



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 20th June 2025

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

Headteacher's Message



It has been a hot one this week! We would like to thank all our children for their resilience to keep focused upon their learning despite the warm classrooms. A special mention must go to the Year 6 classes who have completed their writing moderation this week. The moderators were really impressed with their English work and the writing across the curriculum. They also commented upon the expert knowledge of the class teachers too! Remember to be an attendance HERO – it's going to be very busy and extremely rewarding end to the academic year so don't miss out – *be Here, Every day, Ready, On-time!*

Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Linaker this week:

94.02%

Linaker Last week:

94.88%

National

Average

23/24:

94.50%

This Week's Award Winners

THIS WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS



LINAKER LEARNER OF THE WEEK

N – Lailah M
RF – Davina G
RG – Sanvi D
1F – George A
1G – Julia K
2F – Blake M-M
2G – Jay Jay D
3F – Theo M-McT
3G – Ollie N
4F – Feliks B
4G – Rafael MB
5F – Alfie C
5G – Isaac J
6F – Kylie M &
Nima G
6G – Wholeclass

LINAKER SUPER PUPIL OF THE WEEK

N – Enes AH
RF – Drake S
RG – Bertie M
1F – Klaudia T
1G – Luena R
2F – Abdulroqeeb A
2G – Lena W
3F – Wholeclass
3G – Leen HAK
4F – Favour E
4G – Alice D
5F – Azaan B
5G – Lawa S
6F – Phoebe J
6G – Jacob W

Well done to all this week's award winners!

Endeavour Awards 2025

The Endeavour Awards is the annual celebration hosted by the Endeavour Learning Trust, recognising the outstanding achievements of staff and students from across the family of schools. This special event honours individuals and teams who exemplify the Trust's core values: Togetherness, People-Centred, Belonging, Individuality, and Transformational. Bringing the trust community together for an evening of inspiration and celebration, the Endeavour Awards highlights the remarkable contributions that make each school and exceptional places to learn and grow. (Why not check out the Endeavour Awards Highlight Reel from last year [here!](#)). We are pleased to announce that Linaker Primary School has the following children and staff nominated for awards

Nominated Children	Nominated Staff
<p>Jaden (Year 6) – Togetherness Award Nomination</p> 	<p>Miss Thomson – Belonging Award Nomination</p> 
<p>Farrah (Year 6) - Transformational Award Nomination</p> 	<p>Mrs Parr – Transformational Award Nomination</p> 
<p>Hannah (Year 5) – Individuality Award Nomination</p> 	<p>Mrs Fletcher – People Centred Award Nomination</p> 
<p>Olivia (Year 6) – People Centred Award Nomination</p> 	<p>We are now looking forward to all our nominees being filmed again in school on Tuesday 24th June. We will be keeping everything crossed for the event on Friday 3rd October at the Park Hall Hotel. Hopefully we will come home an award or two. However, whatever the outcome each and everyone of the young people and staff in this table are already winners in our eyes!</p>

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 ParentApp at the end of academic year in reparation from 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 will send further communication on the Arbor Parent App and how to register on next week.** 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.

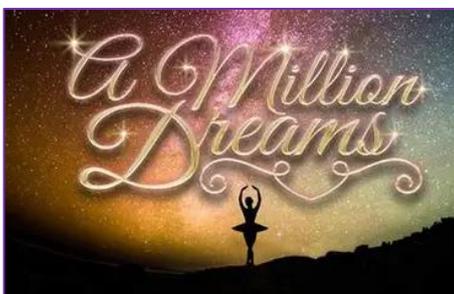
Engagement Survey



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 to 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.**

Million Dreams Project



For all those children that have signed up for the Million Dreams Project, it is important practice the Makaton at home, so that we are polished and ready by next Friday! The link to the video is [here](#) – thank you to the fantastic Mrs Watkinson at Churchtown Primary for creating the video! On Friday 27th June, the children that have signed up, will be taking part in a musical celebration at Churchtown Primary School. We will be leaving school at approximately 10:00am and expect to return by 3:00pm. Miss Chambers has sent a letter out to parents through the School Spider App with more details

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 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 shirt with logo £6.10 in school (£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

Nursery 2025-26



Nursery Open Days

We are pleased to offer places for children from 3 years of age.

Visits to our Early Years are welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the school office and arranging a visit with our Early years leader.

