



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 18th September 2026

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

Headteacher's Message



It has been a lovely week at Linaker and I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time around school seeing the fantastic start our children have made to the new academic year. The children have shown great pride in their work and are already getting to grips with the exciting learning opportunities in their new year groups. It has been wonderful to see them embracing new challenges with enthusiasm and positivity. Most importantly, it is so lovely to see happy, settled children ready to learn. Thank you to our families for your continued support in helping us make such a positive start to the year. [#TEAMLinaker](#)

This Week's Award Winners



This Week's Super Pupils

N AR – Ilyas A
R SW – Kaiden B
1 SH – Lailah M
2 LB – Julia W
2 LW – Lena W
3 LF – Sebastian N
3 VT – Hope S
4 TR – Aria B
4 DN – Kayla E
5 LK – Freddie H
5 ME – Mia P
6 JC – Callum F
6 FK – Waad E

This Week's Linaker Learners

N AR – Mir A
R SW – Zahran M
1 SH – Joseph G
2 LB – Aiden G
2 LW – Dexter B
3 LF – Duaa K
3 VT – Cassie N
4 TR – Odin L
4 DN – Antoni D
5 LK – Humairah A
5 ME – Kacper N
6 JC – Liliana G
6 FK – Shenol A

Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Linaker this week:

95.43%

Linaker Last week:

96.31%

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	96.2%	3 rd
Birkdale	96.8%	1 st
Botanic	95.8%	4 th
Hesketh	96.7%	2 nd

House Points this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	34	1 st
Birkdale	30	4 th
Botanic	33	2 nd
Hesketh	32	3 rd

Positions So Far for Half-Term 1:



House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	68	2 nd
Birkdale	61	4 th
Botanic	64	3 rd
Hesketh	69	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 (again), this week's winners, who achieved an amazing 100% attendance this week!

Born Survivor



A huge congratulations to #TeamLinaker, who recently took on the challenging Born Survivor course!



Despite the pouring rain and muddy conditions, our amazing team tackled the 12km course with smiles, determination and oodles of teamwork. From climbing and crawling to wading through mud and overcoming obstacles, they showed the resilience, positivity and team spirit that make our school community so special.

The team completed the challenge to raise money towards a very special project: creating a Reading Shed in memory of our much-loved colleague, Liz. This quiet space will help foster a love of reading for generations of Linaker children.

If you would like to support this wonderful cause, please consider making a donation to our GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/2b3316c48> or the QR code below!

Thank you to everyone who has supported #TeamLinaker so far. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and grateful for the generosity of our school community.

Check out our article on the Stand Up For Southport Group [here!](#)



gofundme



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

Arbor

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](#)



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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Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 25th October in the EYFS Hall**. Come along for a relaxed morning with a lovely cup of coffee, delicious cake and a friendly natter, all whilst helping to raise money for the wonderful work of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Please enter via the Linaker Street Entrance.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this special community event together.

Every slice of cake and every cuppa will help make a difference!



Sign of the Week – To Dance

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

This week's Sign of the Week is 'to Dance'.

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

14th – 20th September 2026

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

This week's sign is...

To Dance



Menu Choices – Week Beg 21.9.26 (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!

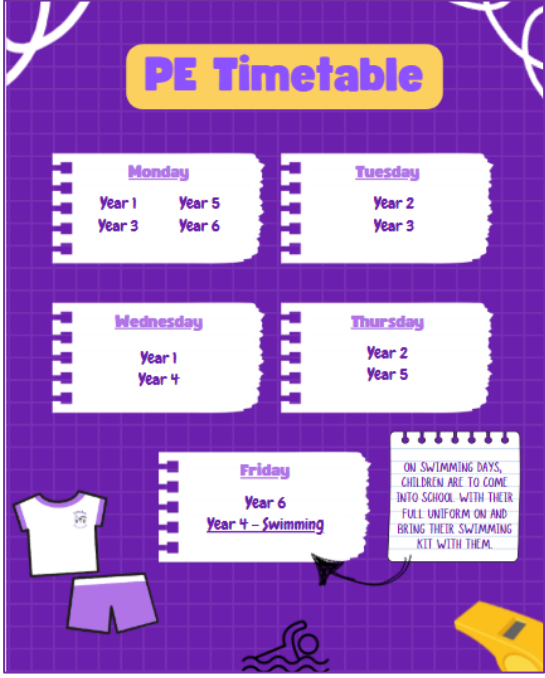
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Traditional Main Course	Local Pork Sausage with Mash Potato & Broccoli	Chicken Tikka with Basmati Rice & Naan Bread	Roast Turkey with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Chilli Beef Burrito with Sweetcorn	Cod Fish Fingers, Chips & Peas
Vegetarian	Salmon and Vegetable Stir Fried Noodles	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Lasagne and Garlic Bread	Cheese and Tomato Pizza and Sweetcorn	Hot Cheese and Tomato Panini with Chips and Coleslaw
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

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](#).

