



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 3rd October 2025

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

Headteacher's Message



As the autumn leaves begin to fall and the school year settles into full swing, we're excited to share this week's Linaker's Latest! In this edition, you'll find highlights from the week, important dates to mark on your calendar, and stories that showcase the TEAM Linaker values. Thank you for being such an important part of our school family. Let's continue to make this term one to remember and we look forward to seeing at Parents' Evening on Wednesday 8th October, 3:30pm-6:30pm. #Togetherness #TEAMLinaker

Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Linaker this week:

94.32%

Linaker Last week:

94.07%

National

Average

23/24:

94.50%

This Week's Award Winners

THIS WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS



LINAKER LEARNER OF THE WEEK

N HM – Eira L
R SW – Bethany D
R1 SP – Mason R
1 NW – Harvey M
2 LB – Harley C
2 LW – Olivia M
3 LK – Odin M
3 LF – Rameem A
4 DN – Isabelle J
4 KC – Yusuf U
5 FK – Sana A
5 JC – Isaac G
6 VT – Tyler B
6 ME – Isaac J

LINAKER SUPER PUPIL OF THE WEEK

N HM – Arham M
R SW – Morgan C
R1 SP – Leah Y-J
1 NW – Alanta P
2 LB – Aria C
2 LW – Paige W-B
3 LK – Amiee S
3 LF – Lena W
4 DN – Rayyan H
4 KC – Kacper N
5 FK – Nailah M
5 JC – Bailey S-O
6 VT – Lucas B
6 ME – Ruby D

Well done to all this week's award winners!

House System



House Attendance this week:

House	Percentage	Position
Ainsdale	93.4%	3 rd
Birkdale	93.6%	2 nd
Botanic	93.2%	4 th
Hesketh	94.2%	1 st

House Point Earned this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	34	3 rd
Birkdale	49	1 st
Botanic	28	4 th
Hesketh	36	2 nd



#TEAM LINAKER
Get ready for a challenge!

From **Monday 05th October** to **Friday 12th October**, the house with the best attendance will win a super fun prize...

🏆 A Mufti Day on Thursday 23rd October! 🏆

That means you can swap your uniform for your own clothes - just make sure you wear something in your house colour to show your team spirit!

So come to school every day and help your house win!

Overall Positions so far, this half-term:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	77	2 nd
Birkdale	88	1 st
Botanic	60	4 th
Hesketh	71	3 rd



Who will be the overall winners this half-term?
Who will be crowned attendance challenge champions?

Linaker Leader's

We are delighted to announce that our Year 6 School Captains and House Captains have now been selected! These children wrote strong applications that was backed up by the way the live our TEAM values! After a thoughtful selection process, they are ready to represent their peers, support school events, and help make our school an even better place to learn and grow. Congratulations to all those chosen — we look forward to seeing the positive impact you'll make this year!

School Captains:

<p>School Captains</p>	<p>Cruz L (6VT)</p> 	<p>Emily B (6ME)</p> 
<p>School Vice-Captains</p>	<p>Roshina A (6VT)</p> 	<p>Hafsah H (6VT)</p> 

House Captains:

<p>House Captains - Birkdale</p>	<p>Ruby D (6ME)</p> 	<p>Azaan B (6VT)</p> 
<p>House Captains - Ainsdale</p>	<p>Beatriz A (6ME)</p> 	<p>Phoebe M (6VT)</p> 
<p>House Captains - Hesketh</p>	<p>Victoria Z (6VT)</p> 	<p>Lilly G (6VT)</p> 
<p>House Captains - Botanic</p>	<p>Victoria D (6VT)</p> 	<p>Mark D (6ME)</p> 

Endeavour Awards 2025

On Friday evening, the Endeavour Learning Trust came together at the Park Hall Hotel to celebrate the amazing young people and staff that make up this fantastic family! Linaker Primary School were front and centre at the event, with our children representing us magnificently within the primary school's choir and of course as deserving nominees in the categories listed below. We are super proud of you all and want to say a special well done to Hannah W who came Runner-Up in the 'Individuality Award' category and Mrs Parr who won the 'Transformational Award' for the tireless work she does alongside the wider staff to lead and develop the school's SEND provision. We are so proud of you each and every one of you and the whole TEAM at LPS...



