



MBA Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Martin Bacon Academy, with lots of exciting learning and development taking place across the academy.

Our work on adaptive teaching and MBA Flightpaths continues, with staff focusing on ensuring that all learners can access the same rich curriculum while working towards the skills and outcomes that are appropriate to their individual stage of learning. This allows us to maintain high expectations while making learning meaningful and accessible for everyone.

We are also continuing to develop our neuro-affirming practice as part of our Autism Specialist Award journey. A key focus for us is ensuring that learners have increasing opportunities to communicate their preferences, make choices, develop independence and influence the decisions that affect them.

In particular, we are looking at how we can strengthen learner voice, including accessible approaches such as communication systems, symbols, AAC and Talking Mats. We want to make sure that learner voice is not simply something we collect, but something that genuinely influences what we do.

Our Preparation for Adulthood work also continues to develop, with a particular focus on giving learners meaningful opportunities to practise functional skills in real-life contexts. In Sixth Form, we are developing our "99 Things" programme to provide a wide range of experiences that support independence, community participation and life beyond school.

Finally, thank you to all our staff for the continued commitment, creativity and care you are showing every day. The start of a new academic year brings lots of change, and your work in building positive relationships, establishing routines and creating engaging learning opportunities makes such a difference to our learners.

We are looking forward to another positive week of learning, growing and celebrating success across MBA!

Emma Hartshorne
Assistant Principal





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Penguins - Adventure

Teacher's Note

Penguins have hit the ground running this term with plenty of hands on activities. So far, we have had lots of moments which have made the Penguins team proud as we strive to learn each day.

Classroom Highlights

Martim, Matthew, and Junior represented the school in a football match on Thursday. They managed to win 2 out of 3 matches with Junior scoring a goal for the school.

What We're Learning

English: we have focused on 'Blitzers' a new science fiction book. Penguins created their own characters and have been predicting the story chapter by chapter.

Maths: we have focused on place value with pupils working with larger multiples of 10 and assigning value to groups of objects.

Science: we have been learning about human anatomy exploring bones, muscles and joints. Penguins have been labeling skeletons and talking about why each bone is important.

Food technology: we been looking at the different variations of cooking eggs.

PE: we have been focusing on invasion games and different skill break downs in football.

Reminders

Swimming:
Friday

PE:
Wednesday

Food tech:
Tuesday



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Penguins
Class**

Buzzards - Explore



Teacher's Note

Hello everyone! We have had a great month of learning and getting back into our school routines. It has been lovely to see Buzzards settling into the school year and working so hard.

Classroom Highlights

This week, as part of our 'My Community' topic, Buzzards took part in a litter pick around our school. Buzzards really enjoyed learning about the importance of not littering and keeping our environment clean. They worked together to collect litter around the school and enjoyed giving something back to the Northstowe community.

What We're Learning

BTEC Enterprise: This month, Buzzards have started their BTEC qualification. We have been learning about enterprises; what they are, who is involved in them, and the different roles people can have. We have also started brainstorming ideas for an enterprise that we are going to create together as a class. We are very excited to see our ideas develop!

English: We have been working towards our Entry Level 1 Reading paper, with a particular focus on comprehension. Buzzards are working very hard and are becoming increasingly confident at finding and pulling out key information from a text. We are really proud of the progress they are making!

Maths: We have been focusing on place value. Some of us are working with numbers up to 10,000, practicing ordering, rounding and comparing numbers. Others are working with numbers up to 50, also developing their skills in ordering, rounding and comparing numbers.

Reminders

Swimming
kit: Fridays

PE kit:
Thursdays

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Parent Information

Dates for your diary

Monday 12th October: Flu vaccinations (MBA/Link)

Friday 23rd Oct/Mon 2nd Nov: Training Days - no children in school

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October - Half Term Holiday

Friday 27th November: Training Day - no children in school

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.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/FqcQsvfiwc00geDZ8bAARJ?mode=wwt>

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 20th October: Halloween Disco (MBA only, during school hours)

Wednesday 21st October: MBA School Photos

Makaton of the week

Please check out our Makaton page on our website
<https://www.martinbacon.academy/category/makaton-of-the-week/>





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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 Dizzle 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 Pita 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 26th 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)