



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 11th September 2026

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

Headteacher's Message



What a fantastic start to the new school year we have had! It has been wonderful to see our children return to school with such enthusiasm, confidence and big smiles. Across the school, classrooms have been buzzing with excitement as pupils have settled quickly into their new routines, reconnected with friends and embraced new learning opportunities. A special welcome goes to our new Nursery and Reception children and families, who have made such a positive start to life at Linaker. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled into school and look forward to a successful and rewarding year ahead! **#TEAMLinaker**

This Week's Award Winners



This Week's Super Pupils

N AR – Ishaan J
R SW – Whole Class
1 SH – Izzy W
2 LB – Bayzid A
2 LW – Youxi H
3 LF – Menaal A
3 VT – Haneef A
4 DN – Jay Jay David
4 TR – Connie H
5 LK – Ciara C
5 ME – Leen A
6 FK – Mia H
6 JC – Lucas F

This Week's Linaker Learners

N AR – Samirah S
R SW – Whole Class
1 SH – Miracle C
2 LB – Maria A
2 LW – Anthony V
3 LF – Oscar J-L
3 VT – Matias P
4 DN – Denzel I
4 TR – Blake M-Mc
5 LK – Eva S
5 ME – Ollie N
6 FK – Natalia H
6 JC – Oral L

Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Linaker this week:

96.31%

Linaker Last week:

94.45%

National
Average
25/26:

95.50%

Well done to all this week's award winners!

This Week's Award Winners



Well Done!

House Competitions and Leader Board

House Attendance this week:

House	Percentage	Position
Ainsdale	96.7%	1 st
Birkdale	96.6%	2 nd
Botanic	93.5%	4 th
Hesketh	95.5%	3 rd

House Points this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	28	3 rd
Birkdale	24	4 th
Botanic	29	2 nd
Hesketh	32	1 st

Positions So Far for Half-Term 1:



House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	32	2 nd
Birkdale	27	4 th
Botanic	30	3 rd
Hesketh	34	1 st



Best Attending Class



We are excited to introduce **HERO, our Attendance Bear!** HERO is Here Every day, Ready and On time, helping us celebrate the importance of excellent attendance across the school.

Each week, the class with the best attendance will be announced in assembly and will be awarded HERO the Attendance Bear, the Attendance Trophy, and an extra 15 minutes of playtime to enjoy together.

A huge congratulations to **4TR**, our very first winners, who achieved an amazing 100% attendance this week! What a fantastic start. We can't wait to see which class will take home HERO next week!



Born Survivor

This week, #TeamLinaker enlisted the help of some rather strict coaches to get them ready for the big 'Born Survivor' www.born-survivor.com event! Safe to say they were put through their paces and are now feeling ready (if not a little exhausted) for tomorrow!

Our staff have been training incredibly hard for this challenge as they raise money in memory of our much-loved colleague, Liz. Every penny donated will help fund a reading hut in her memory, creating a lasting legacy that will benefit our children for years to come.

If you'd like to support the team, please donate via the link <https://gofund.me/2b3316c48> or the QR code below!

Follow our social media posts to keep up with how the team get on!



Help us build a new reading hut within Early Years

Organized by
Mark Cunliffe



89%

£1,963 raised

Donate now!



Scan to donate to Mark Cunliffe's fundraiser
"Help us build a new reading hut within Early Years"



This Academic Year's Classes

Here is a reminder of the classes across the three phases in school. Remember that our phases are broken down as follows:

Phase 1 led by Mrs Wilcox – Nursery and Reception

Phase 2 led by Mrs Budworth – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Phase 3 led by Mr Kelly – Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Class Teacher September 2025	Class Teacher September 2025
Nursery - AR	Ms A Riley
Reception - SW	Miss S Wilcox (Phase 1 Lead)
Year 1 - SH	Mrs S Howard
Year 2 - LB	Mrs L Budworth (Phase 2 Lead)
Year 2 – LW	Mrs L Williams
Year 3 - VT	Mrs V Taylor
Year 3 - LF	Mrs L Farrell
Year 4 - DN	Mr D Napier
Year 4 – KC	Miss K Chambers (<i>Mrs T Richardson maternity cover for the first half-term</i>)
Year 5 – LK	Mr L Kelly (Phase 3 Lead)
Year 5 – ME	Mrs M Evans
Year 6 – VT	Mrs F Kilpatrick
Year 6 – ME	Mrs J Corkhill

Linaker Primary School has Moved to Arbor Parent Portal and Parent App!

We invite all our parents/carers to familiarise themselves using the link below: [Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

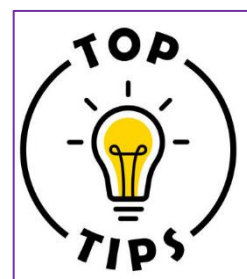


Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of! These can all be found [here](#). If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01704 532343.