Nominated Children	Nominated Staff
<p>Jaden (Year 7) – Togetherness Award Nomination</p> 	<p>Miss Thomson – Belonging Award Nomination</p> 
<p>Farrah (Year 7) - Transformational Award Nomination</p> 	<p>Mrs Parr – Transformational Award Nomination</p> 
<p>Hannah (Year 6) – Individuality Award Nomination</p> 	<p>Mrs Fletcher – People Centred Award Nomination</p> 
<p>Olivia (Year 7) – People Centred Award Nomination</p> 	<p>Well done to Hannah W (Year 6) who came Runner-Up in the Individuality category and to Mrs Parr who was ELT winner of the Transformational Award. Awesome work TEAM Linaker!</p>

National Poetry Day



This week, children across the school joined together to celebrate **National Poetry Day**, with this year's theme of *play*. Pupils were encouraged to bring in their own poems to share with their classes, and at lunchtime older pupils delighted younger children by reading some of their favourite poems aloud. There were many wonderful highlights: Year 3 collaborated to create a class poem using their own names to describe the unique qualities they bring; Reception performed their very own live poetry piece, which you can enjoy on our social media pages and Year 6 were inspired by a desert video clip to generate vivid, topic-specific vocabulary before working in pairs to compose and perform their own descriptive poems. Even the adults joined in the fun, making it a truly whole-school celebration of creativity and imagination! Well done TEAM Linaker ...#togetherness #aspiration

Macmillan Coffee Morning



A huge thank you to those of you who joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday. It was lovely to see you enjoying cake, a cuppa and each other's company - the lemon drizzle proved especially popular and didn't last long at all!

Thanks to the generosity of our staff, we received an overwhelming number of cake donations. To make sure none of it goes to waste, our Friends of Linaker will be continuing to sell cakes next week. Keep an eye out for them and treat yourself while helping us raise even more for such an important cause.



Menu Choices – Week 3

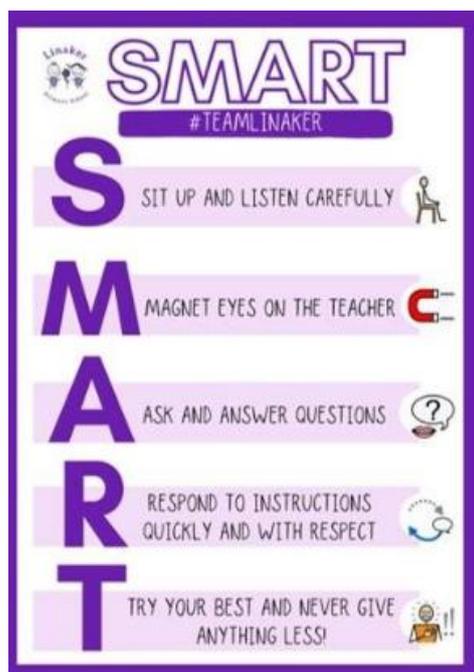
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Traditional Main Course	Chinese Chicken Curry with Rice	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Mash Potato	Roast of the Day with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Butchers Sausage in a Bun with Tortilla Chips & Sweetcorn	Battered Fish with Chips & Peas
Pasta Pizza Noodles	Spaghetti with Tomato & Basil	Sweet and Sour Quorn with Noodles	Cheese, Tomato and Sweetcorn French Bread Pizza	Roasted Vegetable & Tomato Pasta	Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese
Jacket Potato	Available Daily with a Choice of Fillings	Available Daily with a Choice of Fillings	Available Daily with a Choice of Fillings	Available Daily with a Choice of Fillings	Available Daily with a Choice of Fillings
Deli Bar Wraps or Baguette with Salad	Freshly Prepared Daily Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Freshly Prepared Daily Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Freshly Prepared Daily Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Freshly Prepared Daily Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Freshly Prepared Daily Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
Salad Bar	Available Daily	Available Daily	Available Daily	Available Daily	Available Daily
Dessert	Lemon Sponge, Fruit or Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly, Fruit or Yoghurt	Vanilla Biscuit, Fruit or Yoghurt	Flapjack, Fruit or Yoghurt	Jam Sponge, Fruit or Yoghurt

