



# Linaker Primary School

## Linaker's Latest

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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

### Headteacher Message

What another busy week it has been at Linaker Primary School this week! We have continued our focus on the simple routines so we can all enjoy quiet calm classrooms and corridors. These routines include an attention grabber, line orders, how to transition from one learning activity to another and our expectations moving around school. We are really proud of our children as they have worked hard to become accustomed to these routines. We had a few new arrivals this week in reception, and they definitely had the cute factor, creating interest right across the school! It has been great to hear so many children (and staff) talk about the live stream of the chicks hatching. Finally, I got the chance to meet the LPS Year 6 Leadership Team today, when I met the Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl to discuss what they saw as the strengths of Linaker Primary School and what they would like to see put in place to improve the school. I was really impressed by their open, honest and confident dialogue – Tomi, Jaden, Rhea and Nabila are a real credit to the school!

### Attendance

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Linaker this week:

94.10%

Linaker Last Week:

94.67%

National

Average

23/24:

94.50%

### The Week's Award Winner

AWARD WINNERS FRIDAY 7th March	LINAKER LEARNER OF THE WEEK	LINAKER SUPER PUPIL OF THE WEEK
		N – Lailah M RF – Harvey M RG – Phoebe M 1F – Gabrielle G 1G – Sebastian N 2F – Renesmee M 2G – Aurora W 3F – Zidan U 3G – Nadal R 4F – Sali A 4G – Bailey DSO 5F – Ankush S 5G – Emily B 6F – Ezra C 6G – Emmanuel W

Well done to all this week's award winners!

## The LPS Chicks!

Our reception children had a wonderful time this week, learning about the lifecycle of our beautiful chicks! They produced some brilliant writing and observational drawings. The chicks also created a buzz of excitement across school as the live feed showed the children the how the chicks hatched throughout the week. It was great to see that children and staff were logging in and watching the YouTube live feed from home.



## Easter Egg Appeal



Following on from the success of last year, Linaker has been chosen by Dune Radio to support their 2025 Easter Egg appeal in aid of **Alder Hey Children's charity and Sefton Children's Trust**. This year we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. We would like our Linaker families to **donate an Easter egg** and / or bring a £1. Dune Radio will collect them from school during the week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> March and take them to the children who will truly appreciate them. Last Year they

collected over 1000 chocolate eggs, and we want to help them to beat this amount. Please drop your eggs off at the main office. In addition, we have also linked up with Birkdale Park Nursing Home and during the day the children will be making **Easter Cards and gifts** ready for them to be delivered to the residents.

## Egg Decorating Competition



We are egg-cited to announce our **Egg Decorating Competition**! Children can purchase an egg template for just **£1** and decorate it in any way they choose. We encourage **originality, creativity, and imagination**! There will be a variety of **Easter prizes** for the winning designs, and all funds raised will go towards purchasing Easter eggs for the **Dune Radio appeal** and supporting **Friends of Linaker** fundraising efforts. **Egg templates are available from the main office**, and the deadline for all entries is **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**. Additionally, children are invited to **decorate a real egg** (please hard boil first!) and bring it in to enter our **'Best Decorated Egg' competition**—with even more fantastic prizes up for grabs!

## Fun in the Sun!



## Attendance

We had a slight dip in attendance this week. As can be seen from the information opposite, punctuality and consistent attendance are integral to effective learning. This includes Fridays too, when unfortunately, we seem to see a dip in attendance each week. A simple target for us to work on!

If your child misses....	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 minutes a Day	50 minutes a Week	1.5 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1/2 Year</u> of lost learning
20 minutes a Day	1 hour 40 minutes a Week	2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 Year</u> of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1/2 a Day a Week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 Years</u> of lost learning
1 hour a Day	1 day a Week	8 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>2.5 Years</u> of lost learning

## Pupil Premium Funding

**If your child is eligible for means tested free school meals, we want to encourage you to register them.** Children in reception, year 1 or year 2 get free school meals anyway through a different scheme. But if they are eligible for means tested free school meals, we still really want you to register – Why? Please see below:

### Why register for free school meals?

- For every child registered for free school meals, the school gets an extra **£1,480** through 'pupil premium' funding. Last year at Linaker Primary School, we spent funding on:
  - Educational provision/resources
  - Academic interventions
  - Wellbeing and self-esteem building
- Children who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them if you prefer them to have packed lunches.

### Is my child eligible for free school meals?

If you receive these benefits, your child may be eligible:

- Income Support

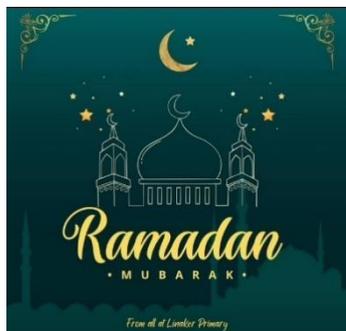
- Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) if you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - but not if you receive Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, if your earned income after tax is £616.67 per month (£7,400 per year) or less.

