Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 13th November 2026

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

Headteacher's Message



As we reach the end of another busy and successful week at Linaker, I would like to thank our children, staff and families for their continued support and enthusiasm. Highlights this week included our participation in Children in Need, with pupils showing great generosity and community spirit while supporting this important national charity. Our Year 4 pupils also enjoyed a fantastic trip to the cinema, where they represented the school brilliantly through their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes. Experiences such as these help to enrich learning beyond the classroom and create lasting memories for our children. Thank you for your ongoing support!

This Week' s Award Winners

	This Week's Super Pupils	This Week's Linaker Learners
*	N AR – Vincent E R SW – Penelope D 1 SH – Shabib R 2 LB – Annlia L 2 LW – Krisiya A 3 LF –Daria B 3 VT – Cassie N 4 TR –Renesmee M 4 DN –Ruslane A 5 LK – Finnley M 5 ME – Amad A 6 JC –Rofiqul A 6 FK – Richard M	N AR – Afiyah A R SW – Daisy S 1 SH– Reuben B 2 LB – Harvey M 2 LW – Paul M 3 LF –Duaa K 3 VT – George A 4 TR – Aaron F 4 DN – Haydar N 5 LK – Dhyan NR 5 ME – Nadal R 6 JC –Ayesha J 6 FK – Molly M

Attendance

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Linaker this week:

94.17%

Linaker Last week:

93.93%

National Average 25/26:

