



# Linaker Primary School

## Linaker's Latest

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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

### Headteacher Message

Wow! What a busy week it has been at Linaker Primary School this week. We have had a fantastic World Book Day and celebrated many other successes during the week! None more so than the award winners below – well done to each and every one of the 'Linaker Learner's' and the 'Super Pupil' of the week! We have introduced some simple routines this week and we will be continuing to help the children understand these routines and support them to follow them quickly 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 believe all children and staff will benefit from smooth and efficient transitions which maximise learning time. We will send parents more details next week when we have practised them a little more!

### The Week's Award Winners

AWARD WINNERS FRIDAY 7th March	LINAKER LEARNER OF THE WEEK	LINAKER SUPER PUPIL OF THE WEEK
		N – Zeke B RF – Kai R RG – Natan S 1F – Milana K 1G – Chloe W 2F – Kimi T 2G – Raneem A 3F – Remy B 3G – Daniyal A 4F – Ella W 4G – Nailah M 5F – Ruby S 5G – Filip K 6F – Millie B 6G – Elsa H

### Attendance

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Linaker this  
week:

94.67%

Linaker Last  
Week:

94.61%

National

Average

23/24:

94.50%

Well done to all our award winners this week!

## World Book Day



A buzz of excitement filled Linaker on Thursday as we celebrated World Book Day! This year's theme was 'books are an adventure' and the children were set the challenge to come dressed for their very own adventure and wow did they impress – Vikings, Sherlock Holmes, scuba divers and palaeontologists to name just a few! Thank you for joining in the fun!

In nursery, we had enhancements set up for some of our favourite stories. We had a tiger in our home corner for The Tiger Who

Came to Tea. We had an Elmer colour sort in our tuff tray. We had a zoo set up with all of the animals from the story Polar Bear, Polar Bear. Outside we made the Three Bears porridge. We even found a Gingerbread man trail in our mud kitchen.



The reception, children waited with excitement for the alarm to go off throughout the day when they would drop everything and read! They then paired up with their Y5 buddies in the afternoon to celebrate together!

In Year 1, we had so much fun learning about different authors, we looked at one of our favourite authors Julia Donaldson. We read Charlie Cook's favourite book and worked together to choose 1F's favourite books. We delved into the illustrations of Oliver Jeffers and explored how Michael Rosen uses performance to bring his stories to life.

In Year 2, we talked about our favourite stories and what makes them so special to us. We then recorded this, which will be used as a display for our own class libraries. In the afternoon, we listened to 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' read to us by Michael Rosen. We talked about the 'Wild in Art' Bear Hunt in Southport and decided to design our own bears. A fabulous day had by pupils and staff!

Year 3 firstly designed a book cover of their choice, either their favourite book or made their own. They then produced their own adventure story, fitting with the theme for this year

In Year 4, we looked at The Magic Faraway Tree and designed our own world for the top of the tree! In the afternoon we went on a bear hunt! We found several of the brightly decorated bears around the town centre and even found time to pop into The Works and swap our book voucher for one of the exciting World Book Day books!



In Year 5, pupils went out on their very own adventure to find the bears located throughout the town. They used their reading skills to retrieve facts to answer a different question at each bear! After being inspired by the artists' designs, they then created their own 'Linaker' bear. We then took part in our favourite reading activity – partnering up with our reception reading buddies.

In Year 6 we had an exciting World Book Day filled with reading, creativity, and teamwork. They took part in a Football and Reading Quiz, combining their love for books and sports while answering fun and challenging questions. The children also wrote book reviews of their favourite stories, sharing their thoughts on characters, themes, and plots. It was great to see their enthusiasm and hear their recommendations! A highlight was a LIVE lesson through Pobble365, which inspired them to enhance their creative writing. Using these new skills, they worked individually to craft brand-new stories by developing imaginative plots and characters. It was a fantastic day celebrating the joy of reading and storytelling!



## Pancake Day

Reception had a fantastic day flipping pancakes, writing shopping lists, making play-dough pancakes and having pancake races. They also learned about Lent and how Christians engage in fasting, prayer, and reflection on Jesus Christ's life and sacrifice. The period lasts for 40 weekdays (excluding Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter



## 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!

## Attendance

**Awesome Team Linaker!** We have maintained our improved attendance figures over the last week. Great effort! As can be seen from the information below, punctuality and consistent attendance are integral to effective learning. This includes Fridays too, when the unfortunately we seem to see a dip in attendance. 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 <b><u>1/2 Year</u></b> of lost learning
20 minutes a Day	1 hour 40 minutes a Week	2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <b><u>1 Year</u></b> of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1/2 a Day a Week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <b><u>1.5 Years</u></b> of lost learning
1 hour a Day	1 day a Week	8 Weeks per year	Nearly <b><u>2.5 Years</u></b> 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.

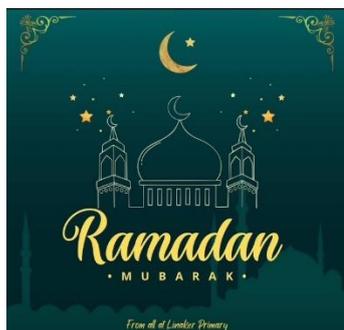
### How do I register?



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).

**Tea and Talk will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am. We can assist you with form completion here. Please ensure you bring the relevant information to the session.**



## Ramadan Mubarak

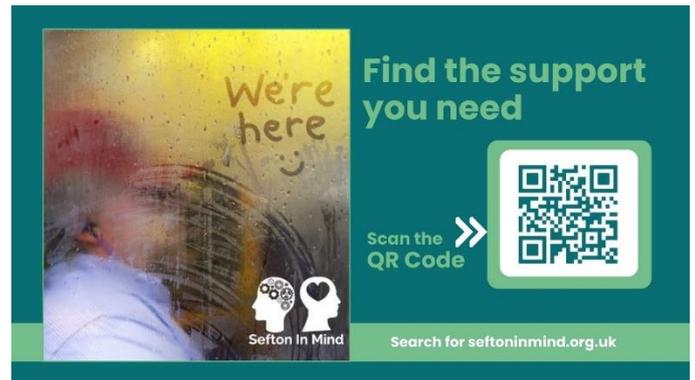
May this month of Ramadan bring peace, love and harmony to everyone!

**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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The 'Living Well' bus will be visiting Sefton offering immunisations, health checks, and mental wellbeing support.

- **Tuesday 11th March- 10.30am - 4pm - 26 - 28 Chapel Street, Southport, PR8 1AL - No appointments are necessary!**

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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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**SEND AND INCLUSION**  
Coffee Morning's

Meet our team | Find other services that are available  
Chat to other parents/carers | Helpful tips and advice

Drop in to talk to our SEND team to discuss any queries about SEND, inclusion, schools and EHCP's

Please come along on the dates below:

- Marie Clarke Family Hub, Linacre Lane, L20 5AQ  
Thursday 3rd October 9.30-11.30am  
Thursday 9th January 9.30-11.30am
- Netherton Family Hub, Magdalen Square, L30 5QH  
Thursday 7th November 9.30-11.30am  
Thursday 6th February 9.30-11.30am
- Talbot Street Family Hub, St Andrews Place, PR8 1HR  
Thursday 5th December 9.30-11.30am  
Thursday 6th March 9.30-11.30am



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

### 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!**