This week's menu choices are from Week 3:

Don't forget to order your child's daily lunch through Arbor! Please also state if they bringing in a packed lunch!

Any queries on how to order through Arbor, please refer to the help page on our website [here](#).

Engagement in Learning



Over the last few weeks, the children have been considering the importance of believing in their potential, aiming high and how they can be learning superheroes! These discussions have been framed around the school's behaviours for learning ladder and ensuring children understand how they can be super SMART!

We are keen to celebrate your child's successful start to the academic year and offer constructive feedback of how, together, we can ensure our children be the very best they can be. So, **this year we are hosting an early Parents' Evening on Wednesday 8th October**. Parents can book their appointments through Arbor. If you are having any issues, please contact the office as they will be more than willing to help!

For more information, please review the separate letter regarding the evening or check our website [here](#), if you think you have missed it! If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Important dates admissions to primary & secondary schools for September 2026

You must submit your application online via the Citizen Portal by the national closing dates which are:

- **Closing date for applications to start secondary school is 31 October 2025**
- **Closing date for applications to start primary school is 15 January 2026**

It is an important decision for many families when considering which schools to apply for when your child is starting school in reception, or transferring to secondary school Year 7 from primary school Year 6. Sefton Council has prepared two guides which provides parents/carers with lots of helpful and important information to guide you through the school admissions process.

[Parents guide to School Admissions 2026](#)

 (pdf 851KB)

[Sefton Schools Admissions Information Guide 2026](#)

 (pdf 8.98MB)

Reducing the Risks of Choking

There has been a significant amount of coverage in the local and national press about children and the risks of choking. With this in mind we thought it would be useful to share some key information that can reduce the risks to children.

Why are children at a greater risk of choking?

Children's airways are a lot smaller and narrower than adults. Depending on eating habits and circumstances, children might also be walking around whilst eating, or talking whilst eating and are often distracted from the process of properly chewing. Finally, babies and young children don't even have a full set of teeth, so the chances of swallowing foods that aren't ready to be swallowed are increased again.

What are the most dangerous foods when it comes to choking?

Please avoid adding the following foods to your child's lunchbox:

- **Popcorn** –the hard kernels can get stuck in airways and the “popped” corn needs really careful chewing before swallowing – babies and young children don’t have the back molars needed to do this.
- **Marshmallows** - especially the mini ones which can accidentally be inhaled into the airway whole.
- **Grapes** - dangerous because of their shape and size. They can literally “plug” the airway, blocking air coming into the lungs. **Cherry tomatoes and blueberries** can cause the same problems.
- **Avoid hard-boiled sweets - remember lollipops** are literally a hard-boiled sweet on a stick and if it comes loose, causes the same airway blockage!
- **Mini chocolate eggs** - Similar in shape to grapes, they block the airway completely. Their shiny smooth surface also makes them slide down a child’s throat without chewing all too easily.
- **Raw jelly cubes** should be avoided for the same reason as marshmallows, although jelly is fine once prepared.
- **Sausages and hot dogs** - it is the shape that is the problem here, especially **cocktail sausages** which replicate children’s airways.
- **Whole nuts** - they are very hard, meaning they are difficult to chew, and their shape makes them easy to swallow accidentally.

