



# Linaker Primary School

## Linaker's Latest

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

### Headteacher's Message



This week we have been busy making the final preparations for SAT week. From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Year 6 will complete the national assessments in Maths and English. Throughout the year, we have encouraged the children to simply 'try their very best' and to be resilient in their approach, even if they find some aspects of the tests challenging. This is their time to shine and the rest of the school will be supporting them throughout the week. Best of luck Year 6 – you're smart cookies, you've got this!

Remember here are lots of images and videos on our socials so please check them out. Our Facebook page is linked [here](#) and our Instagram account [here](#) – thank you! Don't forget to follow us!

### Attendance

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Linaker this week:

**94.36%**

Linaker Last Week:

**94.30%**

National

Average

23/24:

**94.50%**

### Last Week's Award Winners

**AWARD  
WINNERS  
FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April**



#### LINAKER LEARNER OF THE WEEK

N – Fabio L  
RF – Drake S  
RG – Youxi H  
1F – Maria C  
1G – Luena R  
2F – Aidan J  
2G – Denzel L  
3F – Ilinca T  
3G – Dexter A  
4F – Riley W  
4G – Alice D  
5F – John T  
5G – Dylan B  
6F – Wholeclass  
6G – Wholeclass

#### LINAKER SUPER PUPIL OF THE WEEK

N – Sydney BB  
RF – Elsie Y  
RG – Dexter B  
1F – Lexi C  
1G – Kaya W  
2F – Summer D  
2G – Jennifer H  
3F – Eva S  
3G – Luke I-T  
4F – Erik P  
4G – Isaac G  
5F – Roshina A  
5G – Basia W  
6F – Booster Group  
6G – Emmanuel Z

Well done to all last week's award winners!

## VE Day

On May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945, the nation celebrated Victory in Europe (VE) Day with church bells ringing out and people gathering to revel in the end of the Second World War. This week commemorations and thanksgiving services have been held across the country to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. At Linaker Primary School, Reception had a wonderful time celebrating during their street party. They celebrated just like it was 1945 and waved their Union Jack flags with pride!



## School Games

This lovely lot from Year 2 and Year 5 had the best time at the North Sefton School Games Judo festival. They enjoyed learning new skills, emphasising balance, leverage and technique over brute strength - and of course having a Judo champ like Mrs Parr there to throw added extra excitement! Thank you to Our Lady of Lourdes Judo Club for hosting the event, all our children had a great time - as Liam in Year 2 summed it up by saying he had 'the best day ever!'



**SCHOOL  
GAMES**

## Year 6 SATs

Year 6 (Key Stage 2) SATs assessments are next week from Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May. These are external assessments and will measure the children's progress in Reading, Punctuation, Spelling and Maths.

Although these assessments are important, we have been approaching them in a balanced and supportive way to ensure our children have the understanding and knowledge to tackle the papers but also the skills to deal with any stress or anxiety they may cause – this is perfectly normal. During the year we have encouraged the children to simply 'try their very best' and to be resilient in their approach even if they find some aspects of the tests challenging. We talk openly and honestly about why these tests are important, but they do not totally encapsulate their learning during their time at Linaker Primary School or the children as individuals. However, it is a time when each one of them can really show their knowledge in the core areas of Maths and English.

# It's your time to shine

### KS2 SATs 2025 Dates

#### Monday 12th May 2025

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Spelling - 20 mins  
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Punctuation and Grammar - 45 mins

#### Tuesday 13th May 2025

Reading - 60 mins

#### Wednesday 14th May 2025

Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic - 30 mins  
Maths Paper 2: Reasoning - 40 mins

#### Thursday 15th May 2025

Maths Paper 3: Reasoning - 40 mins



Monday to Thursday next week, we will be offering breakfast to all our Year 6 children in our dining room from 8:15am. This will help us ensure all children are in school early, 'fuelled' for the morning and allow us to collectively ease any fears, as well as foster the team ethos we have worked so hard to establish at Linaker. Rest assured that as a staff we will be doing everything we can to support every child to shine. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Evans, Mrs Taylor and the Year 6 Team at school. Finally, it goes without saying that we wish them all the very best of luck!



## Year 6 Reward Trip



On Friday 16th May 2025, as a reward for all the hard work during SATs week and this year, Year 6 have been given an opportunity to watch the film 'Snow White' at Vue cinema. This is a U rated film and live-action / animated fantasy comedy. The children will be provided with some snacks during the film. After the cinema, we will be going to McDonalds for lunch before returning to 'The Secret Garden' for an afternoon of fun! This trip has been funded by Friends of Linaker. We will be leaving school around 9.15am and walking to Vue cinema, so comfortable shoes should be worn and a waterproof coat may be needed. Children must come to school in their usual school uniform, including a cardigan, jumper or Leavers hoodie, so that they are identifiable. We will return to school in time for the end of the day. Thank you for your continued support!

## Coding Club Success is Out of this World!



Last term, our Linaker Coding Club worked hard exploring Python coding for the Astro-Pi challenge. This was a challenge to design and code a picture all about the natural world. The designs had to meet a lot of coding criteria, and the children who were successful would have their work displayed in space on the International Space Station in May! **It is with great pleasure that we can announce that Nailah M, in Year 4, has been successful! This means next month Nailah's work will be displayed in space!** We are so proud of the determination of all our children at Linaker; the sky really is the limit with Team



Linaker! #aspiration...

## School Start Times and Punctuality

### ATTENDANCE TIMINGS

8.45am-8.55am: gates open

8.55am-9.00am: register

9.01am-9.25am: late mark (L)

9.26am+: unauthorised late (U)

In our drive to maximise everyone's potential we are making a slight change to the morning registers and timings.

**The school gates will close at 8:55am.**

Anyone arriving to school after 8.55am will need to enter school through the main entrance/office.

Late marks will be issued to children after 9:00am.

Children arriving after 9:25am will be marked as having an 'unauthorised absence'.

## Attendance Challenge!

**The big Linaker attendance challenge!**

If you are in, on time, **EVERY** day between **6<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May...**

...you will get an attendance HERO award and have a special non-uniform day.

Be an attendance **HERO**  
**H**ere **E**veryday **R**eady **O**n time

The Big Linaker Attendance Challenge started on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – you must be in and on time to **WIN!**



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> May is Week 1

	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

## 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](#)

## Friends of Linaker



### Key Dates for the Half-Term:

May 2025

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May –

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May &

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Monday

KS2 (Year 6) SAT Week

Linaker Primary School Mental Health Awareness Week

Year 6 Trust Workshops

School closes for the half-term at 3:25pm

INSET Day (School closed to children)

June 2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

INSET Day (School Closed to children)

School Re-opens for all children



Have a great weekend and we shall see you on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

# ATTENDANCE

## WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

# 1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

# £160



# 2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

## IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

# 10 IN 10

# 5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

**1** Day = **2** Sessions

# 3

## FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160



4 children & 2 parents =  
**£1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

# 4

### 2ND TIME

2 parents and  
1 child = £320  
2 children = 640  
3 children = 960  
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



### 3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000  
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000