



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 19th December 2025

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

Headteacher's Message



As we reach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements and experiences we've shared. It has been a term filled with learning, creativity, and our TEAM Linaker spirit! A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment, and to you - our families - for your continued support. Together, we have created one team, where everyone belongs! I hope you enjoy a well-deserved break filled with rest, joy, and time with loved ones. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and the very best for the New Year! [#TEAMLinaker](#) [#Togetherness](#) [#Empathy](#) [#Aspiration](#) [#MutualRespect](#)

This Week's Award Winners



This Half-term's TEAM Value Winners – Togetherness

N HM – Eira L & Arham M
R SW – Fabio L & Oaklyn W
R1 SP – Bertie M & Bayzid A
1 NW – Harvey T & Aiden G
2 LB – Aria C & Matias P
2 LW – Matilda G & Ivy S
3 LF – Lena Z & Haydar N
3 LK – Aaron F & Renesmee M
4 DN – Amelia K & Zidan U
4 KC – Sumayyah A & Leen H A-K
5 FK – Nailah M & Elmira D
5 JC – Maryam H & Lucas F
6 VT – Irene M & An Marita J
6 ME – Hannah W & Basia W

Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Linaker this week:

93.05%

Linaker Last week:

92.11%

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	93.7%	2 nd
Birkdale	92.5%	4 th
Botanic	93.9%	1 st
Hesketh	92.6%	3 rd

House Points this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	32	3 rd
Birkdale	39	1 st
Botanic	31	4 th
Hesketh	38	2 nd

Overall Positions for Half-Term 2:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	227	3 rd
Birkdale	272	1 st
Botanic	193	4 th
Hesketh	266	2 nd



House Team Half-term 2 – Winners!



Attendance Award Winners – Term 1

Well done to all our attendance HEROs below who have maintained an attendance percentage of 98% or above for the first term! **The children who have their names in bold have achieved a 100% attendance – awesome job... #Here#Everyday#Ready#Ontime**

Nursery & Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
AM & PM	1NW	2LB	3LF	4DN	5FK	6ME
Logan, B	Dexter, B	George, A	Ezinma, C	Rayyan, A	Elmira, D	Sajid, AS
Alana, RF	Koksi, C	Aria, C	Jay Jay, D	Remy, B	Nicolas-Marius, D	Beatriz, A
Jack, E	Youxi, H	Lexi, C	Jacob, L	Simon, DS	Favour, E	Emily, B
Arham, M	Lucy, J	Maria, C	Sienna, M	Milania, G	Waad, E	Dylan, B
Donte, O	Molly, M	Harley, C	Bassam, M	Theo, MM	Nabeela, H	Ruby, D
R1/SP	Roxana, S	Nikolay, D	Baran, S	Finnley, M	Molly, L	Mark, D
Radu, B	Harvey, T	Isla, G	Lena, W	Dhyan, NR	Richard, M	Filip, K
Isabella, B	R1/SP	Gabby, G	Lena, Z	Sofia, N	Nailah, M	Ali, L
Jaiden, E	Mason, R	Lakshaya, K	3LK	Ema, R	Alina, N	Alfie, P
Nylah, O		Benny, N	Abdulroqeeb, A	Charlie, R	Igor P	Lawa, S
RSW		Ossian, P	Liam, C	Eva, SS	Gabrielius, R	Espen, T
Reuben, B		2LW	Summer Rose, D	Dexter, S	Fabian, S	Hannah, W
Zeke, B		Menall, A	Divine, E	Ilinca, T	Hayden, W	6VT
Fateh, B		Rahma, A	Aaron, F	Ella, W	5JC	Roshina, A
Lailah, M		Julia, K	Alice, F	4KC	Rafiqul, A	Lucas, B
Antonio, V		Duaa, K	Tasnim, F	Jeffrey, D	Reagan, B	Oliver, B
Oaklynn, W		Kai, L	Jaxson, G	Luke, IT	Patryk, C	Victoria, D
		Jasmine, M	Connie, H	Daina, M	Alice, D	Lilly, G
		Stacey, M	Blake, M-M		Lincoln, D	Hafsah, H
		Sebastian, N	Talia, O		Callum, F	An Marita, J
		Harry, R	Aimee, S		Lucas, F	Michael, J
		Alicija W	Hunter, W-M		Thomas, F	Pheobe, M
		Chloe, W			Maryam, H	Irene, M
					Aniita, J	Leighton, MM
					Zofia, K	Henry, O
					Orla, L	Frankie, P
					Julie, N	Kaushik RG
					Anja, SH	Ankush, S



Christmas Performances

Reception & Year 1 – Nativity

Our Reception and Year 1 children brought our Christmas performances to a truly magical close with their *Twinkly Nativity*. It was a wonderful celebration and a perfect way to end a very special festive season.