Scan the QR code to find out more and how to book a tour of our nursery!

#TEAMLINAKER

TOGETHERNESS, EMPATHY, ASPIRATION, MUTUAL RESPECT

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www.linaker.org.uk

This week, it has been wonderful to welcome children and families into our school to see our Nursery in action. These visits have been a real highlight, watching prospective families discover what makes our early years provision so special. At Linaker Primary, we pride ourselves on delivering a progressive and exciting Early Years curriculum for all our children, in a well-resourced environment so that they can become the very best young learners throughout their early education and beyond. Our Nursery team works tirelessly to create meaningful learning experiences that spark curiosity and build confidence in our youngest learners.

Find out what makes Linaker nursery the perfect option for you child by booking a tour. Click the link below...

[Linaker Primary School Nursery Tours Booking Form](#)

Reception 2025-26

Following our reception induction meeting during the first week back, we had the absolute pleasure of welcoming some of our new starters for Reception Class 2025 into school this week. These little ones experienced a morning in our reception classroom, and I have to say, they settled in beautifully. It was wonderful to see their curious faces as they explored their new learning environment, engaged with our reception team, and began to get a feel for what school life will be like for them. The children showed such enthusiasm and confidence, which speaks volumes about the fantastic support they're receiving at home in preparation for this big step.



We are now super excited about our Teddy Bear's Picnic on **Monday 23rd June 1.30pm-2.30pm** for our final session. Parents are invited to stay for the Teddy Bear's Picnic, where our Team Around the School representative, Samantha Marshall, from the local authority will be on hand to offer further advice and support around school readiness.

Looking for a Reception place for September? Give us a call on 01704 532343 and we will be able to help!

BE A LINKER ATTENDANCE HERO!

H HERE
E EVERY DAY
R READY
O ON TIME



CALLING ALL LINKER HEROES...

Be in school every day from Monday 9th June to Friday 27th June — the class with the best attendance in each phase will win a brilliant **GOLDEN TIME** celebration! 🌟

Time missed for medical reasons can be excused if your child is at school immediately before and after the appointment.

Endeavour Eats

	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	

Community Information and Family Support

Food Pantry NOW RE-OPEN - Thursday mornings between 9-9.30am. We are glad to support our families with basic food and hygiene products with the MCKS charity. Anyone is welcome, just bring a bag! Entry is via the gate on Linaker Street. If you have any questions, or cannot make that day/time, let us know. You can speak to Vanessa in the SNUG or call the office. Thank you!



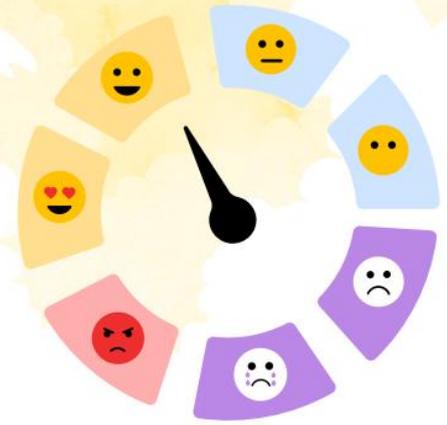
Your Local Family Wellbeing Centres

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](#)



Let's talk about sleep and neurodiversity



We'd love for you to join us on **Tuesday 24th June at 2:30pm** in school for a visit from Kelly Doyle, a therapist from Alder Hey's Mental Health Support Team.

Kelly will be chatting with us about tips and strategies to promote healthy sleep in children, particularly those with neurodiversity. It's a great chance to learn more and ask any questions you might have!



Join us for this relaxed session – and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while you're here!

During our session we will be focusing on :

- Discussing the importance of sleep for your child
- Looking at a range of different techniques to support your child's sleep
- Identify some changes you would like to make to promote better sleep
- Signposting for some further sources of support regarding sleep, particularly for children with ADHD or ASC

<https://linktr.ee/seftonMHST>

Why not check out our social media pages and follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



[Linaker Primary School | Facebook](#)



[Linaker Primary School \(@linakerprimary\)](#)

Key Dates for the Half-Term:
June 2025

Monday 23 rd June	Reception Intake - Teddy Bear's Picnic (all Reception intake 25-26 children)
Monday 23 rd June – Wednesday 25 th June	Learn to Ride Sessions – Yeas 3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday 26 th June	Year 4 Sing for Sefton
Friday 27 th June	Year 6 Trip to Liverpool
Friday 27 th June	Million Dreams Project (Y3-6)