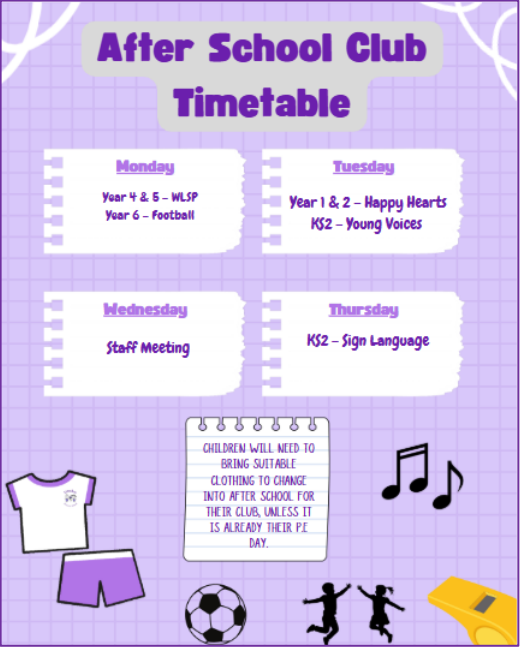


The PE Timetable poster is on a purple grid background. It features a yellow title box at the top. Below are five white boxes for each day of the week, listing the years that have PE on that day. To the left of the Friday box are illustrations of a white t-shirt and purple shorts. To the right is a small white box with text about swimming days, and below that is a yellow swim cap. At the bottom right is a small illustration of a person swimming.

PE Timetable	
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



The After School Club Timetable poster is on a purple grid background. It features a yellow title box at the top. Below are four white boxes for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, listing the activities for each day. To the left of the Wednesday box are illustrations of a white t-shirt and purple shorts. To the right of the Wednesday box is a small white box with text about bringing suitable clothing to change into after school. At the bottom are illustrations of a soccer ball, two children playing, and a yellow swim cap.

After School Club Timetable	
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.



The Wrap Around Care poster is on a colorful background with a sun, clouds, and a castle. It features a Linaker Primary School logo at the top right. Below the logo are two white boxes for Breakfast Club and After School Club, each with a photo of a child. To the right of these boxes is a small white box with text about the service. At the bottom are illustrations of a bee, a butterfly, and a castle.

Wrap Around Care	
Breakfast Club 7:30am – 8:45am £5.00	After School Club 3:25pm – 17:55pm £12.00

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!



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!



#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.

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!



The poster for Linaker Primary School Open Events features a collage of photos showing children in school uniforms engaged in various activities like singing, playing, and learning. The text on the poster includes the school name, event dates and times, a QR code, and contact information.

Linaker Primary School

Open Events

Tuesday 29th September: 4pm - 5pm
Thursday 8th October: 4pm - 5pm
Wednesday 25th November: 9.30am-12.30pm

We are very excited to warmly welcome you to spend some time getting to know our school.

Our opening events will:

- include a welcome talk from the headteacher
- include a tour of our school
- include opportunities to speak with pupils and see classrooms in action if you attend a morning slot, which we really recommend if you can!

Please arrive at the office main door.

Book via our school website or school office:

 <https://www.linakerschool.co.uk/open-days>

 office@linaker.org.uk  01704 532 343

Family Help

'Sefton Sings' choir will continue this academic year and is now open to all pupils in **Years 4, 5, 6 and 7** in the **Southport/Formby** area. Sefton Sings is a fun and engaging singing group designed to help young people develop their vocal skills, build confidence, and enjoy making music together.



The poster for Sefton Sings! features an illustration of three diverse children singing happily. The text provides details about the singing group, including its purpose, schedule, and location.

Sefton Sings!

Are you in Year 4, 5, 6 or 7 and love to sing?
Come and join our fun singing group.
It's a great way to learn how to use your voice,
feel more confident, and make music
with new friends.

Tuesdays 4.15pm - 5.00pm
at Farnborough Road Junior School, Southport

Sessions are **free** of charge and take place weekly during term time at: **Farnborough Road Junior School**, Farnborough Road, Birkdale, Southport, PR8 3DF. Rehearsals are held on **Tuesdays from 4.15pm – 5.00pm**, starting on **Tuesday 22nd September 2026**.

Autumn Term Rehearsal Dates:

22nd & 29th September, 6th, 13th & 20th October and 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th November

Places are limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. To secure a place, parents should complete the online form [here](#).

Please note that the venue is secure, and parents/carers will not be able to enter the building during rehearsals. Access to the group is via the main entrance to the Junior School.

We hope you will be able to encourage your children to come along and make the most of this fantastic opportunity during the next term. I have attached a poster/flyer for you to display/distribute in your school.

Important Dates

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!



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Have a great weekend! We will see you on Monday 21st September