

MBA Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic holiday. It has been wonderful to see how confidently learners have returned, seamlessly re-engaging with their familiar routines and picking up from where they left off before the break

The Discover Pathway had a wonderful and vibrant term, prior to the break, filled with curiosity, creativity, and meaningful learning experiences. Last term's theme, "Planet Earth," invited students to explore both our home planet and the wider universe, through our multi-sensory and early learning approach. Students engaged in rich hands-on activities, that enabled them to explore key concepts linked to Planet Earth such as planets, stars and the universe through scientific enquiry, creating space inspired artwork and sampling textured foods inspired by the different planets. It was a joy to see students making connections, building confidence, in their own unique ways.

As we begin a new term, we are excited to launch our new theme: "Rainbows." Across all areas of learning, students will be provided opportunities to explore colour, light, and the world around them in ways that are accessible, engaging, and purposeful. Learning experiences will be carefully designed to engage the senses and support early learning goals across a range of curriculum areas.

Throughout the term, students will:

- Explore colours and light through scientific experiences, using light, movement and practical activities to observe how colours and materials change. Learners will also take part activities to achieve CREST awards and achieve with their science learning.
- In Food Technology learners will create rainbow-inspired foods, developing independence and key life skills.,
- Explore colour inspired designs through creative, multi-sensory art activities, using a variety of materials and textures to experiment with colour mixing, mark-making, and expressive techniques.

We look forward to another exciting term in the Discover Pathway, filled with discovery, sensory experiences, and joyful learning.

Thank you for your continued support!!
William Hawes, Deputy Headteacher



Swifts - Discover



Teacher's Note

We would like to say a big thank you to all our families for your continued support and engagement. Our topic this term is Rainbows and already we have seen lots of enthusiasm and curiosity which has been fantastic!

Classroom Highlight

It has been great to get outside for outdoor learning this week to further extend on our lessons. Our learners have shown lots of enthusiasm for our new topic and we look forward to sharing more with you as the term progresses. Well done Swifts.

What We're Learning

We are looking forward to introducing our new sensory story for the half term which is Elmer. We will be exploring lots of multi sensory resources and activities to enhance connections to the story. Our phonics sounds this half term are b, f, l.

In our maths this half term we will be introducing the concepts of matching and sorting, beginning by exploring 'same and different'. This week we have enjoyed exploring matching colours, linking to our Rainbow topic.

We have lots of fun activities and learning planned this half including rainbow experiments, exploring weather and exploring different coloured foods and textures in our food technology sessions.

Reminders

Please don't forget to send in swimming and PE kits in on Wednesday and Thursdays.

We will be continuing to send regular updates on EFL so keep an eye to see what we have been getting up to in Swifts.

**Thanks for
your continued
support -
Rachel**





Wrens - Discover

Teacher's Note

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school, and they have settled straight back into their routines. We are looking forward to a busy exciting term ahead, with lots of learning and new experiences to come.

Classroom Highlights

The children have settled back into routines very well and seem happy to be back at school. It has been lovely to see the progress they have made.

We are gradually introducing swimming to the pupils. It is lovely to see how much they are enjoying being in the water and growing in confidence.

Well done to all the students - Wrens are so proud of you!

What We're Learning

This term, we will be learning about rainbows across all areas of the curriculum.

In Literacy, our learning will focus on key aspects of the story Elmer and the Rainbow. We will be using a range of multi-sensory approaches to support engagement and understanding. We began our sensory story this week, and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed listening, as well as exploring the animals and props.

In Maths, we will be learning about matching and sorting, and the pupils will be introduced to the concepts of "same" and "different".

We will also be exploring patterns through multi-sensory approaches, incorporating Elmer's patchwork pattern.

Reminders

Please check EFL regularly for daily reports on the amazing learning and progress the children are making. On Fridays, we will also share photos.

If your child is swimming, please remember to send in swimming pads.



**Thank you
for your
continued
support.
Wrens Team**



Quails - Discover

Teacher's Note

Quails have returned to school this term eager and ready to engage in lots of fun activities based around our rainbow topic.

Classroom Highlight

We are very proud of all the children for their fantastic work in maths, especially their ability to create a range of repeating patterns.

What We're Learning

Literacy: We have started reading Elmer and the Rainbow this term using widget sentences and symbols. The children have been completing colourful semantics sentence strips about the story and following visual instructions to colour the different characters from the book.

Phonics: We will be learning the sounds b, f, l, ll, ff, and ss. During these sessions, we will continue to practise previously learned sounds, match pictures to their initial sounds, spell words using sound cards, and develop our writing skills.

Maths: We have been exploring and creating a variety of repeating patterns using colours, shapes, and blocks.

Science: We will be carrying out exciting 'rainbow' experiments, such as observing what happens when skittles are added to milk and creating our own rainbows using water, mirrors, and torches.

Reminders

Swimming:
Tuesdays and occasionally Fridays. Please remember to send your child's kit.

Collins Hub:
Please check the Collins Hub for your child's reading books.



Thanks for
your continued
support -
Ruth



Parent Information

Dates for your diary

Bank Holiday - School closed: Monday 4th May

Half Term Break: Monday 25th - Friday 29th May

Training Day - School closed: Friday 3rd July

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

FOMBA Coffee Morning: Monday 27th April, 9am, Northstowe Tap and Social

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

Thursday 11th June:
School Prom - years 10, 11 and 6th Form

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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Parent information



May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm

FOMBA

Morning coffee



Parents come join the Friends of Martin Bacon Academy
for coffee and a chat.

Where: Northstowe Tap and Social
When: Monday 27 April after drop-off
(9 am onwards)



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Parent Information

Please see below the new lunch menu for the Summer Term

SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026						caterlink feeding the imagination	
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	Phat Party Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	MENU KEY: 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	Smoky Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Bean Party 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 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	
	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	
	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 email office@martinbacon.academy to request the relevant allergen form.



Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Training Day – 1st September 2025

Training Day – 2nd September 2025

First day of term: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Training day (Disaggregated) 24th October 2025

Half term: Monday 27th October – 31st October 2025

Training Day – 3rd November 2025

Last day of term: Friday 19th December 2025 (close at 1pm)

Spring Term 2026

Training day – 5th of January 2026

First day of term: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half term: Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Last day of term: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Training day – 3rd July 2026

First day of term: Monday 13th April 2026

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

Half term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

Last day of term: Friday 17th July 2026

Disaggregated Training day – 20th of July 2026