



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 4th December 2025

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

Headteacher's Message



It was truly lovely to see the children's faces on Monday morning as they walked into a school dressed for Christmas. With festive decorations and the sound of production rehearsals filling the corridors, it is certainly feeling festive here at Linaker! Yet, despite all the excitement, our children continue to work hard and are producing some fantastic pieces of writing, which were a joy to celebrate during our whole-school moderation. We can't wait to share our productions with you next week and hope to see you all there! #TEAMLinaker #Togetherness #Empathy #Aspiration #Mutual Respect

Attendance

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Linaker this week:

90.81%

Linaker Last week:

95.64%

National

Average

23/24:

95.40%

This Week's Award Winners

This Week's Linaker Learners

- N HM – Alisha F
- R SW – Lucas K
- R1 SP – Ayan D
- 1 NW – Kosi C
- 2 LB – Benny H
- 2 LW – Carter H
- 3 LF – Jacob L
- 3 LK – Abdul A
- 4 DN – Freddie H
- 4 KC – Nadal R
- 5 FK – Nicolas D
- 5 JC – Patryk P
- 6 VT – Henry O
- 6 ME – Hamdan R

This Week's Super Pupils

- N HM – Eira L
- R SW – Ginevra G
- R1 SP – Jack W
- 1 NW – Isabella R-L
- 2 LB – Whole Class
- 2 LW – Eva S
- 3 LF – Abeeha F
- 3 LK – Tasnim F
- 4 DN – Rayyan A
- 4 KC – Luke I-T
- 5 FK – Gaby R
- 5 JC – Liliana G
- 6 VT – Roshina A
- 6 ME – Lucas J



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	90.1%	3 rd
Birkdale	88.8%	4 th
Botanic	94.6%	2 nd
Hesketh	95.0%	1 st

House Points this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	32	2 nd
Birkdale	35	1 st
Botanic	31	3 rd
Hesketh	35	1 st

Overall Positions for Half-Term 2:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	163	3 rd
Birkdale	193	1 st
Botanic	163	3 rd
Hesketh	186	2 nd



SNUG & SEND Family Connect

A big thank you to all the families who were able to join us this week for our *Family Connect* coffee morning. It was wonderful to hear such open and honest conversations, to be able to offer guidance and signpost parents to the support available, and to see our school values being truly lived and celebrated in action. The morning was a fantastic opportunity to strengthen our school community and connect with one another in a relaxed and welcoming environment. It was also great to have Kelsie Wilde for joining us and sharing all the exciting festive events happening at the Sefton Hubs this season.

We would love to see even more families join us next time, so keep an eye out for the invite on Arbor and our social media channels - we can't wait to welcome you!



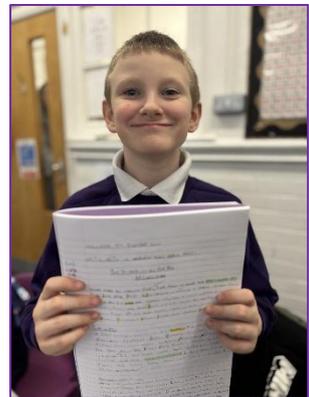
Spotlight on Phase 2!

This week, Phase 2 have been spreading kindness and smiles across our school community.

Year 2 have been taking part in a *Kindness Advent*, completing an act of kindness every day throughout December as part of their Social Signature. It has been wonderful to see how enthusiastically they have embraced each challenge. We've especially loved hearing from parents who are astonished by their beautifully tidied bedrooms and touched by the empathy the children have shown—such as bringing in toys to donate to children less fortunate than themselves. We are so proud of their big hearts and positive actions!

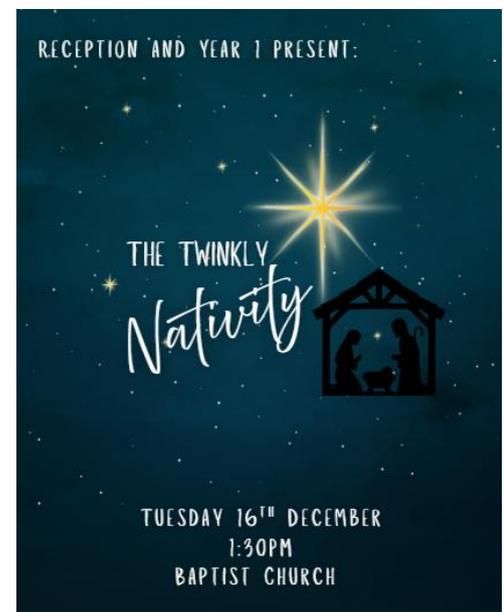
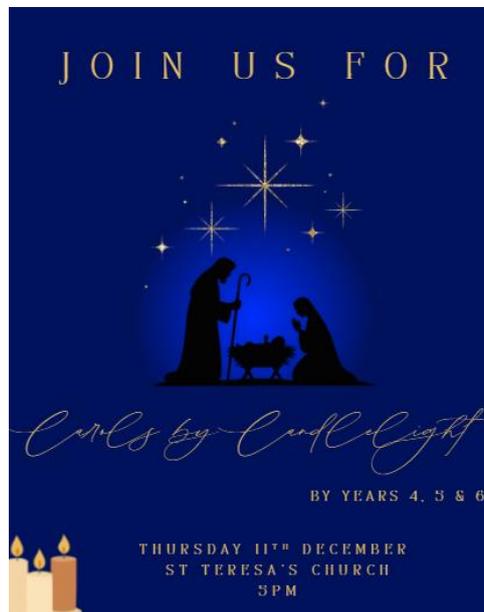
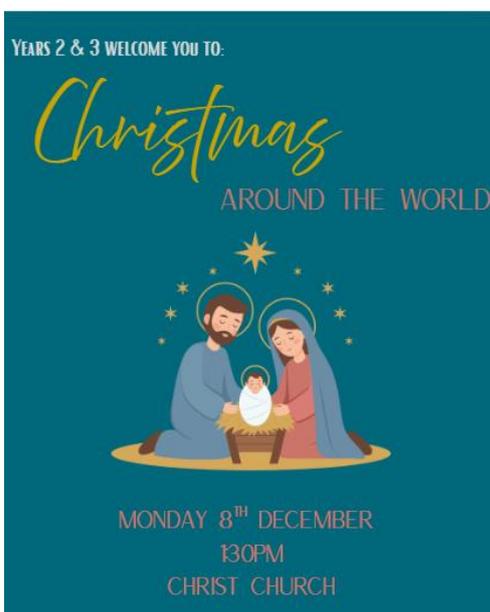
Meanwhile, Year 3 have been producing some fantastic writing all about rivers, linking closely with their geography topic. We are incredibly impressed with their confident use of topic-specific vocabulary and the creativity they are bringing to their work. We can't wait to see how they continue to grow as authors throughout their time at school—they are already showing so much talent and potential!

