearly done.

We've helped you grow, we've helped you shine,  
With every lesson, every line.

Now Year 6 ends, and you must go,  
To chase new dreams, to learn, to grow.

But Martins Wood, please don't forget  
We'll remember, the best days yet.

So here's goodbye, and one last cheer  
Thank you for some amazing years!





## Enterprise Day

Last week, Year 6 took part in an 'Enterprise Day', raising funds for their end of year events. They were tasked with creating a stall/activity that would raise as much money as possible, using a limited initial budget.

The event was a huge success and raised over £960! A huge thank you for all of the children and parents for their support with the event, particularly the ones who helped to tidy up at the end!



MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



### TOP



White polo shirt  
(with school logo  
if preferred)



Royal blue  
sweatshirt / Royal  
blue Cardigan



Navy fleece



### BOTTOM



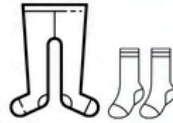
Plain navy  
trousers or  
shorts



Navy skirt, shorts or pinafore  
dresses



Blue/white checked summer  
dresses



Navy, black, grey  
or white socks /  
tights



Black school  
shoes or trainers

### PLEASE NOTE

- All hair should be tied back at all times if longer than shoulder length
- No jewellery except 1 pair of plain stud earrings and a watch (no smart watches)
- Jogging bottoms, leggings and cycling shorts should not be worn except for in pre-school and nursery

MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PE UNIFORM



### SUMMER



White T-Shirt



Navy shorts



Trainers

White, grey or  
black socks



### WINTER



Jogging bottoms



White T-Shirt



White, grey or  
black socks



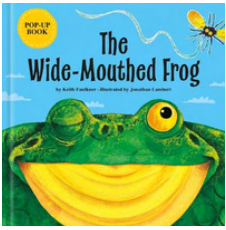
Navy sweatshirt  
or fleece



Trainers

### PLEASE NOTE

- Earrings should be removed. If ears have recently been pierced children will need to cover their earrings with sticky plaster, provided by home.



**Mrs Metcalfe:**

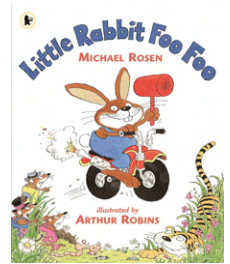
**The Wide-Mouthed Frog by Keith Faulkner.**

Is a fun, interactive story about a curious frog who asks other animals what they like to eat. With a surprising twist at the end!

**Miss Harris:**

**Little Rabbit Foo Foo by Michael Rosen by Keith Faulkner**

Is a hilarious rhyming story about a mischievous rabbit who causes trouble in the forest.



**Miss Miles:**

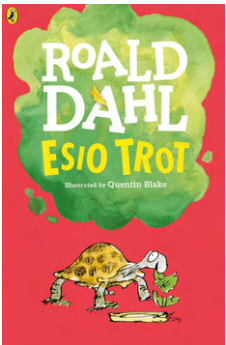
**The Runaway Pea by Kjartan Poskitt**

Lively, funny tale about a cheeky little pea who escapes from his plate and goes on a wild adventure. Full of energy and surprises, it's a delightful read for young children!

**Mrs Lund:**

**The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright & Jim Field**

Heartwarming rhyming story about a shy mouse who sets out to find his roar. It's a powerful tale about courage, confidence, and discovering that even the smallest voice can make a big difference.



**Mr Mayne:**

**Esio Trot by Roald Dahl**

Sweet and quirky story about shy Mr. Hoppy, who comes up with a clever plan to win the heart of his neighbour, Mrs. Silver and her pet tortoise. Full of charm and gentle humour, it's a delightful read for young readers.

**Mrs Kenealy:**

**Who Let The Gods Out by Maz Evans**

Is a fast paced, funny adventure where a mortal boy teams up with ancient Greek gods to save the world. Packed with action, myth, and laughs, it's a brilliant read for KS2 pupils!



**Mrs Hillyard:**

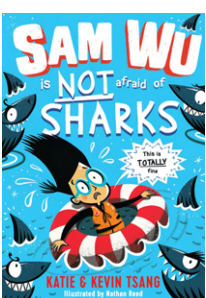
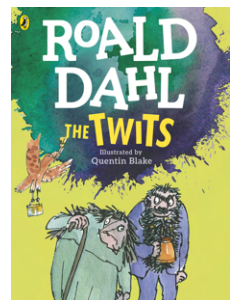
**Return to Roar by Jenny McLachlan**

Is an exciting sequel where Arthur and Rose head back to the magical world of Roar to face new dangers and thrilling adventures. A gripping, imaginative story perfect for fans of fantasy and friendship!