Establishing good eating habits

Children are much more likely to choke if they are not sitting down to eat. Sitting down at the table together to eat is the safest way to avoid a choking incident – we insist on this at school. Chopping their food carefully as detailed here is extremely important too. As children get older, show them how to do this so they can learn how to do this themselves. Remember to insist on **SIT, CHOP, CHEW...**



World Religion Weekly Assembly



This week in our World Religion assembly, we have discussed the Jewish day of Atonement – Yom Kippur, with our non-denominational link being *Saying Sorry and Forgiveness*. During this assembly we talked about respectful and sincere ways to apologise, before embarking on a school-wide kindness challenge: Do one kind thing each day this week. Our themes this week have been forgiveness, empathy and making amends.

Picture News



This week in our Picture News assembly, the children learned about how running charity, Parkrun, has announced a new project called Parkrun Primary. The learned that the plan is to bring junior running events closer to primary schools, to give children more chances to run or walk and volunteer on weekends in a fun, free and inclusive way. The children reflected how

Individual Liberty
Parkrun is open to everyone, to have fun and look after their health. It encourages people to take part in their own way, enjoying the chance to run, walk, or volunteer together.

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Parkruns show us that being active isn't just about running fast – it's about having fun, being healthy, and doing things together as a community! They also considered the British value on 'individual liberty' as Parkruns are open to everyone and how they encourage people to take part in their own way!

Community Information and Family Support



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](#)



The **Mental Health Support Team** are hosting online workshops for parents. It's just a drop in to find out more about the team and what support they offer:

Next Thursday and Friday are the online workshops. Please may you put a reminder out to parents next week on this. Below are the links to both workshops. (**Note: both workshops are the same just offered at different times.**)

Thursday 9th Oct 5-6pm

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3999939245563?p=jZSyibcaVzluZzXqP>

Friday 10th Oct 09:30-10:30am

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3193569528227?p=585KKgm0GBPAAcXkpE>



Throughout this Winter, Sefton Warm Spaces are open across the borough.

Warm Spaces are places where people can gather for free in a warm, safe, welcoming place and maybe enjoy a hot drink and some company.

All 'Warm Spaces' will be heated, safe and friendly places where you can comfortably spend time reading, studying or chatting with others. Some venues will also offer hot drinks and food, activities, and other services such as free Wi-Fi.

Use the interactive map and weekly schedule to find your nearest Warm Space wherever you are in Sefton.

Visit: seftoncvvs.org.uk/warmspaces

The 'Living Well' bus will be visiting Sefton this October offering immunisations including Measles Mumps, Rubella (MMR) for people of all ages, Flu jabs and nasal Flu immunisation for children.

It also provides health checks, and mental wellbeing support.



Sefton Stops:

All sessions are 'walk-in', no appointment needed from 10:30am - 4pm.

- **Thursday 9 Oct** – Asda Bootle, 81 Strand Rd, Bootle L20 4BB
- **Friday 10 Oct** – Sandbrook Rd, Ainsdale, PR8 3RL
- **Wednesday 15 Oct** - Sefton Carers, 27-37 South Rd, Waterloo, L22 5PE
- **Friday 17 Oct** - Lidl, 290 Marsh Ln, Bootle, L20 5BQ
- **Wednesday 22 Oct** – Waitrose, Three Tuns Ln, Formby, L37 4AJ
- **Thursday 23 Oct** – Netherton Activity Centre car park, Glovers Ln, Bootle L30 3TL
- **Tuesday 28 Oct** - Asda Superstore, Aintree Ormskirk Rd, L10 3LN (TBC)
- **Thursday 30 Oct** - Wickes, Southport, Kew Retail Park Unit 4A, PR8 5RG

The service, which is delivered by the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, was launched in June 2022 to offer a consistent health and care approach across communities across Cheshire and Merseyside.

Why not check out our social media pages and follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



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Have a great weekend and we shall see you on Monday 6th October...