



# Linaker Primary School

## Linaker's Latest

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Keeping you up to date with all the latest school news!

### Headteacher's Message



Some many positives this week... Our Year 6 children have just returned from their residential trip, creating memories that will last a lifetime! I'm particularly proud of our School Council, who recently presented on our social signature projects. Their dedication and commitment to making a positive difference in our community truly embodies our school values. Finally, all our children have now been informed about their new teacher for next year, and I know they're excited about the fresh opportunities and challenges that await them in September!

### This Week's Award Winners

#### THIS WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS



#### LINAKER LEARNER OF THE WEEK

N – Logan MM  
RF – Anthony V  
RG – Russell Y  
1F – Cassie N,  
Benny N, Skyla O  
1G – Stacey M  
2F – Odin L  
2G – Wasi C  
3F – Remy B  
3G – Luke I-T  
4F – Fabian S  
4G – Maryam H  
5F – Michael J  
5G – Hannah W

#### LINAKER SUPER PUPIL OF THE WEEK

N – Jaiden E  
RF – Bayzid A  
RG – Krisiya A  
1F – Aria C  
  
1G – Oscar R  
2F – Aria C  
2G – Lena Z  
3F – Finnley M  
3G – Dariia H  
4F – Richard M  
4G – Keaton L  
5F – An Marita J  
5G – Alfie P

### Attendance

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Linaker this  
week:

**94.15%**

Linaker Last  
week:

**93.75%**

National

Average

23/24:

**94.50%**

Well done to all this week's award winners!



We have planned for a transition day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July when each class will spend the morning in their new classroom with their new class teacher. This will allow for the children to build relationships with their teacher and support staff and become accustomed to their new classroom. Hopefully, this will support their transition when they return in the new academic year! A reminder of next year's classes is shown below:

Class September 2025	Class Teacher September 2025
<b>Nursery - HM</b>	Mrs H Murphy
<b>Reception - SW</b>	Miss S Wilcox (Phase 1 Lead)
<b>Reception &amp; Year 1 Mixed Class - SP</b>	Miss S Parkin
<b>Year 1 - NW</b>	Ms N Williams
<b>Year 2 - LB</b> (currently 1F with Mrs N Williams)	Mrs L Budworth (Phase 2 Lead)
<b>Year 2 – LW</b> (currently 1G with Miss L Carne)	Mrs L Williams
<b>Year 3 - LK</b> (currently 2F with Mrs L Williams)	Mr L Kelly
<b>Year 3 - LF</b> (currently 2G with Mrs S Howard/Mrs Davies)	Mrs L Farrell
<b>Year 4 - DN</b> (currently 3F with Mrs L Farrell)	Mr D Napier
<b>Year 4 – KC</b> (currently 3G with Mr C Kidd)	Miss K Chambers
<b>Year 5 – FK</b> (currently 4F with Mr L Kelly)	Mrs F Kilpatrick <i>(Miss E Critchlow maternity cover for the first half-term)</i>
<b>Year 5 – JC</b> (currently 4G with Miss K Chambers)	Mrs J Corkhill
<b>Year 6 – VT</b> (currently 5F with Mrs J Corkhill)	Mrs V Taylor
<b>Year 6 – ME</b> (currently 5G with Mrs Budworth)	Mrs M Evans (Phase 3 Lead)

We have written to all parents of children in Reception and Year 1 next academic year, to inform them of which class they will be in and which teacher they will have from September.

## Linaker Primary School is Moving to Arbor Parent Portal and Parent App



We are excited to announce that we have moved our MIS (Management Information Systems) to Arbor and we are preparing to move parents over to the Arbor Parent App at the end of academic year in preparation for next year.

Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system. It will eventually mean that there will be one platform for school communication and school payments (replacing our current use of School Spider Parent App and School Money). We are really looking forward to getting

started with Arbor and invite all our parents/carers to familiarise themselves using the link below: [Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of! These can all be found [here](#). **We have sent all parents an email to set up their account!** Please look out for this email and check it does not go into junk! Once you receive the email you will be able to register your child when prompted. In the short term, we will be continuing to use School Spider Parent App and School Money so there will be no issues with school communications or school payments. Please note if you do not create an Arbor account you will not receive your child's final report of the year. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01704 532343. Missed the letter? You can find it here: [Linaker Primary School: Letters](#)

## Engagement Survey



Endeavour Learning Trust is, once again, conducting its annual Community Engagement Survey. The purpose of the survey is to get feedback from parents and carers on the aspects of our work that are going well, and any opportunities we have to improve further. All parents & carers responding to the survey will have the opportunity to provide an email address to be entered into a draw for a £100 Amazon voucher. Alternatively, you can choose to answer the survey anonymously if you prefer. **The link to the survey is <https://forms.office.com/e/ptdhnPTmPA>** .

