



MBA Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am proud to report that this term Music Therapy is well underway. Pupils accessing it are highly engaged showing curiosity with different instruments and sounds. Pupils are encouraged to communicate through intensive interaction and using communication boards and they leave beaming from the interaction and exploration. In the future, we hope to make this therapy available for more pupils. The aim of music therapy is to create a fun, interactive musical connection and build on this to achieve longer-term goals. Goals can include helping a child or young person develop their coping skills, work on their communication, cognitive, or motor skills through music, or increase their ability to express how they're feeling.

Besides the fantastic learning happening in each classroom across the school, today, the whole school took part in 'Climate Day'. From listening to nature sounds & creating leaf art in the Discover Pathway to actively practicing ways to care for the environment such as litter picking and doing a wellbeing walk in the Explore and Adventure Pathways, pupils have worked hard to achieve their 'Environmental' Pledge. What a great achievement!

The Halloween Disco takes place on the 20th October. Pupils have the opportunity to express themselves vocally and through dancing whilst enjoying the sensory atmosphere created.

We are excited to launch our upcoming School Leadership Election on Monday 12th October. This project offers a wonderful opportunity for our learners to participate in a realistic democratic process, helping them understand how real-world voting works while stepping into meaningful leadership roles.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing all pupils take part in and experiencing why and how to vote for something.

Amanda Melis
Class Teacher/My Communication Lead



Ospreys - Explore



Teacher's Note

Ospreys have been working incredibly hard this term in all of their learning and making great progress. Well done Ospreys!

Classroom Highlights

In History we have been learning about monarchs.

We did some great role play and thought of some great questions to ask Queen Victoria.

What We're Learning

English: We've been learning the story of 'Emily and the Thing' and have been practising the story through sequencing activities, role play and interviewing characters. We are now starting to write our own version of the story.

Maths: We have just started to practise addition and subtraction. We've been using part whole models, counters, place value charts, diennes and number lines to help solve problems.

Science: We have been learning about bones in the body and their functions. We've made skeletons, played games and sorted and matched animal skeletons.

Food Tech: This term we've been focusing on independently making a variety of toppings on toast. So far we have made beans, cheese and French toast.

PE: We've been playing lots of fun team games with the parachute and games like follow the leader, what's the time Mr Wolf, traffic lights and duck, duck, duck.

Reminders

Swimming is on Mondays.

PE is on Tuesdays.



**Thanks
for your
continued
support!
Ospreys
Class**

Swans - Discover



Teacher's Note

What a fantastic start to the year we have had in Swans Class! It has been wonderful to see everyone settling into classroom routines, developing friendships, and demonstrating our school values by being kind, curious, and hardworking.

Classroom Highlights

We all enjoy our trips to the park and lake. It has been wonderful to see the children listening carefully to instructions and following safety guidelines during these outings. These trips provide valuable learning experiences, allowing the children to explore their surroundings, develop their understanding of the world, and extend their learning beyond the classroom.

What We're Learning

Our learning topic this term is Superheroes!

English: we have been using Colourful Semantics to develop our sentence-building skills and expand our vocabulary through the use of descriptive words.

Science: we explored forces by imagining ourselves as superheroes and investigating some of their amazing superpowers. We enjoyed our super-stretchy challenge, experimenting with slime and creating our very own stretchy-sock superheroes!

Maths: we have been focusing on counting and matching numbers to quantities, as well as exploring concepts such as capacity and size.

Art: we experimented with painting techniques inspired by Jackson Pollock. We also had great fun modelling clay to create our own superhero badges.

Learning for Life: we discussed the similarities and differences between people and explored what makes each of us special and unique.

Reminders

Swimming – Mondays, please send full swimming kit.

Change of clothing: Please send in a full change of clothes and a packet of wipes.

Collins Reading Hub: Books are updated regularly, so please check for new reading materials.



The Link



Teacher's Note

Hi everyone! It's been a great start in science at the Link this term. Here is what the year groups have been up to...

What We're Learning

In year 7, we have been learning about Cell Biology and Organisation, focusing on sub-cellular structures, organ systems and the skeleton. Everyone has done brilliantly transitioning to secondary science and have been working very hard. Well done!