**Mr Downie:**

**The Twits by Roald Dahl**

Hilarious tale about a nasty, prank-loving couple who get a taste of their own medicine. Full of mischief and classic Dahl humour, it's a fun and revolting read children love!



**Mrs Eckland:**

**Sam Wu is not Afraid of Sharks by Katie & Kevin Tsang**

Funny and relatable story about a boy determined to prove he's brave, especially around sharks! Packed with humour, adventure, and cool illustrations.

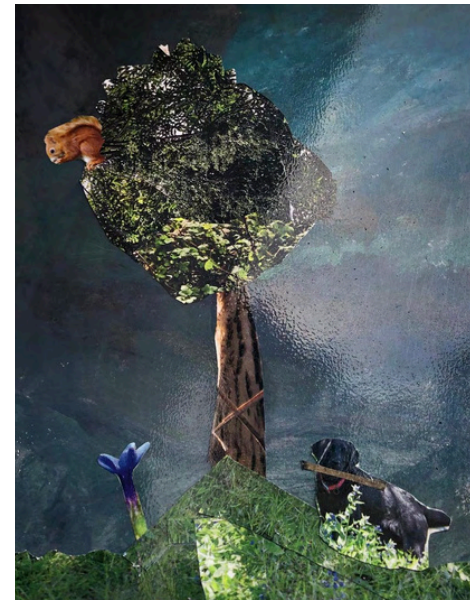
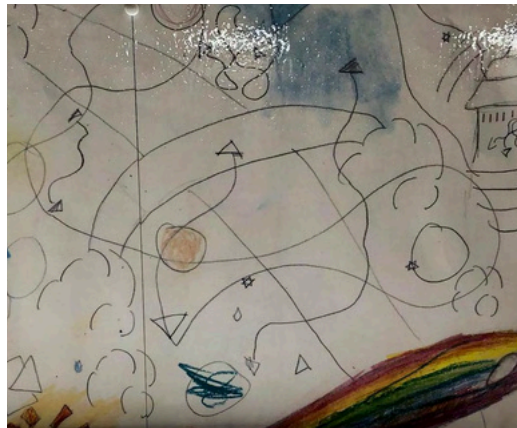
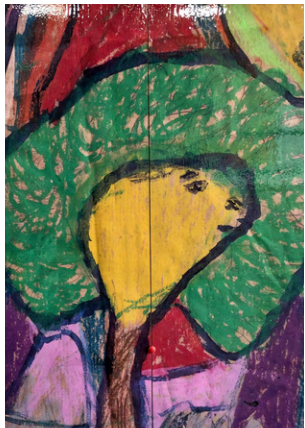
We're delighted to share an exciting update on the Underpass Art Competition! Earlier this year, a selection of artwork from our Art Club was submitted and we're proud to announce that seven pieces have been chosen for display from a very large number of entries.

The selected works include a mix of individual and collaborative pieces, many based on the themes of The Tree of Life and City Landscapes, inspired by renowned artists such as Peter Blake, Cecil Collins, and Kandinsky.

Well done to the following pupils whose creativity and talent shone through:

- Peter Mayall
- Noah O'Reilly
- Liberty Piper (two works selected)
- Hannah Goode
- Art Club Collaborative Group (two city landscapes)

We're incredibly proud of all our young artists and the way they represented Martins Wood with such imagination and skill. Keep an eye out for more creative highlights next term!



## Mr. Stephenson's Summer Challenge

The summer holidays are a great time to challenge yourself by practicing any skills that you may not feel too confident at right now. Just 18 mins a day of perseverance will have you feeling super confident.

Throwing and catching a small ball, large ball or rugby ball.

