



MBA Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, all Discover Teachers have been busy delivering creative, messy and fun learning activities on our theme 'Rainbows'. From making 3D giraffe models, linked to the literacy book 'Elmer and the Rainbow,' to creating fizzy sugar rainbow reactions in Science. Improving pupils attention, listening and communication skills is at the heart of what we do and the use of clear visuals and communication boards have helped pupils achieve this. Fantastic work to all Discover pupils and Staff.

There is much to look forward to across the whole school in terms of 'Extending the Boundaries'. Behind the scenes, plans for activities week, sports day and extra curricular trips are underway. Supporting social stories & transition boards will be shared with pupils attending and information regarding this will be issued nearer the events taking place in our last half term.

This week, there is a special mention of the 6th formers who did their class assembly on the theme 'World Red Cross Day.' All pupils performed brilliantly; re-enacting, working as a team and learning their lines not only within a week but with comedic value. Well done 6th form, what a great achievement!

Hello sunshine! As the warmer weather is settling in, please remember to send your child in with a sunhat, suncream and water bottles so we can stay sun smart when we need to.

A final note to say good luck to pupils who will be starting their GCSE's next week.

Have a good rest or adventure over the weekend and come back refreshed, ready to shine!

Amanda Melis
Class Teacher/My Communication Lead



Penguins - Adventure



Teacher's Note

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

Classroom Highlight

Martim and Oliver have had some great success repairing smaller bikes for the younger pupils.

Henry won the Wow certificate on Friday for having a superb week communicating very effectively with adults and his peers.

Penguins were all involved in the unveiling of our new school trampoline and each individual got stuck in and performed very well.

What We're Learning

English: We have had a focus on poetry and creative thinking uses images to create stories. Pupils have created their own small rhyming sentences and songs alongside creating stories around a variety of pictures.

Maths: We have focused on time with pupils using analog digital and clocks to help engage their understanding.

Science: The class have explored plants, learning all the different components which make up a plant and what plants need to thrive and grow. Pupils have planted and looked after their own plants this term.

Food Tech: We made some scones and burgers. Pupils enjoyed using our cutting shapes to make their scones unique.

PE: We have had a focus on a variety of athletic sports games sprinting long jump and 400 metre running.

Reminders

Swimming
days: Mondays

PE days:
Wednesday/
Friday

Food tech:
Thursday

**Thanks for
your continued
support -
Jack**





Flamingos - Adventure

Teacher's Note

We would like to say a huge thank you to families for supporting our learners through this term. Your hard work and unwavering patience makes our classroom a better place for all to be in.

Classroom Highlights

There has been a shift in the attitude of Flamingos recently which has meant that they are having a more positive approach towards their learning. Learners are also beginning to really utilise their communication strategies which has meant that there is a more cohesive environment within our classroom which has been a joy to work in.

What We're Learning

This term in Maths students have been working on their telling of analogue time! They have been doing incredibly well in this unit and are starting to be able to tell staff what the time is at different points of the day.

In Literacy, students are looking at J.K Rowlings 'Chamber of Secrets' and exploring the hidden depths of Hogwarts and its evil Slytherin past...

In History students have been really enjoying exploring the topic of Crime and Punishment and have been looking at the different sanctions for different crimes.

Reminders

On Friday the 22nd of May, Flamingos will be participating in a Platinum Participation PLEDGE event, for this day they do not need to wear uniform.

Thank you for
your
continued
support, Bea





Parent Information

Dates for your diary

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

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

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/>





Northstowe
Martin Bacon Academy



Parent information



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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