



MBA Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Things are finally starting to grow at our allotment, a sure sign that the weather is improving! We have planted potatoes, beetroot, cauliflower and carrots. Luckily we had some plants left to us from the previous tenants of our plot, so we also have strawberries, raspberries and rhubarb. Dreams of home-made jams and crumbles could become a reality very soon! It will make all the hard digging during the winter months worthwhile.

There has been lots of fund raising going on as pupils in Key Stage 4 seek to raise money for their leavers hoodies and prom. Pizza making, staff breakfast and car washing have all proved popular with the staff. The pupils did a particularly good job with the car washing and come highly recommended.

To continue the work experience theme, pupils in Penguins and Hawks have been working hard to get our school bikes road worthy again. All bikes are now up and running. They developed their skills during a work experience placement at tag bikes in Huntingdon, and have been able to transfer these skills at school.

We are looking to improve our careers provision, and if anybody works in an environment that they feel would be able to support our learners on a work experience placement, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Mark Case
Assistant Principal



Parrots - Discover

Teacher's Note

This term out topic is about Rainbows. The pupil engagement has been lovely to see especially the use of the communication boards to further engage and use words in context.

Classroom Highlight

Parrot class brought the story 'Elmer and the Rainbow' to life by moving their bodies in different ways like the animals in the story and enjoyed going on a rainbow hunt - finding the colourful rings inside and outside the classroom.

What We're Learning

In Science, we explored a rainbow tower block and saw bubbles pour down it and change colour when food colouring was added to it. The open mouths and time pupils attended for was incredible.

In cooking, we made rainbow toast by following a three or four part schedule. Pupils used pipettes to squeeze food colouring onto bread and after it was toasted, they spread butter on it and watched the colours spread across.

And finally, in literacy, we immersed ourselves in all things 'sensory story'. The bird whistle, the lion roars on the switch and the rain mist were captivating.

Great work Parrot Class.

Reminders

Please don't forget to send in swimming and PE kits in on Tuesdays and Fridays including swimming nappies.

Thanks for
your continued
support -
Amanda



Blackbirds - Explore



Teacher's Note

Sian has just left for her maternity leave and we wish her and the baby all the best. Whilst all the students and other teaching staff in Blackbirds are really going to miss her they have still made a positive return following the Easter break.

Classroom Highlights

The students all worked together collaboratively to make a wonderful card for Sian with good luck messages.



What We're Learning

In maths we are learning about fractions and the learners have already grasped the concept of halves, thirds and quarters making up the whole.

In English we have made a fun start to considering poetry and making rhymes about different colours. The students have been creating colourful and playful rhyming couplets

In geography we are going to be looking at the country of France and how their cultures, sights and landscapes compare with ours.

Reminders

Please send in a swimming kit for swimming on Mondays for our afternoon lesson.

On Tuesday's we are cooking in the afternoon so it would be most helpful if you send in a small container so your child can bring home their culinary creations.



Thank you for
your
continued
support.
Blackbirds
Team

The Link



What We're Learning

English

Year 7: Started their intro to Shakespeare unit. They have spent some time researching Elizabethan England and Shakespeare to create a fact file and mind map on what they have learnt. They will start to look at 6 of Shakespeare's plays over the course of this half term and will begin with Romeo and Juliet this week.

Year 8: Started their Non-Fiction unit. They are working their way through an anthology of non-fiction articles and answering comprehension questions to understand and analyse the article.

Maths

Year 7: Recapped proper, improper and mixed number fractions to help them identify ordering and sequencing so that they can position any fraction on a number line and know it equivalent.

Year 8: Using algebra to solve gradient and draw linear graphs using the formula $m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$ as well as $y = mx + c$.

Science

Year 7: Looking at how genes are passed on, dissecting a flower to identify the reproductive parts and how plants disperse their seeds.

Year 8: Identifying how energy is transferred, using the rule that energy cannot be created or destroyed. They have been using calculation formula like work done = force X distance.

Reminders

Activities week is 6th to the 10th of July (more information to follow).

Transition week (new timetable) 13th to the 17th July.



Parent Information

Dates for your diary

Nursing Clinic at MBA:
Monday 27th April

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

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

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

MBA Activities Week: 29th June - 3rd July

The Link Activities Week: 13th - 17th July

Makaton of the week

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





Parent information

Nursing in schools Clinic

Nursing clinics are held once in each school every half term.

The aim of the clinics is to give children and families the opportunity to seek advice and discuss any concerns they may have in areas such as toileting, diet, emotional health, sleep, growing up/puberty and other general health advice and signposting.

Upcoming clinic dates are:

Martin bacon-	Mon 27 th April
Prestly Wood-	Wed 6 th May
Samuel Pepys-	Mon 11 th May
Granta-	Mon 18 th May
Highfield Littleport-	Mon 1 st June
Meadowgate-	Mon 8 th June
Spring Common-	Mon 15 th June
Highfield Ely-	Mon 29 th June
Castle-	Mon 6 th July

For further information or to book a face to face,
telephone or video call appointment please
email

eec.childrenscomplexspecialistteam@nhs.net

or call 01223 218061



Northstowe
Martin Bacon Academy



Parent Information

Please see below the new lunch menu for the Summer Term

SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
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	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	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 & 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