The year 8's have been busy studying respiration, the digestive system and the role of enzymes in the food we eat. We are tying off this half term by learning about photosynthesis. There have been a lot of new concepts for the Year 8s to learn. They have been doing really well – well done!

It has been a step up for the year 9's as they have started learning GCSE content whilst simultaneously sitting Entry Level qualifications in science. They are doing brilliantly in biology and physics, learning about the Lungs and Forces respectively. The last topic was all about cells in the Dead or Alive module. Keep up the good work Year 9's!

Reminders

Year 9's
'Gasping for
Breath' Entry
Level Paper.
Wednesday 14th
October.

Year 8 end of
unit test –
Respiration and
Photosynthesis
– Wednesday
21st October

Classroom Highlight

The highlight of the term was our trip to the Cambridge Science Centre. The first activity, the learners were challenged was to build an energy-transfer-marble-run. The learners created ingenious marble runs, knocking over dominoes, setting off catapults and releasing toy cars, all to demonstrate the transfer of energy! The learners then had an opportunity to explore the many interactive leaning exhibits.

Parent Information

Dates for your diary

Monday 12th October: Flu vaccinations (MBA/Link)

Thursday 15th October: Harvest Festival Assembly (children only)

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/FqcQsvfiwc00geDZ8bAARJ?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/>





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Parent information

HARVEST FESTIVAL

TIN COLLECTION

Let's come together to make a difference in our local community! ♥

LOCAL PEOPLE
LOCAL SUPPORT
BRIGHTER FUTURES ♥

GIVE SUPPORT
SHARE CARE ♥

Donations will go to our local food banks ♥

KIND TINS
BRIGHTER TOMORROWS ♥

A LITTLE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE ♥

Harvest Festival Assembly
will be held on
Thursday 15th October 2026
Let's celebrate and be thankful together! ♥

If tins could come in during the week of
12th October 2026
Any donations of tinned food would be greatly appreciated! ♥

Thank you for your generosity! ♥

FOOD ♥ COMMUNITY ♥ HOPE



Parent information



**GREGGS
FOUNDATION**

Helping people in need

Relief Grant

A helping hand for those that need it most



What is the Relief Grant?

The Relief Grant helps individuals and families through periods of unexpected difficulty, providing help to ease financial strain and restore hope when it's needed most.

It's a way to help with rising or unexpected costs, lessen the impact of sudden illness or unemployment – or offer support when it's a struggle to make ends meet.

What the Relief Grant can support with

Our grant teams review applications on a weekly basis to ensure that anyone who requests our help can get the items they need as quickly as possible. We can support with:



Supermarket food vouchers



Clothing vouchers
(new school uniforms, job interview outfit or warm Winter clothing)



Beds
(supplied direct by Dreams)



Essential home appliances
(washing machines, ovens, fridge freezers, tumble dryers)



Energy vouchers



Flooring
(children's bedroom only)
(supplied by Tapi)



A Relief Grant is offered as **vouchers** and individual items that make a huge difference to family life, such as a washing machine for a young family, a fridge for a person needing to store insulin, or a cooker for a family fleeing domestic violence.



All appliances and beds are delivered brand new and direct to the individual or family in need from our approved suppliers.



You can read about how some of our families, individuals and schools have benefited from a Relief Grant in our latest [impact report](#).

Priority criteria

Our Relief Grant is hugely over-subscribed at present, so we have identified three priorities to ensure our grants make the greatest difference.

We are far more likely to support an application if it meets the priority criteria listed below:

- ✓ We prioritise families over individuals
- ✓ We prioritise the most financially excluded people
- ✓ We prioritise items that will make the most difference

For full eligibility criteria and details on applying, please visit our [FAQs](#).

How to apply:

Relief Grant applications have moved.

If you would like to make an application, please email:

 swells@martinbacon.academy

or

 emynott@martinbacon.academy

who can make the application for you.

Together we can make a difference



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Parent Information

SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026						caterlink feeding the imagination	MENU KEY:
		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	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 Dizzle Cake	Fruit Platter	Apple Flapjack	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	
WEEK TWO	Option One	Cheese & Tomato Piza with Summer Mixed Salad	Beef Chili with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pita 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 & Crockers	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)