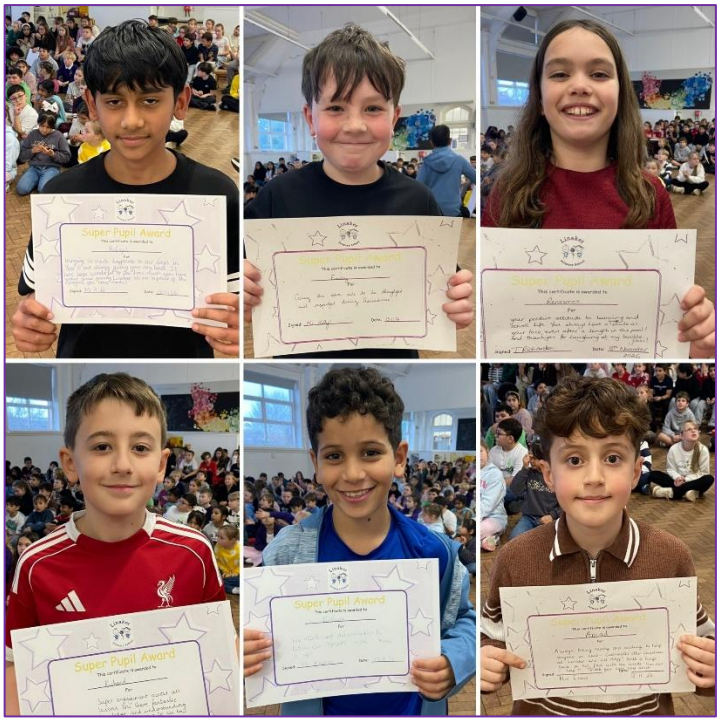
95.50%

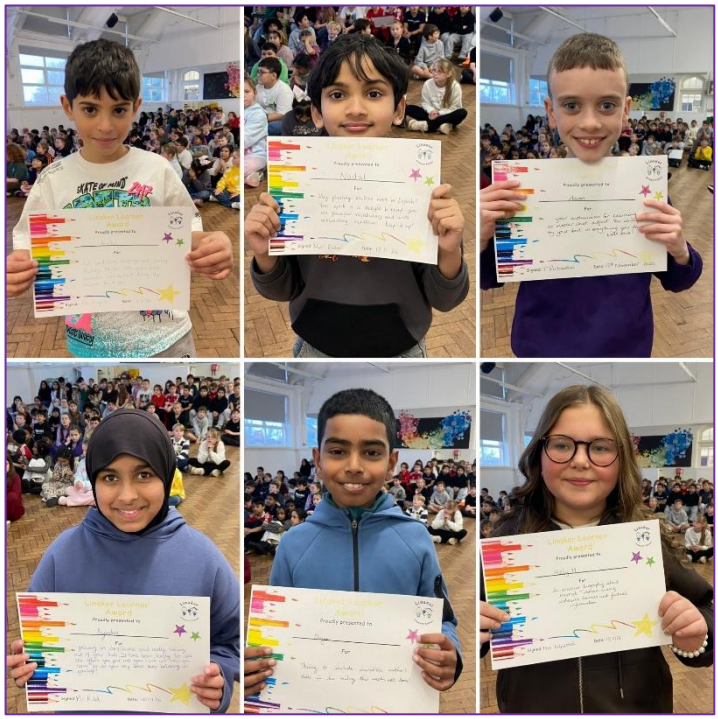
Well done to all this week's award winners!

This Week's Award Winners











House Competitions and Leader Board

House Attendance this week:

House	Percentage	Position
Ainsdale	94.2%	3rd
Birkdale	88.3%	4th
Botanic	97.2%	2nd
Hesketh	98.6%	1st

House Points this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	33	2nd
Birkdale	26	4th
Botanic	27	3rd
Hesketh	38	1st

Positions So Far for Half-Term 2:



House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	323	1st
Birkdale	290	3rd
Botanic	283	4th
Hesketh	309	2nd











Best Attending Class



HERO is **H**ere **E**very day, **R**eady and **O**n time, helping us celebrate the importance of excellent attendance across our 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 4DN, this week's winners, who achieved an amazing 99.2% attendance **this week!**



Bringing Stories to Life in Reception!



A little bit of immersive learning this week saw our Reception children inspired by their focus text, The Little Red Hen, as they rolled up their sleeves and got busy baking!

The children carefully measured their ingredients, followed a recipe step by step and worked together to make their very own delicious bread rolls and loaves. Along the way, they explored how ingredients can change as they are mixed, kneaded and baked, developing their understanding of the world through hands-on learning.

There was lots of teamwork on display as everyone played their part. Unlike the cheeky Cat, Rat and Pig in the story, who were always ready to say, “Not I!”, our children were fantastic helpers and showed just how important it is to work together.

The wonderful aroma of freshly baked bread drifted through the hallways all afternoon, much to everyone's delight! Of course, the best part was tasting their creations with “oodles of creamy butter”, just like the Little Red Hen. The children were also able to take their bread home to share with their families, making the experience even more special.

What a fantastic way to bring a story to life and create meaningful learning that the children will remember for a long time to come!

Remembrance Day



Our whole school came together to mark Remembrance Day in a moving and respectful act of reflection. We were honoured to welcome a member of the Salvation Army, who played the *Last Post* as we gathered for this important occasion.

The children showed incredible mutual respect during the two-minute silence and demonstrated great empathy as they reflected on the sacrifices made by those who fought to keep our country safe. It was a truly special moment and one that was observed with maturity and dignity by all.

We are incredibly proud of how our children conducted themselves and were delighted to see the care and effort they put into creating their beautiful poppies to commemorate the occasion. Through reflection, creativity and togetherness, our school community paid tribute to those we remember with gratitude.













Children in Need 2026

What a fantastic day we had supporting Children in Need! We were thrilled to welcome a very special visitor, Pudsey Bear himself, especially on what must be one of his busiest days of the year.



It was wonderful to see our children proudly wearing their own clothes and showing their support with lots of spots, all while helping to raise money for such an important cause. Days like these are a brilliant reminder of the kindness and generosity within our school community.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated and took part, and a very special thank you to Southport Hesketh Round Table for their continued support in helping make this event so memorable. Together, we have helped make a difference for children and young people across the UK.