Striking - Cricket - Rounders - Tennis - Kicking - Football - Strength - Gymnastics - Balance - Dance - Fitness - Running - Biking - Walking - Skipping

Best of luck



SIGN UP TO THE LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE



READ THE SUBTITLES ON A TV PROGRAMME



ALPHABET HUNT ON A LONG CAR JOURNEY



READ TO A TEDDY



SET UP A READING DEN



READ AND SPRAY AWAY WORDS WRITTEN IN CHALK



DESIGN AND LABEL YOUR OWN ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND



SWAP A BOOK WITH A FRIEND

## 20 WAYS TO PRACTISE READING OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS



PUT ON A SHOW AND ACT OUT A FAVOURITE STORY



READ A MENU



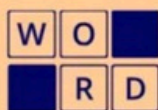
READ A RECIPE AND HELP MAKE THE FOOD



MAKE YOUR OWN READING GLASSES OR MASK



LISTEN TO AN AUDIO BOOK



MAKE YOUR OWN WORD SEARCH OR CROSSWORD



MAKE YOUR OWN BOOKMARK



SET UP PASSWORDS ON THE SNACK CUPBOARD



READ IN BED BY TORCHLIGHT



MAKE YOUR OWN SCAVENGER HUNT



READ IN AT LEAST TWO MODES OF TRANSPORT



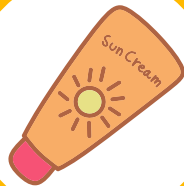
READ A MAGAZINE

@PHONICS FAMILY

## HOW TO STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER



Drink plenty of water



Put suncream on and stay in shaded areas



Wear a sun hat & sunglasses



Beware of hot cars



Be careful in and around water



## Nature Bracelet Adventure

Children can explore the outdoors while making their own nature bracelet! Wrap a piece of sticky tape (sticky side out) around their wrist like a bracelet, then head out on a walk or into the garden.

As they explore, they can stick small flowers, leaves, petals, and grasses onto the tape, creating a beautiful bracelet made entirely from nature's treasures.



## Summer Reading Challenge: Story Garden

Join the Story Garden at your local Hertfordshire Library this summer! Inspired by nature and storytelling, children can read six library books, collect stickers, and earn a medal and certificate.

The challenge runs from 5 July to 6 September and includes free activities and a chance to win tickets to a workshop with author Sean Taylor. Pop into your local library to get started!

## Cooking: Frozen Yogurt Bark

A healthy, refreshing treat perfect for hot days!

Ingredients:

- 2 cups plain or vanilla yogurt
- 1-2 tablespoons honey or maple syrup (optional)
- Fresh berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries)
- Sliced banana or grapes
- A handful of granola or crushed cereal (optional)

Instructions:

1. Line a baking tray with parchment paper.
2. Mix the yogurt with honey or syrup (if using).
3. Spread the yogurt evenly over the tray (about ½ inch thick).
4. Sprinkle fruit and granola on top.
5. Freeze for 3-4 hours, or until solid.
6. Break into pieces and enjoy!

Tip: Store leftovers in a freezer bag for a grab-and-go snack.



## Summer Reading Photo Challenge

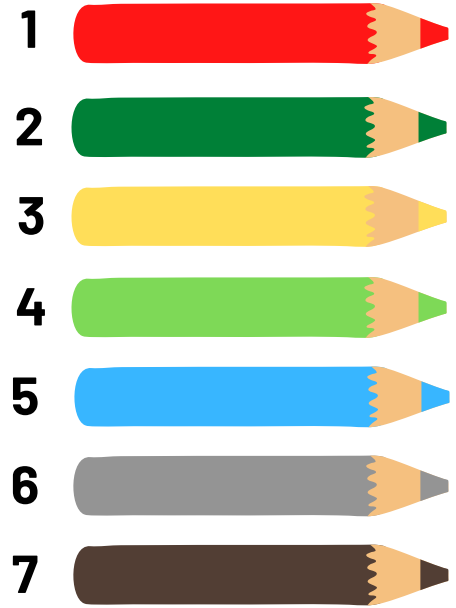
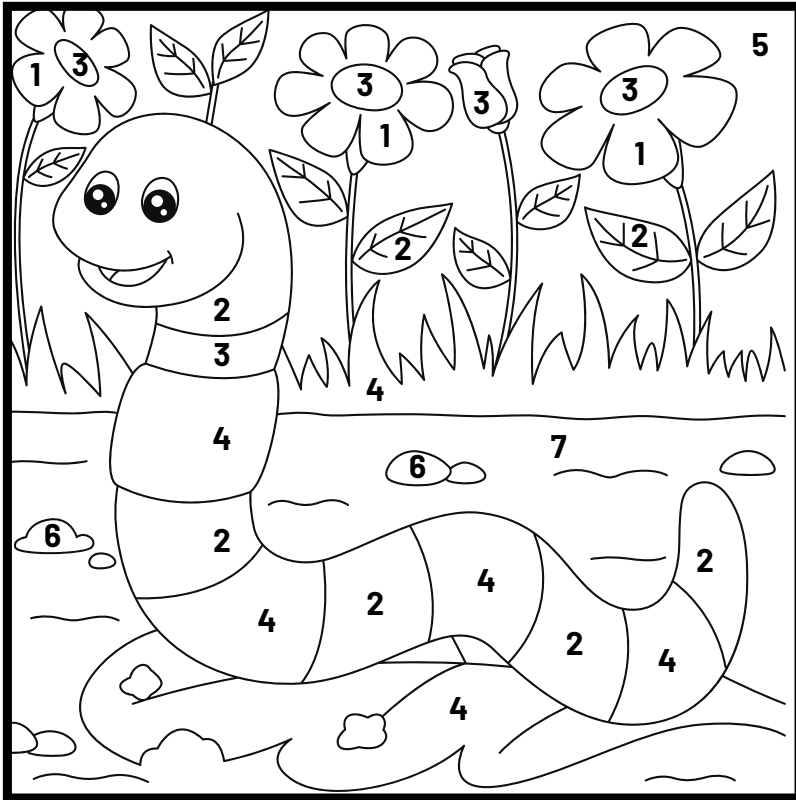
We're bringing back a favourite! This summer, take a photo of your child reading in an unusual place, a tree, a tent, a sandcastle... be creative!