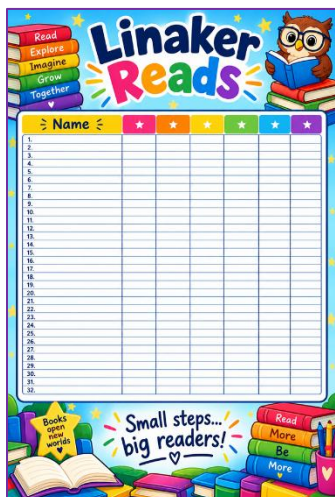
To top up your child's wraparound or meal account select Quick actions > payments > active payments > meals or wraparound. Click on what you need to pay for > top up account.

Wraparound bookings require the account to be topped up before booking a session, meals can be booked first and paid later. It is important to select the correct top up - they are separate.

Missed a letter? You can find them here: [Linaker Primary School: Letters](#). There is also a help page on our website here [Linaker Primary School: Arbor](#)



Linaker Reads 2026!



We are excited to launch Linaker Reads for our new school year!

Our aim is for every child to read at home at least 3 times each week.

Every week you read three times, you will earn a sticker on our class reading chart and one raffle ticket for the chance to win a brand-new book at the end of the half term!

Reading is a fantastic way to discover new worlds, learn new words, grow your imagination and become a confident reader.

The secret is to find a reading routine that works for you – perhaps after breakfast, before bedtime, on the journey to school or after school. Find a time that works for you, make it part of your routine and get reading!

Library Visits – Spotlight on Year 2



A wonderful first visit to the library for Year 2!

The children loved choosing their very first library book of the year and were excited to discover a class book to enjoy together where they dived into the fascinating world of octopuses. Did you know an octopus has 3 hearts!? They also discovered that they can change colour and pattern to communicate and show how they are feeling!

We can't wait to see where this year's reading adventures take them.

#ReadingForPleasure #booksbooksbooks #weloverreading
#TeamLinaker

Reception Phonics Morning

We are delighted to invite our reception parents and carers to our **Phonics Morning on Wednesday 30th September from 9:00am to 10:00am.**

This session will give you an insight into how we teach phonics and early reading in Reception, as well as practical tips, games and activities you can use at home to support your child's learning. The morning will begin in the school hall before moving into the reception classroom.

We look forward to working together to help every child develop a love of reading and make a confident start on their reading journey!

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

**Reception
Phonics
Morning**


Come and find out how we teach phonics in Reception and how you can help your child to read at home.

 **Date:** Wednesday 30th September
 **Time:** 9am-10am
 **Where:** Main School Hall then our Reception Classroom


Join us for a fun, practical session full of tips, games and ideas to make learning to read exciting for your child.

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Learning across the Curriculum in Year 3



Year 3 explored exciting new vocabulary in their English lesson today, making links to their history topic on Ancient Egypt. They loved discovering and using new words as they brought their learning to life!

#learningacrossthecurriculum #history #English
#TeamLinaker

Sign of the Week - Teddy

At Linaker, we are learning a 'Sign of the Week' using Makaton.

This week's Sign of the Week is 'Teddy'.

Click [here](#) for a video demonstration.

Communication is for everyone, and we want every member of our school community to feel confident that they have tools to express themselves, share their ideas, and understand others.

Each week, we will practise the sign together in class and encourage everyone to join in. Learning Makaton is a fun and inclusive way to help us build kindness, understanding, and connection across our school.

Sign of the Week

7th - 13th September 2026

Learn a new word every week and be inspired to get signing...

This week's sign is...

Teddy



Menu Choices – Week Beg 14.9.26 (Week 3)

Don't forget to order your child's daily lunch though Arbor. Please also state if they are bringing in a packed lunch!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Traditional Main Course	Chicken Fillet Burger in a Bun with Baked Potato Wedges and Sweetcorn	Beef Lasagne with Salad and Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Katsu Curry and Rice	Oven Baked Battered Fish, Chips & Peas	
Vegetarian	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake	French Bread Cheese and Tomato Pizza and Sweetcorn	Quorn Mince Pasta Bake with a Cheesy Top	Veggi Samosas with Rice and Salad	Vegetarian Sausage, Chips and Peas	
Jacket Potato	Served Daily with a Choice of Fillings	Served Daily with a Choice of Fillings	Served Daily with a Choice of Fillings	Served Daily with a Choice of Fillings	Served Daily with a Choice of Fillings	
Sandwich /Deli	Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings	Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings	Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings	Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings	Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings	
Salad Bar	Available Daily	Available Daily	Available Daily	Available Daily	Available Daily	
Dessert	Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	

PE & Swimming Days

On PE days, children must attend school in their PE kit, which consists of:

- LPS white PE t-shirt (round neck) or plain white t-shirt (round neck)
- Plain black shorts
- LPS purple sweatshirt/cardigan with embroidered school logo
- Plain black (non-branded) jogging bottoms, tracksuit or leggings
- Black plimsolls or trainers

On swimming days, please remember that children should attend in full school uniform and bring their swimming kit with them. Children will need a costume or fitted shorts/top, swimming cap and a towel. Our uniform and appearance guidance is on our website [here](#).

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

After School Clubs

Monday Year 4 & 5 – WLSP Year 6 – Football	Tuesday Year 1 & 2 – Happy Hearts KS2 – Young Voices
Wednesday Staff Meeting	Thursday KS2 – Sign Language

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

Our after-school clubs start on Monday! We have a fantastic range of activities for our pupils to enjoy, learn new skills and have fun with their friends.

