



MBA Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, it is lovely to reflect on the wonderful learning experiences and achievements across our Discover Pathway. The weeks have flown by, and it has been a pleasure to see our pupils settling into their new classes, building relationships and engaging so enthusiastically with their learning. Our topic, Superheroes, has been a great success, inspiring curiosity, creativity and exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum.

In English, we have been exploring *There Is a Superhero in My Book!* Pupils have worked hard to develop their vocabulary, build sentences using Colourful Semantics and have lots of fun taking on the role of the Scribbler, strengthening their mark-making and handwriting skills.

In Maths, pupils have been practising their counting and exploring early mathematical concepts, including heavy and light, full and empty, and big and small through fun, practical activities.

In Science, our learning about forces has been full of hands-on exploration! Pupils have enjoyed investigating pushing, pulling, stretching, squeezing and squashing, discovering how objects move and change shape.

In Learning for Life, pupils explored who can help us and how we can ask for help when we need it. Through practical activities and discussions, they developed their understanding of trusted adults and the importance of communicating their needs, building confidence in seeking support when necessary.

A real highlight of the term has been our wonderful music therapy and music sessions, which have engaged our learners beautifully. These sessions provide valuable opportunities for communication, interaction, self-expression and shared enjoyment, and it has been lovely to see pupils participating so enthusiastically.

Throughout the term, pupils have worked hard towards their Personal Learning Goals (PLGs), making lovely progress across all areas of learning. We are incredibly proud of their efforts, achievements and growing confidence.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm wishes,
Andreea, Class Teacher/ Discover Pathway Lead



Magpies - Explore



Teacher's Note

Magpies have worked hard these first few weeks to establish routine again. The Magpies team are so proud of how all the learners have been so welcoming to new faces in the classroom.

Classroom Highlights

Well done to Sid for being resilient and trying new things.

Well done to Thomas for being a kind friend to everyone in the classroom.

Well done Magpies!

What We're Learning

Maths: Magpies' learners have been focusing on place value and addition and subtraction. This week learners have worked hard practising number bonds to 20 using part whole models.

Science: This term we have focused on the human body and the five senses. Learners have explored what the bones in their bodies are. They have also learnt about what the 5 senses are and brainstormed ideas of how they use them in everyday life.

English: Magpies have been focusing on the book 'Emily Brown and The Thing'. Learners have completed a range of activities around the book. They used sentence starters to recount the story. They have also identified adjectives that describe the settings in the story and the characters. Magpies are soon going to start writing their own stories.

Reminders

Swimming: Wednesday for children not going to Kings Hedges. Children who attend Kings Hedges, swimming will remain on the Monday. Please remember to send your child in with their kit.

Cooking: Thursday. We will let you know in advance if a container is required.



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Magpies
Class**

Hawks - Adventure



Teacher's Note

It's always busy in Hawks class! For year 11 students, there have been College visits to CRC Huntingdon and CoWA Cambridge this week to help us to think about our potential next steps.

Classroom Highlights

Mike, Madison and a group of students from MBA, The Link and other Special Schools in the Meridian Trust have been in France all week!

What We're Learning

All students are making good progress with their Entry level English, maths and Science (including beginning our first assessments in English, with Science next week).

In our BTEC, we have found reflecting on the skills we need to achieve a task can be tricky, we've been developing our resilience through this.

Reminders

Another college visit for year 11 students to CRC Cambridge on Tuesday next week. Remember to keep looking at your post-16 options on [MyChoice16](#) - [Your Online Careers Gateway](#).

I'd strongly encourage year 10 students and their families to have a look at the open days and go and visit.



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Hawks
Class**

Parent Information

Dates for your diary

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/FqcQsvfiwcO0geDZ8bAARJ?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/>



Parent information

Lego Lunch Club!





Northstowe
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SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026

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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE 07/09/26 28/09/26 19/10/26	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 14/09/26 05/10/26	Option One	Cheese & Tomato Pizza 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 31/08/26 21/09/26 12/10/26	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 & Crackers	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)