



MBA Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin preparing for the new school year, your child will be bringing home a slip of paper letting you know their class group and class team for September.

At MBA, we have a two-week transition period during the final two weeks of term. During this time, pupils will be in their new classrooms and get to know the staff who will be supporting them next year. We know that changes can sometimes be challenging for our learners, so this transition period helps children become familiar with their new environment, routines and adults before the summer break. Our aim is to support a positive and successful start to the new academic year and help reduce any worries over the holidays.

As part of our Year of Reading, we would love to encourage families to continue sharing books, stories and reading experiences over the summer. Reading together can be a wonderful way to relax, build communication skills and enjoy quality time as a family. The BookTrust reading lists, attached, include a wide range of books to suit different ages, interests and reading levels, and may help you find stories that your child will enjoy.

We would also encourage children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge through their local library. The challenge is a fun way to celebrate reading, discover new books and enjoy stories throughout the holidays. More information can be found at [The Summer Reading Challenge](#).

We are all looking forward to Activities Week and the exciting experiences planned for our pupils. As the weather is becoming warmer, please remember to send your child to school with:

- A named water bottle
- A sun hat
- Sun cream (applied before school and sent in if reapplication is required).

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to enjoying a fantastic end to the school year with our pupils.

Kind regards,

Emma Hartshorne, Assistant Principal





Puffins - Adventure

Teacher's Note

We have had a wonderful week, working very hard in different lessons and working together as a class team.

Classroom Highlights

As part of our Religious Education theme, Special Places, we visited All Saints Church in Longstanton, where we learned about the history of the church and were able to recognise key church features, such as the altar, lectern and font.

What We're Learning

Maths: We have been working on fractions, more specifically on recognising and finding a quarter as well as additions up to 20.

English: We are reading "Superworm", answering key questions and finding new vocabulary. We have also looked at colourful semantics, describing a picture from the story, using: Who? Doing? What? and Where?

Science: Our current topic is "Growing up". This week we have been looking at life cycles of animals.

PE: This week we had the sports leaders from Northstowe 6th Form visiting and they taught our learners how to play different PE games.

Cooking: The learners enjoyed making delicious gingerbread biscuits.

Reminders

Tuesday and Friday:
swimming,
please send in learner's swimming kits.

Monday and Thursday: PE,
please send in PE kits.



Thanks for
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continued
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Parent Information

Dates for your diary

MBA Summer Fayre:
Saturday 27th June, 10.30
- 12pm

**Discover Pathway Sports
& Activities Day:**
Wednesday 1st July

**Explore & Adventure
Sports Day:** Friday 26th
June

**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.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.

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Friends of Martin Bacon Academy Community WhatsApp Group

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



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Upcoming Events

MBA Activities Week:
29th June - 2nd July

The Link Activities Week:
6th - 10th July

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Please check out our
Makaton page on our
website
[https://www.martinbacon.
academy/category/makaton
-of-the-week/](https://www.martinbacon.academy/category/makaton-of-the-week/)



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Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child today, please return money in the envelope provided and ensure your name and a contact phone number is on the back of the tickets. Good luck!



MBA
Summer
SCHOOL FETE
RAFFLE

 **SATURDAY**
27TH JUNE 2026

 **TICKETS**
£1 EACH

**FANTASTIC PRIZES INCLUDE TICKETS TO
FAMILY DAYS OUT AND MANY MORE**

 HUNSTANTON SEA-LIFE SANCTUARY 	 CAMBRIDGE ICE ARENA 	 SHEPRETH WILDLIFE PARK 	 CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE CENTRE 	 SCUDAMORES PUNTING COMPANY 
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 *Support our school and
be in with a chance to win!*  



Parent information

Sports Day: Save The Date

Sports Day for Explore and Adventure Pathways will take place on Friday 26th June.

If you would like to attend the morning activities, please see the timings for your child's class below:

Buzzards & Penguins - 9:30-10:30am

Magpies, Puffins, Blackbirds - 10:50-11:50am

Jackdaws, Flamingos, Swans, 6th Form - 11:10-12:10pm

Sports and Activities Morning for Discover Pathway will be on Wednesday 1st July - more details to follow.



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July 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

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

Parent Information

Please see below the new lunch menu for the Summer Term

SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026						
		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
	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 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