### How do I register?

The application process is very simple: all you will need is your national insurance number, your partner’s (if you have one) national insurance number and knowledge of which benefits you receive. For information on registering for free school meals, please follow this online link: <https://forms.sefton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/> Alternatively, please collect a paper copy from our school office – we will post it for you if returned to school.

If you have any questions, specific concerns or require help to complete the application form, please contact Leanne Sambrook (Assistant Headteacher) or Vanessa Fletcher (Children and Families Well-being Manager).

## Ramadan Mubarak



During Ramadan, children and staff are encouraged to engage in PE, physical activity and sport. However, we understand that new timings of meals before and after sunset and adjustment to new sleeping patterns may increase fatigue levels. At Linaker Primary School we want to reassure children and parents that PE activities will be tailored to accommodate all. If parents have any concerns, they are welcome to contact the school. Guidance for schools and educational settings can be viewed [here](#). This Guidance is co-produced with The Muslim Council of Britain. May this month of Ramadan bring peace, love and harmony to everyone!

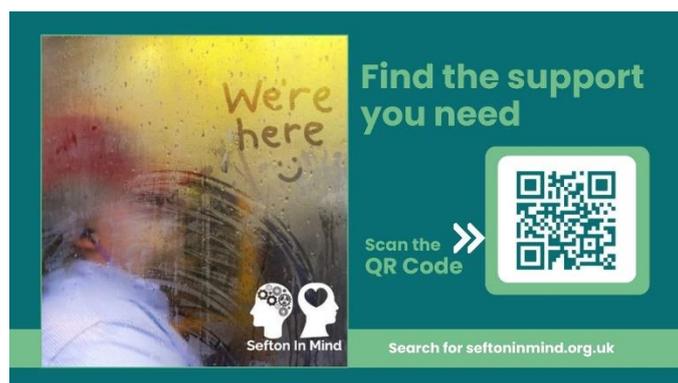
## Family Support

### We’re Here: Mental Wellbeing Campaign for people in Sefton

This month you might see ‘We’re Here’ adverts with link to [www.seftoninmind.org.uk](http://www.seftoninmind.org.uk), a directory of local and national organisations through which they can access wellbeing support services.

Sometimes we all need a little extra help for our mental wellbeing, or just someone to talk to. Sefton Council is reminding people in Sefton who may be looking for support, **we’re here** still.

You can access the Sefton in Mind Directory – hosted by Sefton CVS – via a single click, or simply by scanning the QR code.



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### Food Pantry - new opening times

Our Food Pantry will be open each Thursday morning between 9-9.30am. Anyone is welcome – 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.

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# RACKET READY CLUB

Join our coach led autism friendly tennis session where players can learn, play and have fun!

Family & friends are welcome to join in, making it a fantastic opportunity for all to enjoy. All equipment provided, so come along & pick up a racket!

## FREE TASTER SESSION

Saturday 12th April 2025 Time 1:00PM – 2:00 PM

Location Hillside Lawn Tennis Club in Ainsdale Village Park PR8 3BG plenty of free parking available



SCAN HERE!

For more information & to book contact  
IMW Tennis 07460 383104





Why not check out our new Facebook page and follow and like our page linked [here!](#)



Do you have an [Instagram account](#)? Why not follow us and keep in touch with all things LPS!



## Term Dates 2025-26

### Autumn Term 2025

<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 1 September 2025</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 2 September 2025</b>
Term Commences	Wednesday 3 September 2025
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 24 October 2025</b>
Half Term	Monday 27 - Friday 31 October
Term Ends	19 December 2025

### Spring Term 2026

<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 5 January 2026</b>
Term Commences	Tuesday 6 January 2026
Half Term	16 - 20 February 2026
Term Ends	27 March 2026

### Summer Term 2026

Term Commences	13 April 2026
Half Term	25 - 29 May 2026
Term Ends	Friday 17 July 2026
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 20 July 2026</b>

### Dates for the Diary

Please note that we have made every effort to ensure that these dates are correct. However, some dates may have to be changed at short notice due to availability of visitors or clashes with other events. Please therefore check the dates on a regular basis.

### March 2025

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Parent/carer coffee morning (9-10am)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Easter Egg Appeal

### April 2025

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Mission Impossible Y6

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

School Reopens for Summer term

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Parent/carer coffee morning (9-10am)



**Have a great weekend and we shall see you on Monday!**