Year 2 Science

Year 2 became scientists this week as they carried out an investigation to find out whether age correlates with height. Armed with clipboards and plenty of curiosity, they travelled around school measuring and comparing children of different ages across the year groups.





The children collected and analysed their findings, looking for patterns and discussing whether older children are always taller. They discovered that while many older children were taller, there were also lots of exceptions, leading to some fascinating discussions about growth and how everyone develops differently.
This hands-on science lesson gave the children the chance to work scientifically by gathering evidence, spotting patterns and drawing conclusions from real-life data. Their final verdict? Height doesn't always match your age!



What a brilliant example of learning through investigation, enquiry and discovery.

Year 4 Enjoy the Magic of the Cinema



Year 4 had a fantastic time visiting Vue Cinema, Southport as part of the Into Film Festival, the world's largest free, youth-focused film festival.

During their visit, the children watched *Flow*, a beautiful animated adventure that follows a cat learning to survive and work alongside other animals after a great flood changes the world around them. The film sparked lots of discussion about teamwork, resilience and helping others during challenging times. Most importantly, our children were an absolute credit to the school. Their behaviour throughout the trip was impeccable, and they demonstrated the very best of our Team Linaker values wherever they went. We are incredibly proud of how they represented our school community and showed such maturity, respect and enthusiasm throughout the day.

What a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a shared cultural experience and celebrate the joy of storytelling on the big screen!

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!

#TeamLinaker wants you!

Are you looking for a school place for your child? We'd love to welcome you to one of our Open Events and show you everything that makes Linaker such a special place to learn and grow. Our open events are a fantastic opportunity to tour the school, meet our friendly staff, see learning in action and discover the exciting opportunities available to our children.

Our next Open Day is on Wednesday 25th November 9:30-10:30am

To book your place, please complete one of the booking forms on our website or use the links below.

Can't make one of the advertised dates? Don't worry! Simply contact the school office and we'll be happy to arrange an alternative visit. We are incredibly proud of our school and would love the opportunity to show you around. We look forward to meeting you and your family soon!





FREE Breakfast Club

Start your day the breakfast club way! Since the launch of our FREE breakfast club 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

8:20 – 8:45am (Entrance through the Sefton Street gate at 8:20am)

Main dining hall

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



All children welcome – no need to book!

Sign of the Week

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

This week's Sign of the Week is 'Wreath'

