



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 9th January 2026

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

Headteacher's Message



Happy New Year to all our children, staff and their families! We hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed time with family and friends. As we begin the new term, we're excited for the opportunities ahead and look forward to working together to make 2026 a fantastic year for TEAM Linaker. This term will be filled with exciting lessons, enrichment activities and opportunities for every child to shine. Thank you for your continued support - let's make this term one to remember! #TEAMLinaker #Togetherness #Empathy #Aspiration #MutualRespect

Attendance

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Linaker this week:

95.19%

Linaker Last week:

93.05%

National

Average

23/24:

95.40%

This Week's Award Winners

This Week's Linaker Learners

- N HM – Kenzie Mc
- R SW – Zeke B
- R1 SP – Drake S
- 1 NW – Julia W
- 2 LB – Hope S
- 2 LW – Gustaw B
- 3 LF – Andriyana A
- 3 LK – Divine E
- 4 DN – Ella W
- 4 KC – Ellie D
- 5 FK – Erik P
- 5 JC – Reagan B
- 6 VT – Frankie P
- 6 ME – Harriharan M

This Week's Super Pupils

- N HM – Logan B
- R SW – Bethany D
- R1 SP – Tommy S
- 1 NW – Lena W
- 2 LB – Archie P
- 2 LW – Julia K
- 3 LF – Bassam M
- 3 LK – Summer-Rose D
- 4 DN – Vehdika P
- 4 KC – Rhythm D
- 5 FK – Logan T
- 5 JC – Rafael M
- 6 VT – Oliver B
- 6 ME – Mia H



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	94.6%	4 th
Birkdale	95.3%	3 rd
Botanic	96.1%	1 st
Hesketh	95.9%	2 nd

House Points this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	34	3 rd
Birkdale	36	2 nd
Botanic	28	4 th
Hesketh	37	1 st

Overall Positions so far for Half-Term 3:



House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	35	3 rd
Birkdale	38	2 nd
Botanic	31	4 th
Hesketh	40	1 st



PE Timetable

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

We want to remind families about our scheduled PE days so children can come prepared. Please check the poster pupils will have their PE lessons. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on these days and brings appropriate footwear for physical activity.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep PE fun and safe for everyone!

Not sure what PE kit is required? Check the uniform and appearance page on our website:

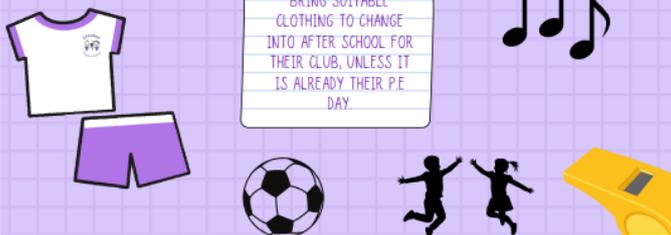
<https://www.linakerschool.co.uk/page/uniform-appearance-policy/160295>

Afterschool Clubs

After School Club Timetable

Monday Year 2 & 3 - Art Year 6 - Football	Tuesday Year 4 - Rugby Year 5 - Sewing Years 4, 5 & 6 - Young Voices
Wednesday NO CLUBS (Staff Meeting Day)	Thursday Year 3 & 4 - Dance Year 5 - Rugby

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



We want to remind families about our After School Clubs on offer this half-term.

After school clubs are booked through Arbor. Children will need to bring suitable clothing to change into for the sports club, if the club takes place on a day that is not their PE day.

Please note that the Young Voices Club cannot accept new members this academic year. For those children already involved, the Young Voices Concert takes place on Thursday 5th February 2026.

New Baby and Toddler Playgroup – Starting Tuesday 13th 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 - 10:45 (Term time)

Run by our friendly Early Years Team

Stay and play with your little ones, aged 0-4.

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 9:15–10:45am 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!

Spotlight on Maths!