July 2025

Wednesday 2 nd July – Friday 4 th July	Year 6 Residential - Robinwood
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 5 Literacy Kicks Session
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 5 Taster Day
Tuesday 8 th July	Sports Day (Years 5 & 6 and Years 1 and 2)
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 3 Yoga Sessions
Thursday 10 th July	Sports Day (Years 3 & 4)
Thursday 17 th July	Leavers Celebration Assembly @ Salvation Army 12:45pm
Monday 21 st July	Leavers' Disco @ Linaker Primary School 5:00pm-7:00pm
Tuesday 22 nd July	School Closes for the Summer Holidays at 1:30pm

Have a great weekend and we shall see you on Monday 23rd June!

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.

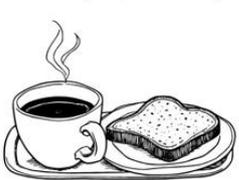


Linaker Family Wellbeing Centre

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



Sefton Family Hubs
Support, Grow, Thrive
www.sefton.gov.uk/familyhubs

What do I need to know?

Is it secure / confidential?

You have your own private video room that only authorised providers can enter.
No information you enter is stored.

How much does a video call cost?

The video call is free except for your internet usage.
Tip! If you can, connect to a Wi-Fi network to avoid using your mobile data.

How much internet data will I use?

The video call doesn't use data while you are waiting for someone to join you.
After the call connects, it uses a similar amount of data to Skype® or FaceTime®.

How do I make my video call?

1. Open your web browser and type the service's web address into the address bar (not the search box).

2. Depending on the available controls you may either:

- Click the **Start Video call** button and select your Waiting Area, or



- Click **Enter Waiting Area**.

Enter Waiting Area

3. If asked, allow your browser to access your camera and microphone.

4. Follow the on-screen prompts to start your video call.

5. To end the call, click **End**.



Tip! Many call issues can be fixed by clicking **Refresh**.



Tip! If a **Test call** button is available, make a test call before your appointment to check your setup.

1. Click the **Test call** button to run a quick test:



2. If asked, allow your browser to access your camera and microphone. The **Video call setup** runs through four testing stages: microphone, camera, connection, and speaker.



What do I do if something's not working?

Visit <https://england.nhs.attendanywhere.com/troubleshooting>

More information

Visit <https://nhs.attendanywhere.com/callers>



Attending your appointment by video



School Health Team North - Sefton

Video calling is convenient and easy to use

Instead of travelling to your appointment, you will enter the online waiting area, using the link below.

The service will see that you have arrived, and a provider will join your call when ready. There is no need to create an account.

Video calls are secure and your privacy is protected.



How do I attend my video appointment?

Go to: <https://nhs.vc/schoolnursesseftonhamptonrd>

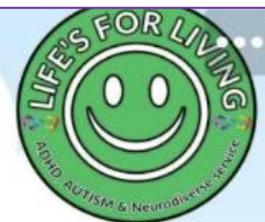
What do I need to make a video call?

- ✓ **A device** for making a video call, such as a smartphone, tablet, or computer with a webcam and speaker (often built into laptops).
- ✓ **A reliable internet connection** (wired, WiFi or mobile data). If you can watch a video online, you should be able to make a video call.
- ✓ **A private, well-lit area** for your consultation, where you will not be disturbed.

Use the latest version of **Chrome**, **Safari**, or **Edge** for best video calling performance.



ADHD, AUTISM PARENT SUPPORT, GROUP



WEDNESDAY

25TH JUNE,
2025

9:30AM-11:30PM



KINGS MEADOW
FAMILY WELLBEING

CENTRE,
AINSDALE,

PR8 3QD

(BACK OF THE SCHOOL)

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE
SENSORY ISSUES,
AROUND USING THE TOILET?

OUR GUEST SPEAKER IS:

ALDERHEY'S
SEFTON

CONTINENCE TEAM.

VERY INFORMATIVE
SESSION

Help Your Child
OVERCOME
Poop Withholding

and other tips for toilet
issues in sensory kids,
Autism, and ADHD



VIA FACEBOOK: LIFE'S FOR LIVING
OR

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LIMITED SPACES,
OR TEXT -: 07378884813

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College