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



9th - 15th November 2026

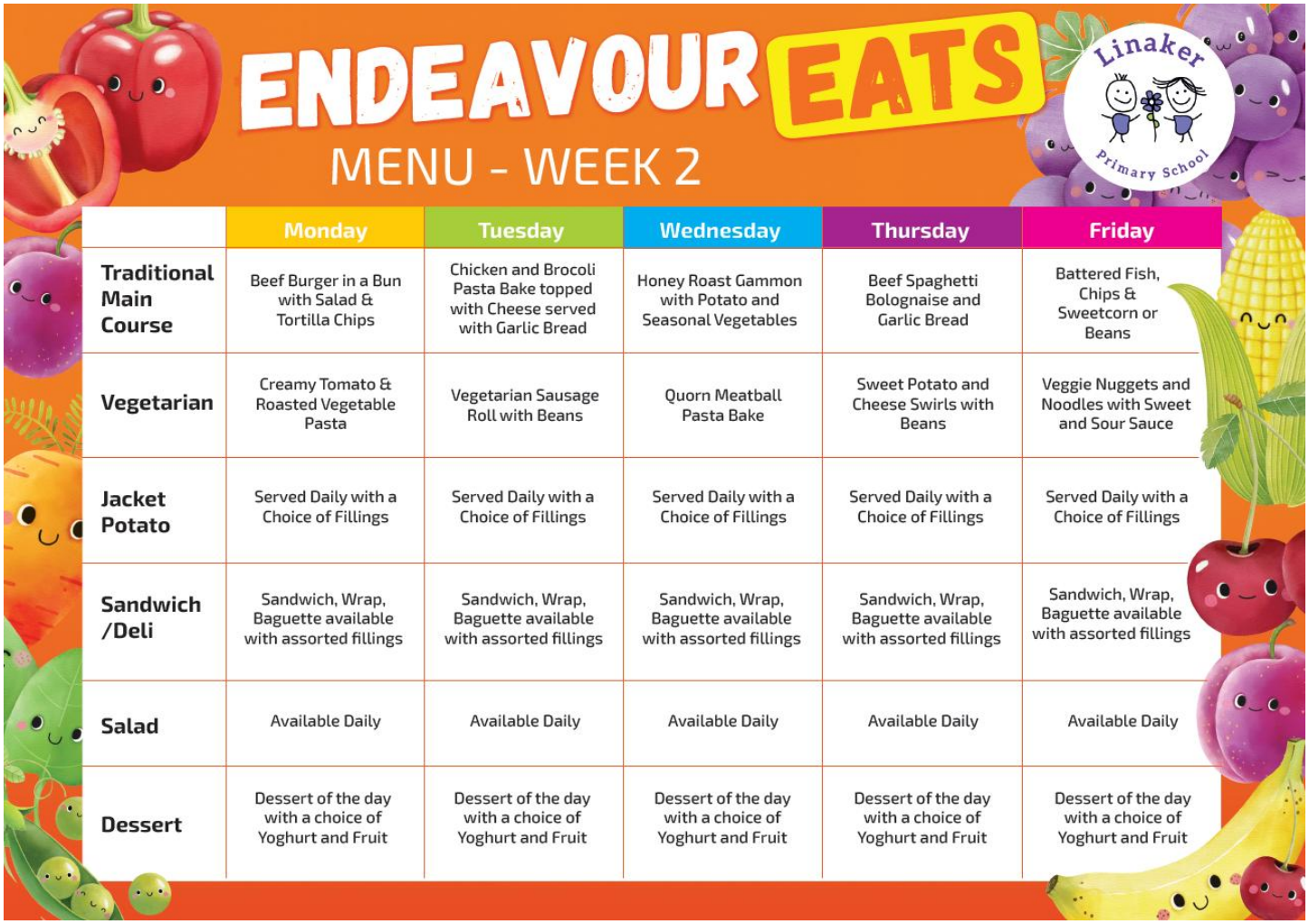
Learn a new word every week and be inspired to get signing...

This week's sign is...

Wreath

Menu Choices – Week Beg 13.11.26 (Week 2)

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	Beef Burger in a Bun with Salad & Tortilla Chips	Chicken and Brocoli Pasta Bake topped with Cheese served with Garlic Bread	Honey Roast Gammon with Potato and Seasonal Vegetables	Beef Spaghetti Bolognaise and Garlic Bread	Battered Fish, Chips & Sweetcorn or Beans
Vegetarian	Creamy Tomato & Roasted Vegetable Pasta	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Beans	Quorn Meatball Pasta Bake	Sweet Potato and Cheese Swirls with Beans	Veggie Nuggets and Noodles with Sweet and Sour Sauce
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	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

Anti-Bullying Week 2026

From 16th-20th November, Linaker Primary School will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week 2026**,** led by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year's theme**,** "Break the Silence," encourages children to speak up, seek help and support others when they witness or experience unkind behaviour.