The children performed with such confidence and enthusiasm, delivering a performance that felt incredibly professional. They wowed everyone with how well they remembered their words and delighted us all with their joyful, heartfelt singing. Smiles filled the room as the story unfolded and it was clear how much hard work and practice had gone into the production.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their fantastic efforts and a huge thank you to the staff who supported them every step of the way. It was a performance that truly captured the spirit of Christmas and left everyone feeling festive and uplifted.



Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch was a huge success and enjoyed by both staff and children alike. The dining hall was filled with festive cheer as everyone came together to sit down and enjoy a delicious meal.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing kitchen staff, who worked incredibly hard to ensure that everyone had a wonderful Christmas dinner. Their efforts did not go unnoticed — our children proudly gave the meal a five-star rating and declared it to be *the best Christmas dinner ever!*

It was a lovely opportunity for us all to share time together, enjoy great food, and celebrate the festive season as a school community. A truly memorable part of our Christmas celebrations.



Father Christmas Visits Linaker Primary School

We were delighted to welcome a very special visitor to school as Father Christmas came to see us, bringing with him plenty of festive magic. It was truly a magical day that the children will remember for a long time. The children were full of excitement as they asked Santa lots of questions and loved learning all about how he flew in from the North Pole. They eagerly shared stories about their naughty elves at home and told Santa all about their Christmas wishes for the big day.

Father Christmas was incredibly kind and surprised all the children with an early Christmas present, which they were thrilled to receive. Smiles, laughter and festive cheer filled the school throughout the day.

Thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his very busy schedule to visit us and a huge thank you to all of his special helpers who helped make the day run so smoothly. Your kindness and effort helped create a truly magical experience for all our children.



Winter Celebrations at #TEAM Linaker

As we approach the end of term, our school has been filled with festive cheer as children across all year groups came together to enjoy our Winter Celebrations. It has been a wonderful opportunity for everyone to relax, have fun, and celebrate the season with their friends.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a wide range of exciting activities. There were party snacks to enjoy, dancing and singing to lift our spirits, reindeer food making, Christmas crafts and so much more! Every classroom was buzzing with laughter, creativity and joy.

It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces as the children joined in and made special memories together. Sometimes it's the simple moments - sharing laughter, working together and enjoying each other's company - that mean the most. Today truly captured that special #TEAMLinaker spirit, and it was a perfect way to celebrate the end of term.



Nursery Stay and Play

We were delighted to welcome families into Nursery for our recent *Stay and Play* session. It was a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to spend time in Nursery alongside their children and experience a little of their daily routine.

The children were so excited to show their families all of their favourite things to do, from playing with toys and exploring activities to joining in with songs. It was wonderful to see families enjoying special time simply being together.

The session was filled with smiles, laughter and lots of proud moments, making it a truly enjoyable experience for both children and adults. Thank you to all the families who joined us and helped make the day so special.



Festive Raffle 2025 – Winners!

Well done to all of our raffle winners — we hope you enjoy your prizes!

A massive thank you to our Friends of Linaker for all their hard work securing prizes and selling tickets, as well as to everyone who kindly donated.

Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated, and all the money raised will go towards making improvements to our playground for the children to enjoy. Thank you for helping to make a real difference to our school community.



Year 1 Shoebox Appeal – Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Your kindness and support will help bring joy to many children and families this Christmas and truly reflects the caring spirit of our school community.

Year 1 worked incredibly hard creating the shoeboxes as part of their *Social Signature* challenge. The Social Signature project encourages children to take positive action within their community, helping them understand how small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Through this project, the children have been learning about responsibility, empathy and supporting others.

The children showed great enthusiasm and care while preparing the shoeboxes, and they were very proud to be part of an appeal that helps those in need. We are extremely proud of their efforts and the generosity shown by our families.

Thank you once again to everyone who donated - your support has helped make this meaningful project a great success.



Elfridges

Our much-loved *Elfridges* Christmas shop was a wonderful success, giving children the opportunity to choose and buy special gifts for their families. The children were so excited to carefully select presents, thinking thoughtfully about who they were buying for.

Once chosen, the gifts were beautifully wrapped by our fantastic Year 6 helpers, who were kind and helpful throughout the event. Their support made the day run smoothly and was a great example of teamwork and care for others.

We hope families enjoy receiving these special gifts and that they bring lots of smiles and a little extra Christmas cheer. Thank you to everyone who helped make *Elfridges* such a lovely experience for our children.



