



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 12th December 2025

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

Headteacher's Message



As we approach the final stretch of the term, I want to share how proud I've been of all the performances so far. The children's hard work, confidence and joy have been wonderful to see, and I'm looking forward to our final production on Tuesday. It has also been lovely to see our school value of **Togetherness** shining brightly throughout this festive period. I hope this warmth and unity continues to ripple into our wider community as we head towards the holidays. Next week promises to be busy, but full of the excitement of learning! Remember to be an attendance HERO! #HereEverydayReadytolearnOnTime #TEAMLinaker

Attendance

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Linaker this week:

92.11%

Linaker Last week:

90.81%

National

Average

23/24:

95.40%

This Week's Award Winners

This Week's Linaker Learners

- N HM – Hamza A
- R SW – Oliver D
- R1 SP – Annlia L
- 1 NW – Aiden G
- 2 LB – Gabby G
- 2 LW – Duaa K
- 3 LF – JayJay D
- 3 LK – Miya H
- 4 DN – Ilinca T
- 4 KC – Raiva S
- 5 FK – Zoya R
- 5 JC – Lincoln D
- 6 VT – Michael J
- 6 ME – Mia H

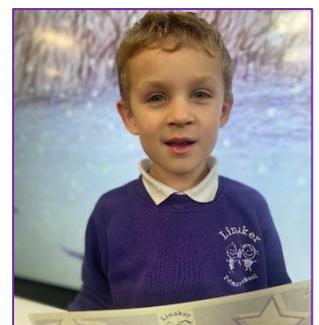
This Week's Super Pupils

- N HM – Jack E
- R SW – Filip W
- R1 SP – Isabella B
- 1 NW – Amirah S
- 2 LB – George A
- 2 LW – Menaal A
- 3 LF – Whole Class
- 3 LK – Divine E
- 4 DN – Milania G
- 4 KC – Jeffery D
- 5 FK – Natalia H
- 5 JC – Riyad H
- 6 VT – Oliver B



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	92.2%	3 rd
Birkdale	90.4%	4 th
Botanic	92.3%	2 nd
Hesketh	94.4%	1 st

House Points this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	30	4 th
Birkdale	39	1 st
Botanic	27	3 rd
Hesketh	38	2 nd

Overall Positions for Half-Term 2:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	195	3 rd
Birkdale	233	1 st
Botanic	193	4 th
Hesketh	228	2 nd

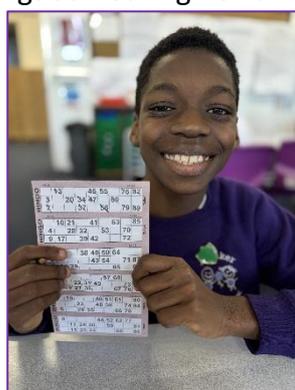


12 Days of Festive Attendance – Only 5 days to go!

We're well into our 12 Days of Festive Attendance Challenge, and what an exciting start it's been! With only five days left, pupils have already enjoyed extra break time, fun maths games, creative crafts and a whole range of festive surprises.

But the fun isn't over yet - there are many more special prizes and activities still to be revealed each day! Make sure you're in school to join the excitement, discover each new prize, and celebrate great attendance with your classmates.

Don't miss out - every day brings something new!



Christmas Performances

Years 2 & 3 – Christmas Around the World

Our Year 2 and 3 pupils wowed us with their wonderful performance of Christmas Around the World, celebrating festive traditions from across the globe. With such a diverse school community, it was truly special to highlight one of Linaker's greatest superpowers - our rich mix of cultures - by learning about just a few of the many countries represented in our school.



The children were amazing: they learned all their lines, delivered them with confidence in front of a packed audience, and sang beautifully, leaving everyone feeling joyful and full of festive cheer. It was a fantastic way to kick off this year's Christmas performances!



Phase 3 – Carols by Candlelight

Our Phase 3 children shared the true spirit of Christmas in their beautiful Carols by Candlelight concert, telling the Christmas story through song in the serene setting of St Teresa's Church. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who stayed to perform - your dedication truly shone.

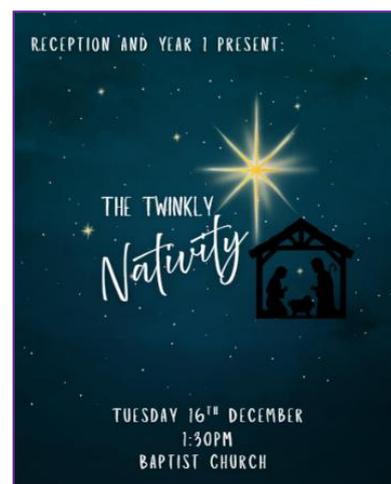
The smiles on their faces as they sang with pride warmed the hearts of everyone in attendance. It was a wonderfully uplifting evening and a beautiful celebration of togetherness.