We'll collect the photos in September and feature them in our newsletter. It's a fun way to keep reading over the break and get the whole family involved! Remember to send photos at [admin@martinswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@martinswood.herts.sch.uk)

## Summer Craft Ideas

Get creative this summer with simple outdoor art! Try leaf printing with paint or rock painting to make colourful garden decorations. Easy, fun, and perfect for all ages!





## Summer WORD SEARCH

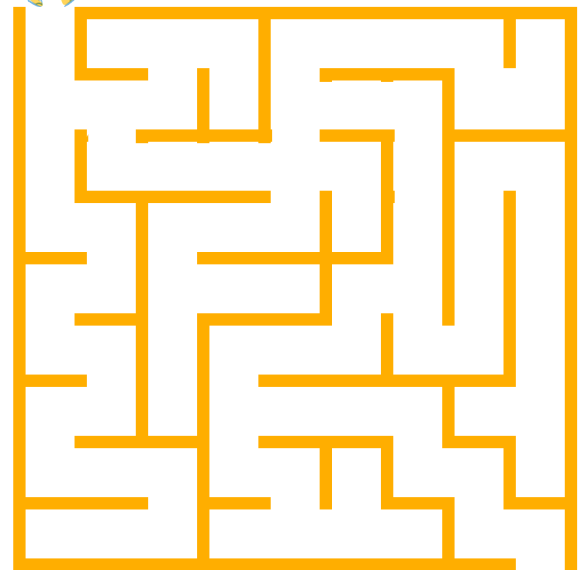


- BEE
- CAMP
- FUN
- HOT
- ICE CREAM
- PARK
- PLAY
- RELAX
- SUMMER
- SUNGLASSES
- SUNSHINE
- SWIM
- VACATION
- WATER



## Summer Maze Game

Draw a line to help the child find their way to their friends.





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BAY



5410

DARTMOOR



5497

SHETLAND



5743

SHIRE



4068

SUFFOLK

Our winners for the term are Shire.

The winners overall for the year are Shire.

We are proud of all the children for their efforts in earning house points across the year. The children are awarded house points for going above and beyond, showing fantastic PRIDE learning behaviours and excellent effort.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

23<sup>rd</sup> July - End of Term 2pm

3<sup>rd</sup> September - Inset Day

4<sup>th</sup> September - Term begins 8:50am

Tea & Chat for Reception Parents

Welcome Event for Reception Parents

# TEA & CHAT

We're excited to invite you to a special Tea & Chat. Welcome Morning for all new Reception class parents. This is a lovely chance to meet other parents, chat over a cup of tea or coffee, ask any questions you may have, and get to know our wonderful PTA.

Thursday 4th September, 9am-9.30am



Martins Wood Primary School  
School Small Hall (next to the main school office)



## TECH & STEM CAMP

SUMMER 2025

WITH TAKE HOME INVENTIONS!

Ofsted Registered

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- MOVE MAKING
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- INVENTIONS
- SCIENCE DAY

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