Please take the time to complete the survey (which should take a maximum of 5 minutes). We are keen get as many responses as possible so that we gain the broadest possible range of views. The feedback that we received from parents and carers last year was invaluable. **The survey will close at 4.00pm on Tuesday 8th July 2025. Thank you in advance for your support.**



## Year 6 Residential

The Year 6 children that attended Robinwood Wrexham for their residential had an amazing time this week! They took on a whole range of challenges and conquered each and every one of them from the Giant Swing, Zip Wire to the Caving and canoeing. Well done everyone! Thank you to all the staff that gave up the evenings to ensure we could run this fantastic experience! #TEAMLinaker





## Social Signature Project

Our School Council representatives attended the 'Love My Community' event to celebrate the 25 schools across Sefton who have gone the extra mile to make a positive impact in their local community. We are so proud to have been a part of this and show that #TeamLinaker spirit.



## School Games – Gold Award



We are delighted to announce that we, Linaker Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

## Sports Days 2025



**On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, we will be holding a Sports Morning for Years 5 and 6 at Portland Field, Portland Street.** The pupils will take part in a range of throwing, running and jumping events to earn points for their team. Parents are welcome to come and observe this event, please note that due to the nature of the event viewing will be in designated areas. The events will start at 10:00am, and we will return to school for lunch. Please send your child into school in their PE kit, they may also need a water bottle, sun cream and a hat. In the event of bad weather, the event will be cancelled. **In the afternoon on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, we will**

**then be holding a Sports Festival for Years 1 and 2 in the school playgrounds.** The pupils will take part in a range of activities to showcase their throwing, balancing and running skills. Parents are welcome to come and observe this event, please note that due to the nature of the event viewing will be in designated areas. The gate on Sefton Street will open at 1:15pm, and the events will start 1:30pm, at which point the gate will be locked. Again, please send your child into school in their PE kit, they may also need a water bottle, sun cream and a hat.

**On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding a Sports afternoon for Years 3 and 4 in the school playgrounds.** The pupils will take part in a range of sports skills activities to earn points for their team. Parents are welcome to come and observe this event, please note that due to the nature of the event viewing will be in designated areas. The gate on Sefton Street will open at 1:15pm, and the events will start 1:30pm, at which point the gate will be locked. Please send your child into school in their PE kit, they may also need a water bottle, sun cream and a hat. In the event of bad weather, the event will be cancelled.

## We're Hiring!



At an exciting time in the School's and Trust's journey, we are delighted to offer the opportunity for a Teaching Assistant and EYFS Teaching Assistant to join our caring and ambitious staff team here at Linaker Primary School.

Our core aim is to provide children with the skills, knowledge, attitudes and confidence which are necessary to enable them to make informed choices for themselves. The children experience a wide range of learning opportunities that are intended to develop them academically and personally.