A reminder about the Reception and Nativity on Tuesday 16th December:

A quick reminder that our Reception & Year 1 Christmas performance will take place on Tuesday at 1:30pm at the Baptist Church on Scarisbrick New Road.

We're excited to welcome you to our final festive production of the season – our children have worked so hard and can't wait to see you there!



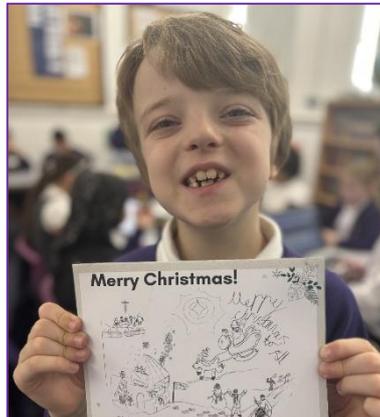
Christmas Card Competition

We were delighted to take part in this year's Christmas Card Competition, kindly organised by Patrick Hurley, MP for Southport and the Northern Parishes. Children in Phase 3 were invited to design festive cards, and entries were collected and shortlisted before being sent off for judging.

While our pupils didn't win this year, we were very proud that their designs were shortlisted and that two of our children were invited to Southport Market to celebrate their artwork alongside pupils from 11 local schools. At the event, Patrick Hurley thanked all participants and showcased the children's creations, with certificates presented in recognition of their effort and creativity.

It was a wonderful experience for our pupils to see their designs made into cards by Patrick Hurley himself and to be part of such a special community celebration.

Well done to everyone who took part!



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

Starting October Half Term 2025

Holiday Club

Linaker Primary School

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

Weekly World Religion Assembly



This week in our World Religion assembly, we explored The Christmas Story, learning about the birth of Jesus and the kindness shown by those who welcomed and supported him and his family. We linked this to our non-denominational focus: Giving and Welcoming Others. Children shared ideas about how they can be generous with their time, words, and actions — and how small acts of welcome and kindness can make a big difference during the festive season. Themes explored included: generosity, inclusion, and kindness.

Weekly Picture News Assembly



This week in our in-class Picture News Assembly, the children learned about an adventurer named Darren Edwards, who is paralysed from the chest down, and is preparing to ravel 137 miles across Antarctica using a sit ski. They learned that if he succeeds, he will become a world record holder for the longest sit-ski journey to the South Pole. The children also reflected upon how difficult life can be how we can try new things, reach new goals and find strength inside ourselves – challenges don't have to stop us! Finally, the children linked their learning to the British Value of Individual Liberty.



Individual Liberty

We all have the freedom to choose challenges that help us learn and grow. Darren's journey shows us we can set our own goals to help us discover what we're capable of.

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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Next week, our children can attend school in their own clothes on **Wednesday 17th December**, when we will have Christmas dinner together, and on **Friday 19th December** for the last day! Of course, they can wear their Christmas jumpers if they wish, on both of these days!

On **Thursday 18th December**, we will have a special visit from Father Christmas!

Please remember that school closes for children at 1:30pm on Friday 19th December.

Menu Choices – Week Beg 15.12.25 (Week 3)

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](#).

	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

Festive Raffle 2025

Festive Raffle

FRIENDS OF LINAKER are holding a festive raffle.

Tickets are £1 per strip and there are many prizes including a FAMILY PASS FOR ADVENTURE COAST!

Money raised is going towards playground improvements.

Tickets on sale outside the SNUG each afternoon

WINNERS ANNOUNCED ON 18TH DEC



Tickets on sale every day at the end of school outside the SNUG.

£1 per strip

Community Information and Family Support



Cheshire and Merseyside

Have questions about Neurodiversity?

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network
Supporting you to find the answers

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supporting you to find the answers
(with or without diagnosis)



Parents and carers would you like to know more about Autism, ADHD, specific learning difficulties or sensory processing difficulties to better understand and support your child / young person?

Come along to our FREE to attend meetings and workshops

- Learn about neurodevelopmental conditions
- Identify practical strategies that work for you and your family
- Meet other parents in similar situations
- Ask questions and talk to our team who can help and support you



To find out more about how we can support you and your family

come along to our group or call our team:

0151 486 1788

or email us:

info@advancedsolutions.co.uk

Community Network Group
every Wednesday morning in term time
9.30am - 11.30am

May Logan Healthy Living Centre
294 Knowsley Road, Bootle, L20 5DQ
no need to book, just come along

or
Online via zoom
Monday mornings & Wednesday evenings

Family Learning Programmes
6 session programmes
running in Sefton and online

Check out our website
and download our
Sefton newsletter



www.advancedsolutions.co.uk



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:

[Talbot Street Family Wellbeing Centre](#)

[Linaker Family Wellbeing Centre](#)

 <p>brass roots AT SOUTHPORT SALVATION ARMY</p>	<p>Southport Salvation Army</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>65 Shakespeare Street Southport PR8 5AJ TEL: 01704 547805</p>

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Have a great weekend! Please remember that school closes at 1:30pm on Friday 19th December for all children. Children return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.