



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 6th June 2025

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

Headteacher's Message



During the INSET day on Monday, the whole staff completed training on Making Sense of Autism, Sensory Circuits and in the afternoon, we reviewed our Rewards & Relationships guidance. On Tuesday, it was lovely to welcome back all of TEAM Linaker! We are excited about the rest of the half-term and have so many wonderful learning experiences planned! 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:

92.22%

Linaker Last week:

92.88%

National

Average

23/24:

94.50%

Last Week's Award Winners

**AWARD
WINNERS
Friday 6th June**



LINAKER LEARNER OF THE WEEK

N – Anas O
RF – Kai R
RG – Krisiya A
1F – Ossian P
1G – Rahma A
2F – Delilah K
2G – Jennifer H
3F – Sofia N
3G – Mia J
4F – Dominic P
4G – Keaton L
5F – Oliver B
5G – Ali L
6F – Phoebe J
6G – Freddie K

LINAKER SUPER PUPIL OF THE WEEK

N – Colby James A
RF – Molly M
RG – Mason R
1F – George A
1G – Gustaw B
2F – Miya H
2G – Eliza B
3F – Amelia K
3G – Beatrice B
4F – Logan T
4G – Anitta J
5F – Ruby S
5G – Filip P
6F – Robert N &
Sam F
6G – Elsa H

Well done to all this week's award winners!

Plinth People



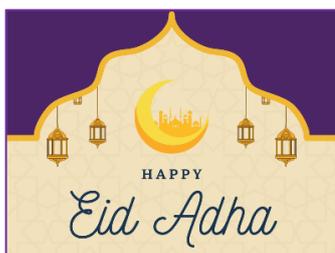
This week, Year 4 made plinth people inspired by the British sculptor Thomas J Price. Year 4 researched the role of plinths and made autobiographical representations choosing poses to reflect their personalities. Some created footballers, others were gymnasts, but each represented their creator!

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!



Happy Eid Adha



Eid al-Adha, also known as the 'Feast of Sacrifice', is a Muslim holiday celebrating the willingness of Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to God. It's a time of prayer, generosity and togetherness with family and friends for the Islamic community.

We wish all our families, peace and happiness this Eid al-Adha!

Nursery 2025-26

At Linaker Primary, we pride ourselves on delivering a progressive and exciting Early Years curriculum for all our pupils, in a well-resourced environment so that they can flourish and grow throughout their early education and beyond.

Find out what makes Linaker nursery the perfect option for you child by booking a tour. [Linaker Primary School Nursery Tours Booking Form](#)

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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Reception 2025-26

Thank you to all the parents and children who attended Linaker Primary on School for our Reception 2025-26 intake evening on Wednesday. We are now excited about our upcoming transition sessions:

- If your child **DOES NOT** currently attend our Linaker Nursery their transition session is **Monday 9th June at 1.30pm-2.30pm.**
- If your child **DOES** attend our Linaker Nursery their transition session is **Monday 16th June at 1.30pm-2.30pm.**
- **ALL** children and parents are invited to 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 an Attendance Hero!

BE A LINAKER ATTENDANCE HERO!

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 **CALLING ALL LINAKER 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.

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)
- Tartan Skirt £10 in school (£12.00 at Whittakers)
- White Polo shirt with logo £6.10 in school (£8.50 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

	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!



Tea & Talk - Wednesday 11th June at 9:00am

Come and find out about our Linaker Street Family Hub over a cup of tea or coffee! Kelsie will be bringing lots of information about the groups and fun activities for all the family...