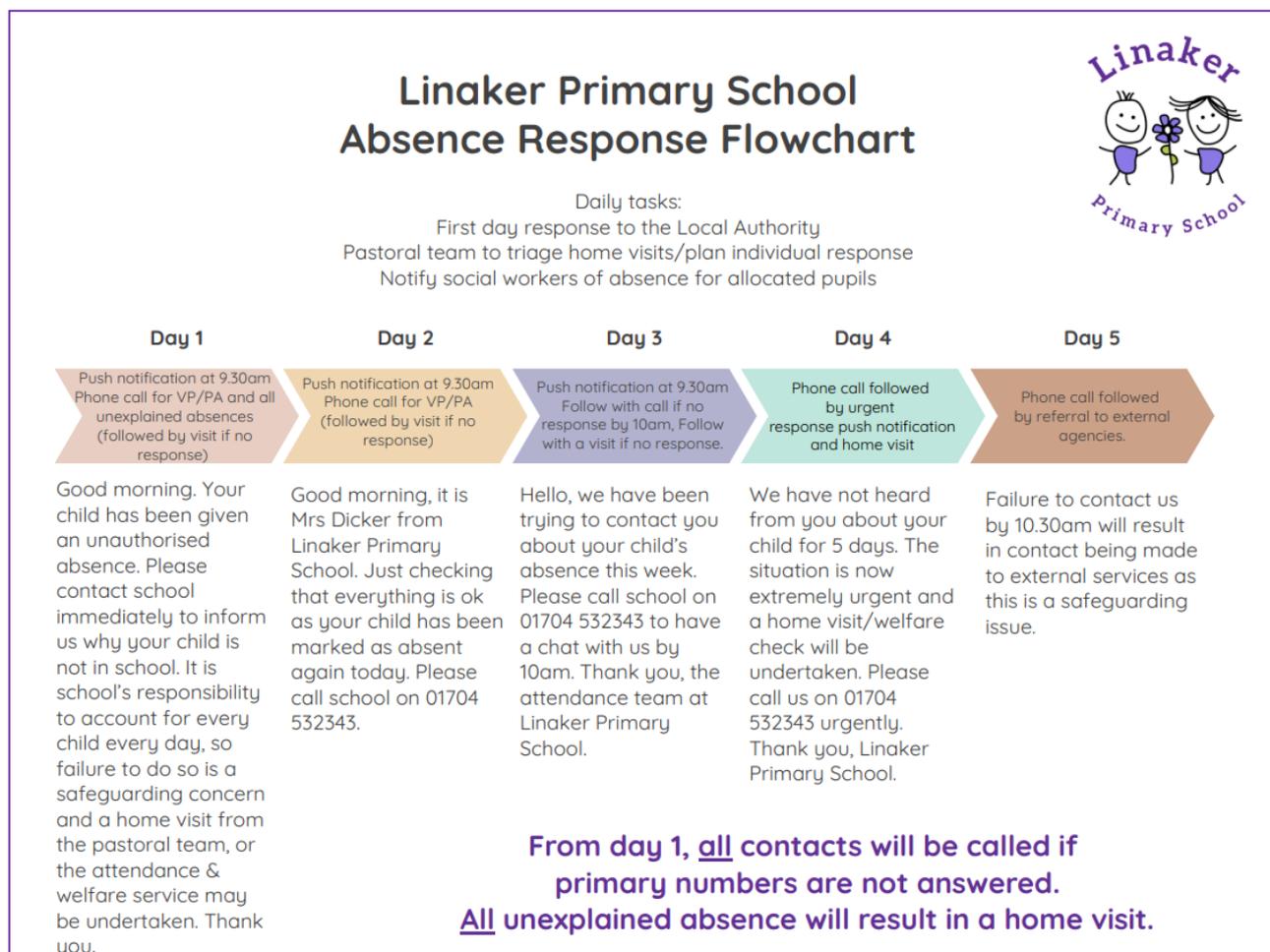
### Teaching Assistant 2

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/teaching-assistant-2-lancashire-2233896>

### EYFS Teaching Assistant L3

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/eyfs-teaching-assistant-l3-lancashire-2234324>

## Absence Procedures



## Friends of Linaker

Friends of Linaker will be continuing to sell ice lollies each Friday at the end of school, on the main playground. Thank you, Friends of Linaker, for your amazing fundraising efforts, we really appreciate all you do for our school!



## Uniform Sales

Uniform can be purchased via school money or you can pay in the school office via card.

- Nursery crew neck sweatshirt £8.05
- Sweatshirt £8.05 in school (£12 at Whittakers)
- Cardigan £9.00 in school (£13.00 at Whittakers)
- Tartan Pinafore £16.00 in school (£16.50 at Whittakers)
- White polo with logo £6:10 (£8.50 at Whittakers)
- Tartan Skirt £10 in school (£12.00 at Whittakers)
- Hi viz small book bag with logo £5.60
- Document case with logo £9.20
- PE shorts £4.55
- PE t-shirt £5.75
- Swimming Cap £1.50