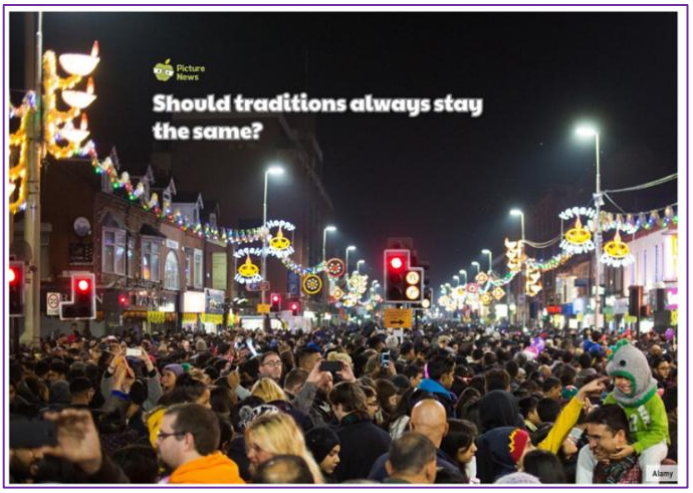
The week links closely to our **TEAM values** of Togetherness, Empathy, Aspiration and Mutual Respect. Through assemblies, discussions and classroom activities, children will learn about bullying, the impact it can have, and how to access support from trusted adults.

To launch the week, we will be celebrating **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November**. Children are invited to wear odd socks with their school uniform to celebrate individuality and the qualities that make us all unique.

We encourage families to support this important message by talking with children about kindness, inclusion and the importance of speaking up when they are worried. Together, we can ensure every child feels safe, valued, respected and heard.



Weekly Picture News



This week in Picture News, our children explored celebrations of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and learned about the annual celebrations that take place in Leicester, one of the UK's largest Diwali events.

The children discussed how traditions can sometimes change and considered why organisers had made the decision not to hold the usual fireworks display this year. They reflected on the importance of keeping people safe while still finding meaningful ways to bring communities together and celebrate special occasions.

These thoughtful discussions helped our children develop an understanding of mutual respect, different cultures and beliefs, and the importance of balancing tradition with responsibility. It was wonderful to see pupils sharing their ideas, listening carefully to the views of others and recognising how celebrations can unite people, even when they look a little different from year to year.

At Team Linaker, we are proud to celebrate the rich diversity within our community and encourage our children to learn about and appreciate the traditions that are important to others.

Community Info

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme 2026: The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme provides children and young people with access to exciting holiday activities, nutritious food and enriching experiences during the school holidays.

Who is eligible?
Children are usually eligible if they:

- Receive **Targeted Free School Meals (TFSM)**.
- Have received a HAF code or invitation from their school or local authority.
- Meet the eligibility criteria set by the local authority.

Some children may also be eligible through discretionary local authority funding, including those with SEND, young carers, children known to social care, or families experiencing hardship. Parents should check directly with their local HAF team for confirmation.

Important Changes from September 2026: While eligibility for **Free School Meals** is expanding to all families receiving Universal Credit, **HAF eligibility will remain linked to Targeted Free School Meals only**. This means some children who receive free meals in school may not automatically qualify for HAF places.

Booking a HAF Place

- **Booking is essential** for all HAF activities.
- Places should be booked directly with the activity provider.
- Availability may be limited due to venue capacity, staffing and specialist provision.

SEND Provision
Families of children with SEND are encouraged to contact providers before booking to discuss individual needs and available support. Levels of SEND provision can vary between providers.

Don't Miss Out
Children who arrive without a booking may not be able to take part. To avoid disappointment, please ensure places are reserved in advance and any required paperwork is completed. If you are unsure whether your child is eligible, please contact your school, local HAF team or activity provider for advice. Together, the HAF Programme continues to offer **food, fun, friends and opportunities** for children throughout the school holiday

Link to the Sefton Holiday, Activities and Food Programme: https://www.sefton.gov.uk/childrens-services/schools-and-learning/grants-and-funding/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/







Important Dates

Week beginning Monday 16th November	Anti Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day takes place on Monday 16th November
Wednesday 18th November	Targeted Learning Plan Review Meeting (parents with children on the SEND register)
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17th December	A Special Visitor is in School!
Friday 18th December	Christmas Party Day. School closes at 1:30pm for all children for the end of term

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Have a great weekend! We will see you on Monday 16th November