



MBA Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin a new academic year, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our learners, families and staff. It has been fantastic to see our school come back to life with such positivity, enthusiasm and energy, and I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting classrooms and seeing learners engage so confidently in their return to school.

I would also like to offer a special welcome to the many new learners and families who have joined us this term. Starting at a new school can be both exciting and daunting, but it has been wonderful to see how quickly our new learners are settling into routines, building relationships with staff and peers, and becoming valued members of our school community. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, confidence and determination they have already shown.

This year is particularly special for me as I begin my first academic year as Head of School. It is a privilege to lead such a dedicated staff team and to work alongside such remarkable young people. Every day I am reminded of the unique strengths, talents and personalities that make our school such a vibrant and supportive place to learn.

The start of a new year always brings fresh opportunities. We have exciting plans ahead, with a continued focus on providing ambitious learning experiences, developing independence, celebrating achievement and ensuring that every learner is supported to reach their full potential. I am confident that, working together in partnership with our families, this will be a year filled with success, growth and memorable experiences for all.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to getting to know many more of you over the coming months and celebrating the many achievements that lie ahead.

Billy Hawes, Interim Head of School



Swifts - Discover



Teacher's Note

Hello and welcome back to MBA! It has been absolutely lovely to welcome the Swifts back into school. We have a very exciting term planned! Here is a glimpse of what we have been up to in class so far...

Classroom Highlights

We are so proud of the Swifts class and how beautifully they have settled back into their school routine! Our team has been spending quality one-to-one time with each child, using intensive interaction to build strong, trusting bonds. It has been wonderful to see the classroom filled with so many smiles and laughs.

What We're Learning

Our topic this term is Superheroes, and we are already having so much fun. In our sensory story sessions, we are exploring the book "There's a Superhero in Your Book." We focus on one page each week, using "bucket" time and multi-sensory activities to help the children develop their joint attention skills.

This week, the children worked one-on-one with adults to explore the book and use their mark-making skills to design their very own book covers! We also introduced "Colourful Semantics" to help everyone learn and identify the main characters. In maths, we have been busy counting items from our sensory bucket and singing along to counting songs.

Finally, in food technology, we explored the kitchen through sound by focusing on foods that make loud "crunch" and "snap" noises, like cereals and dry pasta.

Please check your child's EFL (Evidence for Learning) profile to see more exciting photos and updates of what they have been up to in class.

Reminders

Please can you label all belongings to make sure we can send everything home. Please also send in spare clothes for your child.

**Thanks
for all
your
support!
Swifts
Team**





Canaries - Discover

Teacher's Note

Welcome back! It has been great to be back and to welcome back some old and some new learners into our class this year. We have really enjoyed coming together and getting to know each other this week.

Classroom Highlights

It has been great to welcome our class back and to see our new learners join Canaries with big smiles and enthusiasm. Well done Canaries.

What We're Learning

Our topic is Superheroes and we have lots of exciting activities planned. Our sensory story this half term is 'There is a superhero in your book' as we go through our story we will be developing joint attention skills alongside interactions with adults and key resources.

Maths: We will be exploring counting and will be looking at the story "10 little superheroes." During these sessions we will introduce mathematical concepts through a range of multisensory approaches. We look forward to activities such as messy play, construction and outdoor learning activities to support our understanding of these concepts. We like to use learners' interests to support some of our sessions so please do let us know of any special interests your learner may have.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be exploring superhero colour in art, superhero power in science and superhero sounds during our food technology sessions.

Reminders

Wed/Fri: Swimming
- please remember to send in kits.

Please continue to check EfL to see what we have been up to.

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Teacher's Note

Due to SVC closing at 1.00 pm on 24 September to prepare for its Open Evening, all students at The Link will be attending a visit to the Cambridge Science Centre. During the visit, students will take part in a workshop and enjoy a range of hands-on science activities. Students should attend school in their school uniform and will travel to and from the venue by school minibus. Further information, including timings and any additional arrangements, will be shared closer to the date.

What We're Learning

Over the coming weeks, families will receive regular curriculum focus updates from across all year groups at The Link. These updates will provide an insight into the learning taking place within our core subjects, including the key topics students are exploring and any notable highlights, achievements, or successes seen in the classroom.

We hope these curriculum focuses will help families gain a greater understanding of the exciting learning experiences taking place across The Link and support conversations about learning at home.

Reminders

23rd September: Year 7 and 9 School photos. All students must wear full correct school uniform (including a school jumper) and adhere to the uniform policy. No PE kits.

24th September: The Link is open as normal. We are not closing at 1pm like SVC.