Parents and carers can sign up for clubs via Arbor. Please log in to Arbor to see the clubs available and book your child's place.

We're looking forward to another exciting term of after-school activities!

Wrap Around Care at Linaker

Looking for flexible childcare before and after school? Our **Wrap Around Care** provision offers a safe, welcoming environment right here on the school site.

Children can enjoy a healthy breakfast before school or take part in a range of fun activities, games and crafts after school, all led by our dedicated staff team. Places are available for both Breakfast Club and After School Club.

Please contact the school office for further information or to book a place.

Linaker Primary School

Wrap Around Care

Breakfast Club 7:30am – 8:45am £5.00	After School Club 3:25pm – 17:55pm £12.00
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Our dedicated school staff provide a safe, welcoming wrap around care service right here on the school grounds. Children enjoy a healthy breakfast in the morning and a tasty afternoon snack after school.

Each session includes a range of fun activities such as arts and crafts, indoor games and outdoor play, giving every child a chance to relax, create and have fun!

Baby and Toddler Playgroup – Every Tuesday!

A reminder to our families and wider community that our Baby & Toddler Playgroup runs every Tuesday morning during term time from **9:15am – 10:45am**.

For just **£1 per session**, you can enjoy special time with your little one in a safe, happy and welcoming environment, led by our experienced EYFS practitioners. It's a wonderful opportunity for your child to play, explore and begin their early learning journey, giving them the very best start.

We would love to welcome you and your little one along!



Parking with Care and Consideration



Thank you for your support in helping to keep our children safe at the beginning and end of the school day. We kindly ask all parents and carers to park responsibly and considerately when dropping off or collecting children. Please avoid parking on pavements, blocking driveways, stopping on zig-zag markings, or obstructing local residents' access. By taking a little extra care, we can work together to ensure a safe and pleasant environment for everyone in our school community. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

FREE Breakfast Club



Start your day the breakfast club way!

Since the launch of our FREE breakfast club started on Wednesday 3rd September, we have welcomed on average 50 children from all year groups each morning. Remember a FREE breakfast is on offer to all children...



Monday to Friday



8:25 – 8:45am (Entrance through the Sefton Street gate at 8:25am)



Main dining hall

Start your morning with a free, healthy breakfast – cereals, toast and water!

All children welcome – no need to book!

Family Help



Family Help

Tuesday 15th September – 9am – 10am

Team Around the School

Need a little extra support? You're not alone. Team Around the School (TAS) brings together a range of services to help families with things such as wellbeing, behaviour, parenting, relationships, finances and other challenges. We'll listen, work alongside you and help you find the right support for your family – because sometimes a little help can make a big difference.

Come along for a coffee and a chat to find out more!
Just sign in at the school office



We warmly invite parents and carers to join us for our **Team Around the School (TAS) Coffee Morning** on **Tuesday 15th September, 9:00am to 10:00am.**

This is a great opportunity to find out about the range of support available for families, including wellbeing, behaviour, parenting, relationships and financial advice.

Come along for a friendly coffee and chat, meet members of the team and learn how we can work together to support your family. Please sign in at the school office on arrival

Couch to 5K

Join our Couch to 5K programme

ONLINE BOOKING ONLY
Scan the QR code to book!
Select - Active Sefton & Couch to 5k

Couch to 5k

HOW MUCH?
£13 (works out at just 65p per session!)

WHEN?
Start Date: Monday 21st September – 6pm–7pm
Every Monday & Wednesday for 10 weeks

WHERE?
Litherland Sports Park, Boundary Lane, L21 7LA

Sefton Council | 0151 288 6286 | Active.Sports@sefton.gov.uk | active sefton

Where is Couch to 5K Held?

Litherland Sports Park, Boundary Road, L21 7LA

When will Couch to 5K start?

Monday 21st September every Monday and Wednesday over the course of 10 weeks.

How to book?

You can book via the website

[Activity Search - Book | GladstoneGo](#)

- Select Active Sefton
- Select Couch to 5K – Litherland Sports Park
- Select day you would like to book (one time purchase costing £13 for the 10-week course)

Important Dates

Monday 14th September	School Photographs – <u>All children to attend in full school uniform and to bring PE kit on this day – thank you!</u>
Tuesday 15th September	Parent Coffee Meeting @ 9am
Friday 25th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
W/B Monday 28th September	Parents' View Questionnaire
Tuesday 29th September	Opening Evening – 4 – 5pm
Wednesday 30th September	Reception Stay and Play Phonics, 9-10am
Thursday 1st October	Flu Vaccines
Friday 2nd October	Christ the King to visit Year 5 & 6
Thursday 8th October	Opening Evening – 4 – 5pm
Wednesday 14th October	KS1 RWI Parents' Meeting @ 2:45pm
Thursday 22nd October	Poetry Performance
Thursday 22nd October	School Closes for the half-term holidays @ 3:25pm
Friday 23rd October	INSET DAY – School closed to children

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! We will see you on Monday 14th September