As we start the new term, it has been wonderful to see children returning to their maths lessons with such enthusiasm. Across the school, a wide variety of approaches are being used, from our littlest learners right through to Year 6. Show-me boards, partner work and concrete resources are all helping pupils to consolidate their understanding and develop confidence as mathematicians. Teachers are delighted with the effort and positive attitudes shown during maths lessons and we are confident this will continue!



PE with West Lancs Sports Partnership

We've had a fantastic time working with the West Lancs Sport Partnership (WLSP) in our PE lessons since September and we're delighted that they will be continuing with us again this term. It's been wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic and excited to take part in PE, especially as they've had the opportunity to learn new sports and develop a wide range of skills.

The children's enthusiasm for lessons has really shone through and their confidence, teamwork and enjoyment have grown as the year has progressed. We have loved having the specialist support from the expert coaches at WLSP, who have worked closely with our staff to deliver high-quality, engaging PE lessons. WLSP are also continuing to offer after-school sports clubs. This half term, they will be running a Year 4 & Year 5 rugby club, giving pupils the chance to further develop their skills and love of sport in a fun, supportive environment. Places can be booked via Arbor.



We're incredibly grateful to the team at West Lancs Sport Partnership and look forward to more exciting sporting opportunities ahead!

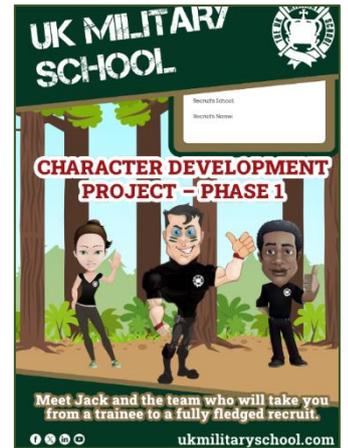


Brand New Initiative with UKMS

We're excited to welcome UK Military School (UKMS) to Linaker this term to work with our Year 5 pupils. UK Military School deliver engaging programmes designed to build confidence, teamwork, resilience and personal skills, helping pupils grow in character and leadership.

This term, Year 5 will be taking part in Character Development Phase 1, where they'll be supported through fun and challenging activities that encourage them to think positively, work together and build skills that will help them both in and out of school.

We're looking forward to seeing the children flourish with this fantastic opportunity and really value the support UK Military School will bring to our pupils' personal development!



Values Assembly

This week in our school Values assembly, we reminded the children about our school values and our focus value this half-term - EMPATHY. We also looked at how we can be learning 'Super Heroes' and revisited our classroom SMART principles and how we move around school quietly sensibly and safe!



We are looking forward to being able to reward our children with house points for demonstrating these key values and positive learning behaviours – go TEAM Linaker!



Weekly Picture News Assembly



This week in our in-class Picture News Assembly, our children learned that 2026 is a special year as it is the National Year of Reading! At Linaker we will be encouraging our children to explore all kinds of stories, books, comics, magazines, websites and even audio books, with the theme 'Go All In'. We will also be publishing information about linked fun events that may be

taking place with in the community, to help everyone find a type of reading they love! We then reflected that reading can open doors to new ideas, new possibilities, and new ways of understanding the world around us. The children linked this learning to the British Value of Mutual Respect and Tolerance.



Menu Choices – Week Beg 12.1.26 (Week 2)

Don't forget to order your child's daily lunch through 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](#).



ENDEAVOUR EATS

MENU - WEEK 2

	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

FREE English Courses for Adults



FREE*
English Courses for Adults

Creating Careers

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.

Fundraising – Elfridges 2025

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of Elfridges, which raised over £500 for school funds! The event was a huge hit and created such a lovely atmosphere around school.

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported Elfridges - whether through donating items, helping with organisation, or purchasing gifts. Your generosity and support made the event such a success.

All funds raised will go directly towards supporting future school trips and events, helping to create even more memorable experiences for our pupils.

Thank you once again for your continued support!



