



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 24th October 2025

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

Headteacher's Message



As we reach the end of the half-term, we want to take a moment to celebrate all the wonderful achievements, big and small, that have taken place across our school. The children have worked incredibly hard, shown true TEAMLinaker values, and brought so much energy and joy to our classrooms and playgrounds. Thank you for your continued support —it makes such a difference. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed on Monday 3rd November. #Togetherness #TEAMLinaker

This Half-Term's Togetherness Award Winners



TEAM Linaker Togetherness Award 2025-26

N HM – Ryleigh MM & Alana F
R SW – Zeke B & Oaklynn W
R1 SP – Amelia C & Tommy S
1 NW – Molly M & Harvey M
2 LB – Gabby B & Nikolay D
2 LW – Eva S & Gustaw B
3 LK – Aimee S & Hunter WM
3 LF – Wasi C & Ariana B
4 DN – Simon DS & Jaymee SH
4 KC – Daina M & Ollie N
5 FK – Madison H & Hayden W
5 JC – Reagan B & Anja SH
6 VT – Lilly G & Roshina A
6 ME – Emily B & Mark D

Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Linaker this
week:

95.08%

Linaker Last
week:

94.69%

National
Average
23/24:

94.50%

Well done to all the school value winners!

TEAM Linaker Award Winners - Togetherness



- Wear a smile when greeting people.
- Show positive body language for learning.
- Use kind words and actions.
- Work with others co-operatively.
- Help and support others.
- Are positive role models for others.

TEAM Linaker



- Show an appreciation of others.
- Accept differences.
- Share with others.
- Support others with their learning.
- Celebrate other people's successes.



- Fully engage with our learning.
- Ask and answer questions.
- Try our best and never give up.
- Produce work of a high standard.



- Use good manners.
- Actively listen - one person talking, everyone listening.
- Respond to instructions quickly.
- Move around **quietly, sensibly** and **safely**.
- Welcome adults with 'Good morning, Mr Smith, good morning, everyone.' when a class is addressed.



Well done to all our TEAM Linaker Togetherness Value Award Winners! We love the fact you demonstrate our values everyday....



House Attendance this week:

House	Percentage	Position
Ainsdale	95.0%	2 nd
Birkdale	94.7%	3 rd
Botanic	95.6%	1 st
Hesketh	94.3%	4 th



House Points Earned this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	37	1 st
Birkdale	37	1 st
Botanic	27	2 nd
Hesketh	37	1 st

And the **WINNER** of the house points league this half-term is... **BIRKDALE HOUSE**... Congratulations! We hope you enjoyed your treats this morning.

Overall Positions for Half-Term 1:

House	Points	Position
Birkdale	209	1 st
Ainsdale	192	2 nd
Hesketh	177	3 rd
Botanic	155	4 th



Poetry Week – Class Performances

School was a hive of activity on Friday afternoon as parents joined us for our performance poetry event. The children worked with great determination throughout the week to learn their poems by heart, adding expressive actions and performing with confidence. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm grow. There were a whole host of different performances from witches in Year 1, sparkling stars in Year 2 and even 'The Tyger' in Year 5. Each performance showed creativity and team work. It was a true celebration of their hard work and talent. Thank you to all those who joined us.



Pumpkin Raffle Winners

Year 6 children have been selling raffle tickets all week to each of our three phases to win a giant pumpkin! Their aim is to raise money to support school trips and visits. Through the sale of the tickets the Year 6s raised £224.50. Well done! Thank you to everyone that bought a ticket. Congratulations to the Pumpkin Raffle winners for 2025:

Phase 1 – Jan DT

Phase 2 – Jennifer H

Phase 3 – Archie G



Pumpkin Carvings

Early Years had lots of autumnal fun this week scooping out pumpkins and exploring the squishy textures. Nursery children spread some spooky cheer around school with their decorated pumpkins, while Reception created autumn inspired paintings and observational drawings of a variety of different pumpkins and gourds. The children were very proud of their carved pumpkins... don't they look great!

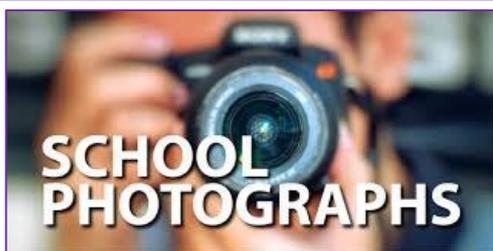


Menu Choices – After the half-term choices are from Week 3

	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

Don't forget to order your child's daily lunch through Arbor! Please also state if they are bringing in a packed lunch! Any queries on how to order through Arbor, please refer to the help page on our website [here](#).

School Photographs



Individual and sibling photographs were taken on Tuesday. Your child will have brought home information in their school bag on Thursday with how you order photographs from Tempest. Any questions or queries email offcie@linaker.org.uk.

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** (this is Friday of the half-term holiday!)
- Closing date for applications to start primary school is **15 January 2026**

Sefton Council has prepared two guides which provide 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](#)

Weekly Picture News Assembly



This week in our in-class picture news assembly, the children learned that the government are wanting adults to have an identity card, which is something on their phones that shows a photograph of them and their details. They reflected upon how identity cards would make it easier to prove who people are but how our identity is much more than the details on a card. This linked to the British Value

of Rule of Law and how laws need to be fair and help everyone feel safe and supported.