Classroom Highlights

It has been fantastic to see the positive relationships already developing, with our Year 8 and 9 students making our new Year 7's feel welcome and included within the school community.

Can we please ensure that all pupils are coming to school with correct uniform including black shoes and that they have their lanyards with them. Students should also have the correct equipment for the lessons they have that day, including PE kit. Lessons are on their timetables attached to their lanyards.

If there are any issues, or children have lost their lanyards, timetable or do not have the equipment, please email their form tutor so they can help. Thunberg form - Harry Fishpool, Einstein form - Paul Lockley and Hamilton form - Nicole Cresser.

Noah's Challenge

MBA student Noah has a diagnosis of Rubinstein Taybi Syndrome which is a very rare condition and there is limited information and understanding about how this impacts people's lives. Fortunately the RTS Charity do amazing work to support families and to sponsor research into the condition. Noah's family have been very lucky to have been supported by the charity and Noah has taken part in some of the research studies.

To pay a little back, Noah's family will be supporting Noah to undertake an Ultra Challenge; he will be walking 10km on 26th September. We are collecting sponsors via a Just Giving page and would appreciate any donations:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/l-read-1?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_donation_received_-_nth_donation&utm_content=2eb1ee53-b326-4ec4-9979-eef9f0076731&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1787586897560





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Parent Information

GENES *for* **JEANS DAY**

WEAR JEANS. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

WEEK IS
14TH - SUN 20TH
SEPTEMBER

Supporting children with
genetic and chromosomal
conditions.

Small change.
Big difference.
Stronger together. ♥

FRIDAY
WE WILL BE WEARING
JEANS
Friday
18TH
SEPTEMBER

WEAR
JEANS
CHANGE LIVES

♥ **THANK YOU** for your support!



Parent Information

Dates for your diary

Summer Fayre: Saturday
12th September, 10.30 -
12pm

Jeans for Genes Day:
Friday 18th September

Reminders

If your child is unwell,
please contact the school
office by 8.30am by:

Phone: 01223 340800
pressing option 1 and
leaving a voicemail

Email:
[office@martinbacon.acade
my](mailto:office@martinbacon.academy)

We will update teachers
and the kitchen. If we do
not hear from you, your
child's absence will be
unauthorised.

FOMBA

Friends of Martin Bacon Academy Community WhatsApp Group

Scan this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to
join this community



[https://chat.whatsapp.com/
FqcQsvfiwcO0geDZ8bAARJ?mode=wwt](https://chat.whatsapp.com/FqcQsvfiwcO0geDZ8bAARJ?mode=wwt)

Upcoming Events

The Link Open Evening:
Thursday 24th September,
4pm

The Link Year 7 & 9
School Photos:
Wednesday 23rd
September

Makaton of the week

Please check out our
Makaton page on our
website
[https://www.martinbacon.
academy/category/makaton
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SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026						caterlink feeding the imagination	MENU KEY:
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's special
	Option Two	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	NEW Banana Mousse	Orange Drizzle Cake	Fruit Platter	Apple Flapjack	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	
WEEK TWO	Option One	Cheese & Tomato Piza with Summer Mixed Salad	Beef Chili with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's special
	Option Two	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spaghetti & Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Peaches & Ice Cream	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie	
WEEK THREE	Option One	Tomato Pasta	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chef Shipa's Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's special
	Option Two	NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw	Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Cheese & Crockers	Fruit Medley	Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	
AVAILABLE DAILY:		Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt					

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

Lunch options are put through daily by the teachers. If you have preferences on what your child should eat for lunch, please send it in an email to the office and we will pass on to the kitchen for you.

If your child has any food intolerances or allergies, please complete the following form:

<https://rosmith.plumsail.io/75952965-23e0-4386-996e-24acfff97359?layout=beb774d6-bfc9-40c5-82cf-c394eb9e89f1>



Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term

Training Day – 1st September 2026

Training Day – 2nd September 2026

First day of term: Thursday 3rd September 2026

Training day (Disaggregated) Friday 23rd October 2026

Half term: Monday 26th October – 30th October 2026

Training Day – Monday 2nd November 2026

Training Day (Disaggregated) Friday 27th November 2026

Last day of term: Friday 18th December 2026 (close at 1pm)

Spring Term

Training day – Monday 4th January 2027

First day of term: Tuesday 5th January 2027

Half term: Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027

Last day of term: Friday 25th March 2027 (close at 1pm)

Summer Term

First day of term: Monday 12th April 2027

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

Half term: Monday 31st May – 4th June 2027

Training Day Friday 9th July 2027

Last day of term: Wednesday 21st July 2027 (close at 1pm)