Friends of Linaker Present: Sweet Fridays!



Organised by Friends of Linaker, sweets will be on sale after school every Friday, near The Snug, with all proceeds going towards raising valuable funds for our school.

Please remember that this will be **cash only**. We hope you'll be able to pop along, support this lovely initiative, and treat yourself (or your child!) to something sweet.

We hope to see you there — thank you for your continued support!

Holiday Club

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

The logo for Linaker Primary School, featuring two stylized figures holding hands under the name 'Linaker Primary School'.

We are now taking bookings for the February Half-Term!

Parent/Adult Conduct on School Site

As a school with our children at the heart of what we do, we need to be clear that the following types of behaviour are considered serious and unacceptable:

- using foul, abusive or offensive language disrupting or threatening to disrupt school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports team matches)
- making racist or sexual comments
- using aggressive hand gestures
- discriminating against any member of the school community, including pupils, staff, governors and other parents
- bullying, harassment or intimidation, including physical, verbal and sexual abuse offline and online
- trespassing on school property without prior permission
- causing intentional damage to school property
- sending threatening or abusive messages to another member of the school community or the school, including via text, email or social media
- posting defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about the school, its staff or any member of its community, on social media platforms
- approaching another parent or pupil to discuss or reprimand them because of an issue between pupils
- smoking on school premises
- drinking alcohol on school premises

We understand that there can be circumstances outside of school that can be very challenging, whether this be within families or between different families. However, these issues must not influence the behaviour of parents or carers on or around school site. There is more than enough space on our school site for the adults to drop off and collect their children without the need for negative interactions. After all, we are the ones that must act as role models to the children within our care. Thank you in anticipation of your support!

Community Information and Family Support



First Steps
Family Wellbeing Centre

Positive Parenting Course
Thursday 9.15 - 11.30
22nd Jan - 12th Feb
@Farnborough Road FWBC

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The challenge is to raise healthy, well-adjusted children. During the course you will gain some useful ideas, tips and strategies to help you meet the challenges when raising children.

Do you want more confidence as a parent?
Is your child's behaviour difficult to manage?
Do you want to refresh your skills as a parent?

Contact Clare Tel: 572579/07566798564
Email:- c.horton.fs@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Are you looking to better support your autistic child (aged 3-8 years old)? Come along, learn more and get strategies to support. Helping equip parents/carers with an understanding of their child's autism, including:

- Diagnosis & presentations
- Unique Thought Process
- Sensory Processing Difficulties
- Communication, Social Interaction Friendships and relationships
- Eating, toileting and Sleeping
- Anxiety, stress and mental health
- Meltdowns and Shutdowns
- Building independence skills

**Thursday evenings from
6:0pm - 8:30pm
starting Thursday 8th
January!**

[Click here to book.](#)

This programme is for parents/carers whose child has received an autism diagnosis, or (subject to availability) those children on the pathway.

S&B Launch Junior Girls Section

Coaching led by Club Coach Simon Sutcliffe and senior ladies players.

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm
14th January - 18th March
Dunes Leisure Centre

- ✓ No previous cricket experience necessary
- ✓ All equipment provided
- ✓ Completely free – no cost!
- ✓ Age 7-13

For more information and to book a place:
 07749 865266 via WhatsApp
 spsutcliffe.cf@gmail.com

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
Thursday 15th January	Deadline for Reception Place September 2026 Applications
Wednesday 21st January	Y6 Health Questionnaire
Tuesday 27th January	Y5 Challenge with Birkdale High
Monday 2nd February - Friday 6th February	Children’s Mental Health Week & Art Week
Monday 2nd February – Friday 6th February	Y6 Assessment Week
Thursday 5th February	Young Voices Concert – Co-op Arena, Manchester
Tuesday 10th February	Internet Safety Day
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!



[Linaker Primary School | Facebook](#)



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Have a great weekend and we shall see you on Monday 12th January!