Parent-View Questionnaires

Thank you to all the parents that returned and completed the Parent View Questionnaire during our recent Parents' Evening. We are really pleased with the results and the constructive feedback. Some of the highlights are shown below:

- ✓ 98% of parents/carers felt their child had settle well since the start of the academic year.
- ✓ 98% of parents/carers felt their child is happy at school.
- ✓ 94% of parents/carers felt school makes them aware of what their child will learn during the year.
- ✓ 97% of parents/carers felt their child does well at this school.
- ✓ 98% of parents/carers felt their school lets them know how their child is doing.
- ✓ 99% of parents/carers felt there is a good range of subjects available to their child.
- ✓ 98% of parents/carers felt the school supports their child's wider personal development.
- ✓ 98% of parents/carers felt the Linaker's Latest was useful and informative.
- ✓ 98% of parents/carers would recommend the school to another parent/carer.

The full breakdown of the result can be found on our website [here](#).

Holiday Club Offer

Looking for fun, safe, and exciting activities for your child during the school holidays? Our Holiday Club is the perfect place to make new friends, learn new skills, and have a blast! See our flyer attached...

- 📅 **Dates:** Monday 27th - Friday 31st October
- 🕒 **Time:** 7:30am-5:55pm
- 📍 **Location:** Linaker Primary School
- 👶 **Ages:** 3-11
- 💷 **Cost:** £29 full day (£14 or £15 half day)
- 🎨 **Activities include:** Arts & crafts
Sports & games
Outdoor adventures
Themed days and more!
- 📞 To register or find out more, contact: 01704 532343, office@linaker.org.uk or book directly through Arbor.

Starting October Half Term 2025

Holiday Club

The club is run by staff employed by Linaker Primary School and led by our Before & After School Club Manager.

Sessions are: Morning 7:30 -12:30 £14
Afternoon 12:30 -17:55 £15 | Full day 7:30 -17:55 £29

We offer a selection of planned activities that include:

- Drama and Role Play
- Arts & Crafts • Board Games • Reading
- Outdoor Play • Construction Activities
- Baking/Cooking • Sports Activities
- Laptops/iPads • Films (U-rated).

To book your child's place, please contact the School Office **01704 532343** office@linaker.org.uk

We will also be offering a 'Holiday Club' during the Christmas Holidays (dependent on interest) on Monday 22nd December, Tuesday 23rd December, Monday 29th December and Tuesday 30th December. This will be in addition to the wrap around care offer on INSET Days, which includes Friday 24th November and Monday 5th January. Please contact school to express interest in any or all of these days!

PE and Afterschool Clubs Timetable for Half-Term 2

PE Timetable

<p>Monday</p> <p>2LW Year 5</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Year 1 Year 3 2LB Year 4 5FK</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Year 3</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Reception Year 2 Year 1 Year 6</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>5JC Year 6 Year 4 - Swimming</p>	<p>ON SWIMMING DAYS, CHILDREN ARE TO COME INTO SCHOOL WITH THEIR FULL UNIFORM ON AND BRING THEIR SWIMMING KIT WITH THEM.</p>

After School Club Timetable

<p>Monday</p> <p>Year 1 & 2 - Dance Year 6 - Football</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Year 3 - Gymnastics Years 4, 5 & 6 - Young Voices</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>NO CLUBS (Staff Meeting Day)</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Year 2 - Gymnastics Year 3 & 4 - Dance</p>

CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING SUITABLE CLOTHING TO CHANGE INTO AFTER SCHOOL FOR THEIR CLUB, UNLESS IT IS ALREADY THEIR P.E DAY.

Friends of Linaker (FOL)

Friends of Linaker needs you!

We raise funds for the school by...

FOL makes a real difference to our children! We need helpers to continue this good work. Even if you can only spare the odd hour here and there, we would love to hear from you! Please see Vanessa in the SNUG if you want to know more.

Organising events

Running raffles or selling drinks at school events like sports days

Children have experiences in and out of school that they may not otherwise get.

Each child in school gets a gift in Decemeber

Our fundraising has meant that...

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: seftoncvss.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.

- **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.

The Team Around the School (TAS)

At our school, we know that family life can be busy and sometimes a little challenging — and that's perfectly normal! The **Team Around the School (TAS)** are here to help.

TAS brings together friendly professionals from different services who work alongside your family and the school. Together, we aim to spot any worries early and make sure you get the right support at the right time — before little problems become big ones.

How TAS Can Support You

Every family needs a bit of help now and then, and it's okay to ask for it. The Team Around the School can offer support in lots of different areas, such as:

- Creating **positive family routines**
- Supporting **health and wellbeing**
- Offering **housing and accommodation advice**
- Giving **parenting tips and support** and helping with **behaviour management**
- Easing **money worries or financial pressures**
- Promoting **emotional health and wellbeing**

Working Together

The TAS approach is all about **teamwork** — families, schools, and professionals working together to help every child feel happy, healthy, and ready to learn.

You don't have to face things alone. We're here to listen, support, and help you find the right path forward — together.

The **TAS team** is available to meet with families on the **first Monday of every month** at the **Talbot Street Family Wellbeing Centre**.

If you'd like to **book a time to chat** or just **find out more about what TAS can offer**, please speak to **Vanessa in the SNUG** at school — she'll be happy to help!



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



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Have a great half-term and we shall see you on Monday 3rd November!