



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 10th October 2025

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

Headteacher's Message



We've had a wonderful week at LPS, highlighted by a truly positive Parents' Evening. It was fantastic to welcome so many of you into school and to discuss our expectations around the children's engagement in learning. The conversations were encouraging and affirming, and it's clear that the partnership between home and school continues to thrive. Thank you for your ongoing support—it makes a real difference!

#Togetherness #TEAMLinaker

Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Linaker this week:

93.10%

Linaker Last week:

94.32%

National

Average

23/24:

94.50%

This Week's Award Winners

**THIS WEEK'S
AWARD
WINNERS**



LINAKER LEARNER OF THE WEEK

N HM – Logan B
R SW – Fateh B
R1 SP – Bertie M
1 NW – Paul M
2 LB – Isla G
2 LW – Julia K
3 LK – Szofia V

3 LF – Jamie E
4 DN – Hira A
4 KC – Jeffrey D
5 FK – Natalia H
5 JC – Riyadh H
6 VT – Alfie M
6 ME – Ali L

LINAKER SUPER PUPIL OF THE WEEK

N HM – Aayansh G
R SW – Fabio L
R1 SP – Nylah O
1 NW – Eric V
2 LB – Nikolay D
2 LW – Rahma A
3 LK – Summer-Rose D

3 LF – Eliza B
4 DN – Humirah A
4 KC – Amad A
5 FK – Igor P
5 JC – Alice D
6 VT – An Marita J
6 ME – Hannah W

Well done to all this week's award winners!



House Attendance this week:

House	Percentage	Position
Ainsdale	93.4%	3 rd
Birkdale	92.5%	4 th
Botanic	94.6%	2 nd
Hesketh	34.7%	1 st

House Points Earned this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	39	2 nd
Birkdale	40	1 st
Botanic	37	3 rd
Hesketh	35	4 th



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Get ready for a challenge!

From ~~Monday 01st October~~ to ~~Friday 04th 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!

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

Overall Positions so far, this half-term:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	116	2 nd
Birkdale	128	1 st
Botanic	97	4 th
Hesketh	106	3 rd



Who will be the overall winners this half-term?

Birkdale have maintained their narrow lead – can they keep it to end the half-term as champions?

Who will be crowned attendance challenge champions?



Activity Leaders

We are excited to have 15 pupils from Years 4 and 5 trained as Activity Leaders. This benefits these children by fostering leadership, communication and organisation skills, plus it boosts the wider school as these pupils will run activities that will encourage teamwork and increase physical activity during breaktimes, further developing more active and inclusive break times. Well done, we are proud of your commitment to TEAM Linaker!

Strategy Humility Commitment
 Appreciation Responsibility
 Listening **Leadership** Principles
 Purpose Values Honest
 Passion Communication Purpose
 Determination



Poetry Week – Class Performances

As part of our poetry week, we would like you to join us in a celebration of the pupils' hard work! On **Thursday 23rd October**, pupils will be performing their own versions of some well-known poems! Performances will take place in school at 2:45pm and 3pm so you have the chance to visit more than one class if needed. We look forward to sharing the fun of the week with you!



Poetry Corner

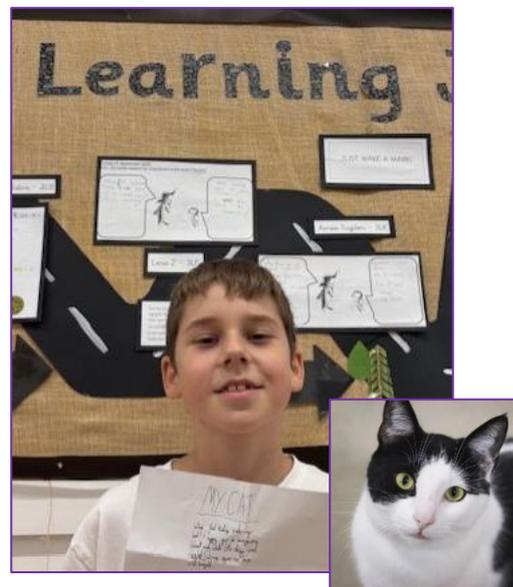
My Cat

What's that kicking under my bed?
Fluffy fur is everywhere.
Black and white like day and night.
Shiny eyes so bug and bright.

What's that jumping on my bed?
Purring loud and wanting to be fed.
Chases shadows and zooms so fast.
Then curls up to sleep at last.

Who's that friend that makes me smile?
Who loves me back all the while.
Did you guess?
It's my cat who loves me best.

Igor P – Year 5



Linaker Primary School – Open Days

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LINAKER PRIMARY

Open Days

Tuesday 21st October
Wednesday 22nd October

Looking for a school for your child?
We'd love to welcome you to our Open Days!
Join us for a tour of our wonderful school, meet our dedicated teachers and have the opportunity to see lessons in action!

BOOK HERE

Spaces are limited so booking is essential.

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Menu Choices – Week 1

Next week's menu choices are from Week 1:



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Traditional Main Course	Local Pork Sausage with Mash & Vegetables	Chicken Tikka with Rice & Naan Bread	Roast of the Day with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Beef Burrito with Sweetcorn	Battered Fish with Chips & Peas
Pasta Pizza Noodles	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Lasagne	Roasted Vegetable Pizza Slice	Sweet Chilli Stir Fry Veg & Noodles
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	Shortbread Biscuit, Fruit or Yoghurt	Mini Chocolate Cookie, Fruit or Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly, Fruit or Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Cupcake, Fruit or Yoghurt	Vanilla Sponge, Fruit or Yoghurt

Don't forget to order your child's daily lunch though 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](#).

Parents' Evening



We had a great turn out this week for our first Parents' Evening of the academic year!

It has been brilliant to welcome you all into school and we hope you feel as proud of our [#TeamLinaker](#) as we do! Thank you for being with us on our journey to ensure we help our children to be the best learners they can be...[#SMART](#)

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

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](#)

[Sefton Schools Admissions Information Guide 2026](#)

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...**



Weekly World Religion Assembly



This week in our World Religion assembly we have discussed and celebrated harvest! Along with a connection to Christianity with harvest festival, we talked about the Jewish Harvest festival of Sukkot. We linked this to global ideas of harvest and sharing, combined with our non-denominational focus of *Thankfulness and Community*. We want to say a huge thank you for coming together as a community to donate to our foodbank in the spirit of the harvest festival. We have all truly lived out our themes from this week's assembly; gratitude, sharing and community.

Weekly Picture News Assembly



This week in our in-class Picture News Assembly, the children learned about Ellie Goldstein, a 23-year-old model from Ilford who has been announced as a contestant on Strictly Come Dancing. She is the first person with Down's syndrome to take part in a full series of the show, having already made history as the first model with Down's syndrome to appear on the cover of British Vogue. During the assembly, the children reflected on how we can prove others wrong by never giving

up, believing in ourselves and supporting each other! They also considered the British Values of Mutual Respect and Tolerance.



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](#)



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: seftoncv.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.

- **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 13th October...