Spreading Joy at Birkdale Park Nursing Home

Our school council enjoyed a very special visit to Birkdale Park Nursing Home, where they delivered handmade cards and performed some festive songs. The children were proud to share their work and bring a little festive cheer to the residents.

It was a lovely opportunity to connect with the local community and show how small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Seeing the smiles on the residents' faces made the visit truly meaningful, and the children represented #TEAMLinaker with warmth, respect, and generosity.



FREE English Courses for Adults



FREE* English Courses for Adults

Find out more at
our ESOL Open Day

Information about the new January ESOL courses for all levels from absolute beginners to higher levels!

**ESOL enrolments and assessments:
please bring ID**

Please come to Southport College Reception.

**Barbara Kerr
ESOL Curriculum Leader
kerrb@southport.ac.uk**

**Wednesday
7 January
10.00am to
4.00pm**

* Free if you live in Sefton and meet certain requirements.

At Linaker, we are always looking for ways to further support our families, where English is an additional language, in any way we can to:

- Strengthen school-home communications
- Help parents/carers support their children with homework
- Improve outcomes for EAL children

There is an ESOL Open Day at Southport College on Wednesday 7th January 10.00am-4.00pm.

On this day families can get advice, guidance and enrol onto a suitable level course, whether they are absolute beginners or progressing to higher levels. *Free if you live in Sefton and meet certain requirements.

New Baby and Toddler Playgroup – Starting January!



JOIN US!

Enter via Linaker St Nursery gate entrance for Linaker Primary School.

Baby & Toddler Playgroup

All welcome for play, songs and stories in our safe, nurturing and friendly environment.

Tuesdays 9.15 – 11am (Term time)

Run by our Friendly Early Years Team

Only £1 per week inc. snack

Everyone welcome!



We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Baby and Toddler Playgroup, based in our nursery and starting on Tuesday 13th January. The group will run every Tuesday morning from 9:15–11:00am during term time.

We can't wait to welcome babies and toddlers along with their parents, grandparents, and childminders for a relaxed and friendly morning of singing, playing, and community spirit.

Sessions are £1 per week (including a snack). Adults must stay with their children, and our dedicated early years team will lead each session. We look forward to seeing you there!

Merry Christmas from #TEAMLinaker!



Merry Christmas from our #TEAM to yours!

Weekly World Religion Assembly



This week in our World Religion assembly, we explored how Christmas is Celebrated Around the World. The children learned that while Christmas traditions vary from country to country, the themes of joy, kindness, and togetherness are shared by many cultures. We linked this to our non-denominational focus: Celebrating Differences and Shared Joy, encouraging children to appreciate and respect the different ways people celebrate — and to find common values that connect us all. Themes explored included: diversity, joy, understanding, and celebration.

Weekly Picture News Assembly

This week in our in-class Picture News Assembly, the children learned about a charity called Small Acts of Kindness has sourced, packed and distributed over 10,999 'Warm in Winter' gift bags across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. Each bag includes things to keep people warm, like blankets, socks and hot drinks. The children learned that the project aims to bring comfort to elderly and vulnerable people in the colder months. We learned small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life. The children also learned about the British Value of Democracy.

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

15th - 21st December 2025



Democracy

The Warm in Winter project shows what can happen when people in a community choose to work together to help others.

When we listen to one another and make decisions together, everyone's voice can be heard, and we can all make a difference.

Menu Choices – Week Beg 5.1.25 (Week 1)

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	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

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:



[Talbot Street Family Wellbeing Centre](#)

[Linaker Family Wellbeing Centre](#)

The school is now closed for the Christmas break and Monday 5th January is an INSET day, children will return to school the following day, Tuesday 6th January 2026.

If you have immediate concerns related to the safety or safeguarding a child, please call:

Sefton Area: Children's Social Care on 0151 934 4013 or Out of Hours 0151 934 3555

Lancashire Area: Children's Social Care on 0300 123 6720 or Out of Hours 0300 123 6722

Liverpool Area: Children's Social Care on 0151 233 3700 (24-hour service)

Knowsley Area: Children's Social Care on 0151 443 2600 or Out of Hours 0151 443 2600

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the Police using 999.

Important Dates

Monday 5th January	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
Tuesday 6th January	School Opens to all Children for the Spring Term
Wednesday 14th January	Reception Place (September 2026) Application Deadline
Tuesday 27th January	Y5 Challenge with Birkdale High
Monday 2nd February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Friday 13th February	School Closes for the half-term holidays @3:35pm

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



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Have a great Christmas break!

All our children return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026, at 8:45am.