



Headteacher: Mr Cunniffe

Wednesday 6th August

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Looking Ahead to the New Academic Year 25-26

I hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer break with your families! We know we have a still have a while to go before our children return on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, however, we wanted to share some important information about the exciting year ahead.

### Uniform and Appearance Policy

We have updated the information on our website about our expectations around appearance and uniform and it is linked [here](#).

As you may be aware, parents can cost effectively purchase uniform items directly from us through School Money. Once ordered the items will be packaged and made ready for collection. In addition, on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August** school will be open for parents to purchase uniforms from our new stock. We will be able to accept card payments on these days. Please just arrive at the main office between 9:30pm and 2:30pm.

The costs are listed below:

- Nursery crew neck sweatshirt £8.05
- Purple logo sweatshirt £8.05 in school (£12 at Whittakers)
- Purple logo cardigan £9.00 in school (£13.00 at Whittakers)
- White logo polo shirt £6:10 (£8.50 at Whittakers)
- Tartan Pinafore £16.00 in school (£16.50 at Whittakers)
- Tartan Skirt £10 in school (£12.00 at Whittakers)
- PE shorts £4.55
- PE t-shirt £5.75
- Swimming Cap £1.50

After feedback from children, parents and staff, we are pleased to announce that from the Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, children will be allowed to attend school in their PE kit on designated PE days, making the day much easier for everyone. However, please note that on swimming days, children should arrive in normal school uniform. We will publish the PE days for each class during the first week back. Again, the PE kit expectations are detailed on our website linked [here](#).



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## **Changes to the morning 'Flourish Club' as it becomes a FREE Breakfast Club**

From Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, we will be making changes to the current morning 'Flourish Club', as we will be extending the breakfast offer and changing the venue and times of the club. The FREE breakfast club will run from 8:25am to 8:45am in the main dining room. To access the club children will need to enter through the Sefton Street gate. The club will offer a variety of cereals, toast and bagels and will be run by school staff. This wonderful addition to our school day will provide a calm, nurturing and nutritious start to the school day and is open to all children enrolled at the school.

## **Before and After School Club**

Our Before and After School Club will be moving in-house from September! To ensure there is a smooth transition we have been working closely with Kids Club Southport to make sure that bookings made for the new academic year are carried over, so no children or families are disadvantaged. We have linked the 'Before & Afterschool Club' page on our website [here](#) and for anyone that has not booked a place with Kids Club Southport and is interested in doing so, please contact the school on 01704 532343 or email [office@linaker.org.uk](mailto:office@linaker.org.uk).

### Charges and times of provision:

- Charges are as follows:

Before School Club:	£5.00 (includes breakfast)
After School Club:	£12.00 (includes snack)
- The times of the 'Before & After School Club' are:

Before School Club:	7.30am-8.45am
After School Club:	3.25pm – 5.55pm.

### Key points within the new terms and conditions are listed below:

- Only children attending Linaker Primary School are eligible to attend.
- All places are subject to availability.
- The registration process must be completed prior to the child's commencement at the club.
- Non-contracted children are welcomed to use the club provided there are spaces and parents/carers have made payment on the day of booking.
- Fees are to be paid in advance through Arbor.
- Parents can change or cancel their sessions up to 4 weeks prior to their child attending a specific session, without incurring a charge. Any change or cancellation after this point is non-refundable.
- A fee will be applied for late collection from 5.55pm onwards at £1 per minute per child/£10 per 15 minutes. This charge must be paid via Arbor by the next working day.
- Sessions will be 'released' for booking on a termly basis. Sessions will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents will be informed when sessions have been released via Arbor message/text message and the school's newsletter.

## Nursery 2025

We still have nursery places available for children aged three, in our fantastic nursery provision. If you know of any families who might be interested, please encourage them to contact our school office on 01704 532343 or email [office@linaker.org.uk](mailto:office@linaker.org.uk). If you want to book a tour to see the nursery in action just use the link [here](#). In addition, our 'Nursery Parents' Information Booklet' can be accessed [here](#) from the Class pages on our website. All our new nursery starters receive a FREE school jumper and FREE branded polo shirt!

Please note that from September 2025 the nursery session times will be as follows:

Option	Timings
Option 1: 15 hours	5 x mornings 8:45am -11:45am
Option 2: 15 hours	5 x afternoons 12:30pm – 3:30pm
Option 3: 30 hours	Monday – Thursday 8:45am -11:45am Friday 8:45am-11:45am

In addition to the core 15- or 30-hour sessions, the option to purchase extra sessions as additional provision is available. This is based on space once both 15-hour and 30-hour places have been allocated for all children. Extra sessions are charged at £15 per AM/PM session.

## Term Dates

The full-term dates for this academic year have been published previously on our website, but they are displayed below and linked [here](#).



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Term Dates 2025/26

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**Key:**

Holiday

INSET Day

School closes early

## Arbor



We are really pleased that we now have 72% of our families signed up to access Arbor's Parent Portal. However, we will not be satisfied until we get 100%! We have switched on the Parent Portal and have set up an account for all our registered parents. To finish creating your account you just need to set a password. Your username is the email address we have stored on our system (we have sent this letter to this email address too).

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click **Forgot your password?** to finish setting up your account. If you need more support check our website page [here](#).

## Exciting Developments

Finally, I am thrilled to share that we have some exciting changes planned for our reward systems this year, including the introduction of a house system. The children will love being part of this new initiative, and it will add an extra dimension of fun and achievement to school life! We will send you more details when we return to school!

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing all our children and staff in September - refreshed, recharged and raring to go!

Kindest regards,

*Mark Cunniffe*

Mr M Cunniffe  
Headteacher