## Endeavour Eats

 <h1>ENDEAVOUR EATS</h1>						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Week 1	Local Pork Sausage with Mash & Vegetables Tomato & Basil Pasta Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Shortbread Biscuit, Fruit or Yoghurt	Chicken Tikka with Rice & Naan Bread Macaroni Cheese Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Mini Chocolate Cookie, Fruit or Yoghurt	Roast of the Day with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables Vegetable Lasagne Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Fruit Jelly, Fruit or Yoghurt	Chilli Beef with Rice & Tortilla Chips Roasted Vegetable Pizza Slice Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Sticky Toffee Cupcake, Fruit or Yoghurt	Battered Fish with Chips & Peas Sweet Chilli Stir Fry Veg & Noodles Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Vanilla Sponge, Fruit or Yoghurt	
Week 2	Beef Burger in a Bun with Salad & Tortilla Chips Tomato & Roasted Vegetable Pasta Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Fruit Flapjack, Fruit or Yoghurt	All Day Brunch Bacon, Egg, Beans, Mushrooms and Hash Browns Salmon with Cherry Tomato Baby Spinach and Noodles Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Lemon Sponge, Fruit or Yoghurt	Roast of the Day with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables Cheese & Tomato Panini Pizza with Sweetcorn Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Ginger Biscuit, Fruit or Yoghurt	Cheese & Onion Pie with Vegetables Spaghetti Bolognese Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Apple Sponge, Fruit or Yoghurt	Fish Fingers with Chips & Peas Vegetable Fajitas, Chips & Coleslaw Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Shortbread Biscuit, Fruit or Yoghurt	
Week 3	Chinese Chicken Curry with Rice Spaghetti with Tomato & Basil Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Lemon Sponge, Fruit or Yoghurt	Beef Cottage Pie with Vegetables Vegetarian Meatball Pasta Bake Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Fruit Jelly, Fruit or Yoghurt	Roast of the Day with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables Cheese, Tomato and Sweetcorn Flatbread Pizza Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Vanilla Biscuit, Fruit or Yoghurt	Butchers Sausage in a Bun with Tortilla Chips & Sweetcorn Roasted Vegetable & Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Flapjack, Fruit or Yoghurt	Battered Fish with Chips & Peas Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wraps or Baguette with Salad Salad Bar Jam Sponge, Fruit or Yoghurt	



### Your Local Family Wellbeing Centres

Family is the most important influence on a child's life, from the moment they are born until they reach adulthood and beyond. Family Wellbeing Centres provide joined up support for children and young people aged 0-19 years to make family life that little bit easier. Links to the timetables at each centre are below:

[Linaker Family Wellbeing Centre](#)  
[Talbot Street Family Wellbeing Centre](#)

Food  
cupboard  
basics

Toiletries  
and hygiene  
products

Free support  
for Linaker  
families

A  
friendly  
welcome



### Linaker Food Pantry

We are open every  
Thursday  
9 - 9.30 am

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS**

Come in through the double gates on Linaker Street. If you'd like to know more, feel free to give the school office a call or drop by the SNUG to have a chat with Vanessa.



*Linaker Family Wellbeing Centre*

## Tea & Toast

Pop by and join us after the school run for some toast and a cuppa!

These are informal sessions held in a friendly and relaxed space to chat, meet new people and find out what else is available locally; whilst the little ones play and explore



**Every Thursday  
9.15am - 10.15am  
Linaker Family Wellbeing Centre**



 **FORMBY HOCKEY**

# HOCKEY & GAMES SUMMER CAMP

A mix of hockey, fun and games including our ever popular slippery slide!

**MON 28<sup>th</sup> JUL – THUR 31<sup>st</sup> JUL**  
**9AM – 3PM**

Day rate £25    2 Days £45    3 Days £60    Full camp £70  
FREE T-SHIRTS FOR FULL CAMP!

**20% OFF FOR SIBLINGS**

Open to all young people from Ages 7 - 14yrs  
 New comers to hockey welcome!

Full details or to book your place : [formbyjhc@gmail.com](mailto:formbyjhc@gmail.com)

 #LET GIRLS PLAY 

# BIG FOOTBALL DAY

**WHAT'S ON:** TASTER SESSIONS FOR ALL AGES (5 - 18 YEARS), GIRLS ONLY MATCHES, FACE PAINTING & MORE

**LOCATION:** SOUTHPORT ATHLETIC, FERRYSIDE LANE, PR9 9FJ

**DATE & TIME:** SATURDAY 5TH JULY, FROM 10AM

**CONTACT:** [SOUTHPORTATHLETICJFC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SOUTHPORTATHLETICJFC@GMAIL.COM) TEL: 07725 976 603

**BOOK HERE:** 

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Key Dates for the Half-Term: July 2025	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (Years 5 & 6 and Years 1 and 2)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Yoga Sessions
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (Years 3 & 4)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Brass Concert Assembly (Y3, 4, 5, & 6 @9:15am)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Concert (2:30pm)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Celebration Assembly @ Salvation Army 12:45pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers' Disco @ Linaker Primary School 5:00pm-7:00pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School Closes for the Summer Holidays at 1:30pm

Have a great weekend and we shall see you on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July!

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

### COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

### DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

### BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

### REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

### FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

### USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

### PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College