Well done, Phase 2! Keep up the brilliant work.



Christmas Performances

Our children have been working incredibly hard—practising their lines, perfecting their singing, and bringing their acting skills to life. They can't wait to share their wonderful performances with you and showcase all they've been preparing.



A reminder about the Year 2 and 3 Christmas Nativity on Monday 8th December:

Date and Time: Year 2 and 3's performance will take place at Christ Church (Lord Street) on Monday 8th December 2025. Doors will open at 1.15pm, for a prompt start at 1.30pm.

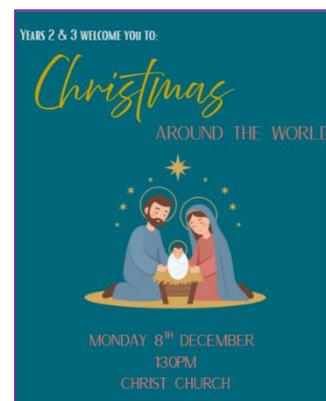
Arrangements for the day: The children will walk to church at 9.15am, spend the morning rehearsing, and get ready for the doors to open at 1.15pm. Once the performance is finished, parents are welcome to take their children from the church. If any parents cannot make the performance, staff will walk the children back to school ready to be collected as normal at 3.25pm.

Lunches: Children will need to bring a packed lunch. It must be in a disposable carrier bag, labelled with your child's name. Our school kitchen can provide children with a packed lunch if you are usually eligible for free school meals, or would like to pay for one on that day.

Permissions: Please make sure you have logged in to Arbor and completed the permissions;

-Walking to church

-Packed lunch/providing your own



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.



Holiday Club

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 or book directly through Arbor

A colorful poster for the 'Holiday Club' at Linaker Primary School. At the top, it says 'Starting October Half Term 2025'. The title 'Holiday Club' is in large, bubbly letters. Below the title, it says 'The club is run by staff employed by Linaker Primary School and led by our Before & After School Club Manager.' There are photos of children engaged in various activities. A list of activities includes: Drama and Role Play, Arts & Crafts, Board Games, Reading, Outdoor Play, Construction Activities, Baking/Cooking, Sports Activities, Laptops/iPads, and Films (U-rated). At the bottom, it says 'To book your child's place, please contact the School Office 01704 532343 office@linaker.org.uk'.

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*

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Menu Choices – Week Beg 8.12.25 (Week 2)

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
Traditional Main Course	Beef Burger in a Bun with Salad & Tortilla Chips	All Day Brunch Bacon, Egg, Beans, Mushrooms and Hash Browns	Roast of the Day with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Sweet Potato and Cheese Swirl with Vegetables	Fish Fingers with Chips & Peas
Pasta Pizza Noodles	Tomato & Roasted Vegetable Pasta	Salmon with Cherry Tomato Baby Spinach and Noodles	Cheese & Tomato Panini Pizza with Sweetcorn	Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegetable Fajitas, Chips & Coleslaw
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	Fruit Flapjack, Fruit or Yoghurt	Lemon Sponge, Fruit or Yoghurt	Ginger Biscuit, Fruit or Yoghurt	Apple Sponge, Fruit or Yoghurt	Shortbread Biscuit, Fruit or Yoghurt

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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

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



Here are the links for December's Parent Webinar sessions. December's topic is "Understanding Your Child's Behaviour."

All parents are invited to join this relaxed and informal session, which will share evidence-based strategies and practical support. The two links below are for the same session, offered at different times for convenience.

Last opportunity to get tickets!

December 11th, 17:00-18:00:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-my-childs-behaviour-pm-session-tickets-1970218942895>

December 12th, 09:30-10:30:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-your-childs-behaviours-am-session-tickets-1970230648908>



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Have a great weekend and we shall see you on Monday 8th December!