



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 16th January 2026

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

Headteacher's Message



It has been a great week in school. I am so pleased with our attendance this week and the enthusiasm around FOMO Friday – the children truly loved it and it was wonderful to see big smiles at lunch. Let's keep this going by being here every day, on time, ready to learn. I am also extremely proud of our Year 5/6 girls' cricketers, who showed fantastic sportsmanship and enthusiasm, receiving such positive feedback for representing our school – and they won! I am really looking forward to the coming weeks ahead, with lots more learning opportunities and experiences for our children to enjoy together. #TEAMLinaker #Togetherness #Empathy #Aspiration #MutualRespect

This Week's Award Winners



This Week's Linaker Learners

N HM – Casey A
R SW – Shabib B
R1 SP – Nylah O
1 NW – Paul M
2 LB – Cassie N
2 LW – Ivy S
3 LF – Ivan H
3 LK – Jack H
4 DN – Simon D
4 KC – Beatrice B
5 FK – Sali A
5 JC – Callum F
6 VT – Anna M
6 ME – Rachele B

This Week's Super Pupils

N HM – Ilyas A
R SW – Oaklynn W
R1 SP – Georgina L
1 NW – Amani C
2 LB – Harrison Y-J
2 LW – Oscar J-L
3 LF – Haydar N
3 LK – Connie H
4 DN – Zaynab R
4 KC – Daina M
5 FK – Shenol A
5 JC – Anitta J
6 VT – Phoebe M
6 ME – Hamdan R

Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Linaker this
week:

96.13%

Linaker Last
week:

95.19%

National

Average

24/25:

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	95.7%	3 rd
Birkdale	95.9%	2 nd
Botanic	96%	1 st
Hesketh	95.4%	4 th

House Points this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	28	4 th
Birkdale	41	1 st
Botanic	33	2 nd
Hesketh	29	3 rd

Overall Positions so far for Half-Term 3:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	65	4 th
Birkdale	82	1 st
Botanic	69	3 rd
Hesketh	70	2 nd



PE Timetable

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

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

Baby and Toddler Playgroup

Our first Baby and Toddler Playgroup was a huge success, and we loved welcoming so many families into our group! Thank you to everyone who joined us — it was wonderful to see little ones exploring, playing and making new discoveries while grown-ups connected and shared the morning together. We can't wait to welcome you all back this Tuesday.

If you're looking for a fun, safe, and warm environment for you and your 0–4 year old on a Tuesday morning, pop along, make some connections and watch your little one thrive. We'd love to see you there!

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!

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
- Only £1 per week inc. snack
- Everyone welcome!
- Stay and play with your little ones, aged 0-4.



Get Girls into the Game!

Some of our Year 5 and 6 girls had an unforgettable experience at the Lancashire Cricket Foundation's *Get Girls into the Game Festival*. They had an amazing time learning new skills, embracing new challenges and showing enthusiasm throughout the day. Their team spirit was second to none, with real passion and energy for the sport shining through in every game.

The girls also had the fantastic opportunity to meet Maeve Jones, Lancashire Cricket player, and asked her thoughtful questions about what it's like to play professionally — a truly inspiring moment for everyone involved. To top it all off, they won all of their games!

We are incredibly proud of their sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination, perfectly demonstrating the #TeamLinaker spirit.





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



U10 & U12 GIRLS ASSESSMENT CENTRES

Do you enjoy having fun with friends and being part of a team?
We're looking for young girls who want to give cricket a go!

LANCASHIRE PATHWAY CRICKET

- ✓ New early engagement programme for girls U10 & U12
- ✓ A chance for young girls to enjoy pathway cricket from a young age!
- ✓ Fun, safe and enjoyable sessions with experienced Lancashire coaches
- ✓ Minimal travel, equal opportunities and free of charge
- ✓ No experience required






PROGRAMME LED BY PHOEBE GRAHAM

A MESSAGE FROM LEAD COACH PHOEBE GRAHAM

"It's incredible to create a cricket programme that encourages young girls to play cricket. There has never been a more exciting time to be a female cricketer. I hope this programme inspires the next generation of cricketers for the Red Rose."

Player assessments will be held in January and February. If successful, you will be part of a training program led by Phoebe Graham.



SOUTHPORT TRINITY CRICKET CLUB

TUESDAY: 7pm - 8pm
Under 11's

WEDNESDAY:
6pm - 7pm (Girls)
7pm - 8pm (Under 15's)
8pm - 9pm (Under 13's)

THURSDAY:
7pm - 8pm (WOMEN)
8pm - 9pm (MEN)

For more info contact
Mike Roberti at 07902 933330

Bird Spotting in Reception!

Our Reception children had a wonderful time taking part in the RSPB birdwatching event this week. They made excellent use of their outdoor area to explore the skies, carefully watching for all different kinds of birds. Using picture guides and simple charts to tick off each bird they spotted, the children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm as they learned more about the wildlife around our school. It was a joy to see them so engaged and spending time out in nature.



Values Assembly

This week's values assembly focused on *empathy* – the E in Team Linaker. We talked about what empathy means and how it starts with paying attention.

The children learned the importance of trying to understand how others feel, listening carefully, showing kindness, and caring about each other's thoughts and feelings. It was a thoughtful and meaningful assembly that really reflected our school values.



Weekly Picture News Assembly

This week in our in-class Picture News Assembly, our children explored a story about famous online creators coming together at the *1 Billion Followers Summit* in Dubai to discuss how their influence affects people around the world. This led to a thoughtful discussion around the question: *Can famous people help others make good choices?* The children shared ideas about positive role models, responsibility, and how influence can be used to inspire and support others in making good decisions.

British Values

Individual Liberty

The 1 Billion Acts of Kindness campaign shows how some individuals choose to use their influence to spread positive messages. People are free to express themselves, while also considering others when sharing their views.

What's happening in the news this week?

Picture News

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

12th - 18th January 2026

Menu Choices – Week Beg 19.1.26 (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

Friends of Linaker Present: Sweet Fridays!



Sweet Fridays

Who? Friends of Linaker & You
 Where? Near the Snug
 What? Sweets & other snacks
 When? Every Friday
 Why? To fundraise for our school

Remember to bring your money and it is cash only.
 We hope you are excited as we are.
 See you friday!

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

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

Community Information and Family Support

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.

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!
Have a great weekend and we shall see you on Monday 19th January!**