



# Linaker Primary School

# Linaker's Latest

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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

#### Headteacher's Message



I have been incredibly proud of our children this week. Year 6 represented our school impeccably on their trip to the Imperial War Museum - their behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit to us all. In school, D&T Week has kept everyone busy, creative and engaged - the upper corridor filled with the delicious smell of cookies that had us all feeling hungry! As we now move into the festive season, we look forward to an exciting few weeks ahead. A gentle reminder that good attendance is vital so children don't miss out.

**#Togethernees #Empathy #Aspiration #Mutual**

#### This Week's Award Winners



#### This Week's Linaker Learners

- N HM – Sydney B
- R SW – Reuben B
- R1 SP – Amelia C
- 1 NW – Anthony V
- 2 LB – Harrison Y
- 2 LW – Patryk S
- 3 LF – Whole Class
- 3 LK – Sadik A
- 4 DN – Deniz S
- 4 KC – Amelia K
- 5 FK – Sienna P
- 5 JC – Aiden K
- 6 VT – Cruz L
- 6 ME – Filip K

#### This Week's Super Pupils

- N HM – Umair R
- R SW – Lailah M
- R1 SP – Drake S
- 1 NW – Orry L
- 2 LB – Ryan K
- 2 LW – Sebastian N
- 3 LF – Bassam M
- 3 LK – Hunter WM
- 4 DN – Sumayyah A
- 4 KC – Freddie H
- 5 FK – Anja S-H
- 5 JC – Nabeela H
- 6 VT – An Marita
- 6 ME – Khadiza F

#### Attendance

**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

Linaker this week:

**95.64%**

Linaker Last week:

**94.75%**

National

Average

23/24:

**95.40%**

**Well done to all this week's award winners!**

# This Week's Award Winners



## House Competitions and Leader Board

### House Attendance this week:

House	Percentage	Position
Ainsdale	91.7%	4 <sup>th</sup>
Birkdale	96.3%	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Botanic	97.7%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Hesketh	96.0%	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### House Points this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	29	4 <sup>th</sup>
Birkdale	36	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Botanic	30	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Hesketh	37	1 <sup>st</sup>

### Overall Positions for Half-Term 2:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	129	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Birkdale	157	1 <sup>st</sup>
Botanic	129	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Hesketh	147	2 <sup>nd</sup>



## Design & Technology Week

This week, every class has taken part in an exciting Design and Technology Week, developing their creativity, problem-solving and innovation skills. Across the school, children followed the full *design – make – evaluate* cycle, thinking carefully about the purpose of their product, who it was for and how they might market it. This thoughtful approach helped pupils understand that design is a process - one that involves planning, testing, improving and reflecting.

### Year 1 – Mechanisms

Year 1 explored sliders and levers, creating interactive Christmas or celebration-themed books linked to their English work. They experimented with movement and simple mechanical systems to bring their pages to life.



## Year 2 – Textiles

Year 2 focused on sewing and joining techniques to design and make their own “bendy bags.” They considered function, durability and appearance while constructing their textiles projects.



## Year 3 – Structures

Year 3 investigated shell structures and used this knowledge to design packaging for a Diwali gift. They explored how shape and structure can protect and present an item effectively.



## Year 4 – Mechanical Systems

Year 4 looked closely at gears and pulleys, applying these ideas to Roman-inspired structures linked to their history topic. They considered how mechanical systems can make movement more efficient.



## Year 5 – Food: Culture and Seasonality

Year 5 explored cultural celebrations and seasonal produce by making their own Christmas biscuits. They learned about ingredients, preparation skills and the importance of food choices in different traditions.



## Year 6 – Food: Fairtrade and Global Links

Year 6 baked Willy Wonka-inspired cookies while learning about Fairtrade and global food production, linking their work to geography. They considered where ingredients come from and how ethical choices impact communities.



All children had a wonderful time getting creative. Their thoughtful designs, careful making and reflective evaluations showed real progress in D&T understanding. It has been a brilliant week of purposeful, hands-on learning across the school!

## Year 6 Trip to the Imperial War Museum

On Tuesday, Year 6 enjoyed an exciting and thought-provoking trip to the Imperial War Museum in Manchester as part of their history studies on the First and Second World Wars. The visit gave pupils the chance to deepen their understanding of the two global conflicts they have been exploring in class.

During the day, the children took part in a range of interactive activities and explored powerful exhibitions featuring real artefacts, personal stories and large-scale displays. They were particularly fascinated by the museum's *Time Stacks*, which allowed them to handle objects from the wartime period and the *Big Picture Show*, where immersive projections helped bring key historical moments to life.

Teachers were impressed by the thoughtful questions pupils asked and the mature discussions that followed, especially around the impact of war on ordinary people. The trip not only reinforced their classroom learning but also helped pupils connect emotionally and intellectually with history in a meaningful way.

Year 6 returned to school full of enthusiasm, ready to continue their work on WW1 and WW2 armed with new insights and a deeper appreciation of the stories behind the events.



## Spotlight on Phase 1!

It has been a wonderfully busy and inspiring week across EYFS, with lots of hands-on learning, creativity and curiosity on display!

### Nursery

Nursery children have been exploring this month's inspirational person, the renowned primatologist Jane Goodall. They were fascinated by her work with chimpanzees and her passion for protecting animals. Inspired by her example, the children set up their own role-play vets' clinic, taking great care of their 'patients' and talking about their dreams of working with animals in the future. It has been lovely to hear their aspirations and see their empathy shine through.