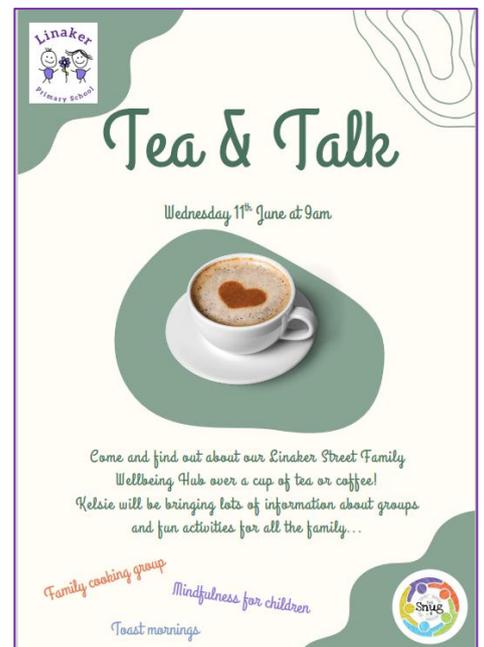


Your Local Family Wellbeing Centres

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](#)



Key Dates for the Half-Term: June 2025

Monday 9 th June	Phonics Screening Check Starts
Monday 9 th June	Reception 25-26 Transition Afternoon (those not attending Linaker Nursery)
Tuesday 10 th June	Year 3 Trip to the Eco Centre
Tuesday 10 th June	Year 5 Literacy Kicks Session
Thursday 12 th June	Year 2 Healthy Teeth Workshop
Thursday 12 th June	Wally Cain Dance Festival @ The Atkinson Theatre
Monday 16 th June	Reception Intake Transition Afternoon (Linaker Nursery children)
Thursday 19 th June	Y6 Computing Trip to Meols Cop
Monday 23 rd June	Reception Intake - Teddy Bear's Picnic (all Reception intake 25-26 children)
Monday 23 rd June –	Learn to Ride Sessions – Yeas 3, 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday 25 th June	
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 –	Year 6 Residential - Robinwood
Friday 4 th July	
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 5 Literacy Kicks Session
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 5 Taster Day
Thursday 9 th July	Year 3 Yoga Sessions
Tuesday 22 nd July	School Closes for the Summer Holidays at 1:30pm

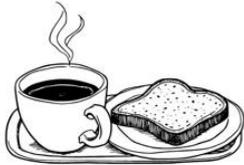
Have a great weekend and we shall see you on Monday 9th June!

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



Stay safe this summer



child accident prevention trust

capt.org.uk/focus-on-summer-safety



EarlyBird Programme

Does your child have a diagnosis of Autism or is on the pathway for a diagnosis. Join the National Autistic Society's EarlyBird programme for parents and carers of autistic children aged under 6 years. Our next programme will run for 6 consecutive Wednesdays starting 17.09.25



The six-session programme covers:

- understanding autism
- communication
- understanding autistic experiences
- supporting daily living
- health and wellbeing
- connections

"This has made a real difference to me. In general, life-changing."
Parent



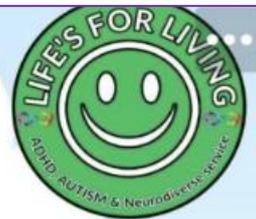
The EarlyBird programme aims to empower parents and supporting professionals to understand more about autism and discuss useful strategies on how to support autistic children.

For more information contact:
Name: Tina Galletly
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Please feel free to join us at our parent's information Sharing session on Tuesday 15.07.25 11.30am-12.30pm At Kings Meadow Family Wellbeing Centre 25 Kings Meadow, Ainsdale, PR8 3QD

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



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍃 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🥲 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🍷🍷🍷 (🍷 + 🍷🍷 face + 🍷 emoji) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.



CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends, showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "what does 🧑 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.



PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.



EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

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| 👤 (Crown face) Foolishness or clowning around | 👁️ (Blushing face) Over-affectionate or 'simping' |
| 😎 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless | 👁️👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold |
| 🔥 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement | 👑 (Crown) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.) |
| 😐 (Meh) Bored, unbothered | 👉 (Nude) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference |
| 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great | 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag: a warning sign about someone's behaviour |

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

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| 🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms) | 🥲 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness |
| ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine | 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced' |
| 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use | 💧 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm |
| 🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis | ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil |
| 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse | 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles) |

Meet Our Expert

Keith Brani is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.