### Reception

Reception have been little chefs this week, making delicious chocolate crispy cakes. As well as enjoying a tasty treat, they used brilliant mathematical language such as *more* and *less* while measuring ingredients. They also explored some science learning, noticing how the chocolate changed from a solid to a liquid when heated. Lots of learning packed into one fun activity!

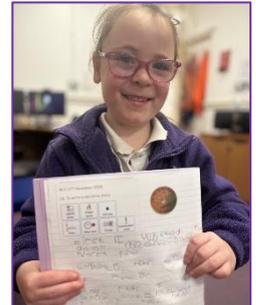


### Year 1

Year 1 have certainly been busy too. In geography, they have been studying the school environment and created their own maps showing a bird's-eye view of the school grounds. They then put their maps to the test by navigating around school—true young geographers in the making!

In RE, the children learned about Christian Christmas symbols, focusing on the advent wreath. They discovered that a candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas, with a larger white candle lit on Christmas Day. To bring this to life, they crafted beautiful collage wreaths and even made a real advent wreath using evergreen foliage and real candles.

Alongside all of this, Year 1 have produced some super writing—what a fantastic week of learning!



## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

As part of this year's *Social Signature* initiative, Year One will be assembling shoeboxes for the **Rotary Shoebox Scheme**. This wonderful project helps provide children most in need with a small parcel of gifts and essential items to bring joy this Christmas season.

We would be very grateful for any small donations to help us fill our shoeboxes. Suggested items include:

- **Toys and games:** cars, balls, complete jigsaw puzzles, crayons, pens, colouring books, wooden or plastic toys, games, playdough — anything a child would love to play with.
- **Warm clothing:** hats, scarves, gloves, or other cosy accessories.

Our boxes will be prepared for children aged **4 years and older**. Toys may be second-hand, provided they are in *excellent*, "as new" condition.

Please note that **we cannot accept** the following items:

- Food or drink of any kind (including sweets and chocolate)
- Items containing batteries
- Conflict-related toys such as toy soldiers

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in supporting this meaningful cause. Your contributions will help make a real difference in a child's Christmas.

*thank you*



## Christmas Dates for your diary

**UPCOMING Events**

DECEMBER	
08	YEARS 2 & 3 CHRISTMAS PLAY Christ Church, Lord Street
11	YEARS 4, 5 & 6 CAROL CONCERT St Teresa's, Everton Road - 5pm
16	RECEPTION & YEAR 1 NATIVITY Baptist Church, Scarisbrick New Road
17	CHRISTMAS LUNCH Linaker Primary
17	ELFRIDGES SHOP Linaker Primary
18	FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT Santa's Grotto
19	WINTER CELEBRATION Linaker Primary
19	SCHOOL ENDS @ 1:30PM Happy Holidays*

## 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! We will be offering a 'Holiday Club' during the Christmas Holidays (depending 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 the INSET Day on Monday 5th January. Please contact school to express interest in any or all of these days!

 **Dates:** Monday 22nd December, Tuesday 23rd December, Monday 29th December and Tuesday 30th December

 **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](mailto: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](mailto:office@linaker.org.uk)

## Menu Choices – Week Beg 1.12.25 (Week 1)

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](#).



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Traditional Main Course</b>	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
<b>Pasta Pizza Noodles</b>	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Lasagne	Roasted Vegetable Pizza Slice	Sweet Chilli Stir Fry Veg & Noodles
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	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
<b>Deli Bar Wraps or Baguette with Salad</b>	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
<b>Salad Bar</b>	Available Daily	Available Daily	Available Daily	Available Daily	Available Daily
<b>Dessert</b>	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



*Elfridges*

We're collecting unwanted new gifts (chocolates, toiletries, trinkets etc) for our 'Elfridges' shop in school. Children will then purchase these items to gift their families, spreading a little bit of cheer this festive season. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS WANTED BY:

FRI | 12 | 16:00  
DEC



Community Information and Family Support



*Southport  
Salvation Army*

**Tuesdays 4:30pm - 5:15pm (term time)**  
An exciting opportunity for children aged 7-11 years to learn how to play a brass instrument.  
Cost £1.00 per week

65 Shakespeare Street  
Southport  
PR8 5AJ  
TEL: 01704 547805



**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](#)

# Sefton Warm Spaces

a space for community  
and warmth in Sefton



in partnership with  

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: [seftoncvcs.org.uk/warmspaces](https://seftoncvcs.org.uk/warmspaces)

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## The Team Around the School (TAS) - 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**

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!

## Free Webinar

### Parental Burnout, Meltdowns & Behaviour



10.12.2025



10am

Register your place at [witherslackgroup.co.uk/parental-burnout](https://witherslackgroup.co.uk/parental-burnout)

# PARENT COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Linaker



Primary School



We are looking for a Parent Councillor to join our Local Academy Council.

As a Parent Councillor, you will help guide school decisions, champion pupil success, and strengthen our community. Your valuable time will make a big impact!

If you are interested, please click the Apply Now button for further information.

**CLOSING DATE: 05.12.25**

**APPLY  
NOW**



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If you want to apply, please see our link on our website here: <https://www.linakerschool.co.uk/page/local-academy-councillors/162349>

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 1<sup>st</sup> December!