



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 23rd October 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 half-term, I would like to congratulate all of our TEAM Value Award winners. These children have consistently demonstrated **Togetherness** through their actions and we are incredibly proud of the example they set each day. I would also like to thank all of the children, staff and families who helped make our poetry afternoon such a tremendous success. The confidence, enthusiasm and talent on display was wonderful to see. It was also a joy to welcome so many parents and carers into school!

#Togetherness #Empathy #Aspiration #MutualRespect

This Week's Award Winners



TEAM Linaker Value Awards:

Togetherness

N AR – Lottie L & Livie R
R SW – Esmae B & Daisy S
1 SH – Johan D & Leah YJ
2 LB – Bayzid A & Julia W
2 LW – Amani C & Kai R
3 LF – Paige W-B & Kai L
3 VT – Hope S & Maria C
4 TR – Aria B & Jaxson G
4 DN – Ariana B & Antoni D
5 LK – Hira A & Ema R
5 ME – Leen A & Raiva S
6 JC – Isaac G & Anjya S-H
6 FK – Alan P & Madison H

Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Linaker this
week:

94.25%

Linaker Last
week:

95.90%

National
Average
25/26:

95.50%

Well done to all this week's award winners!



House Competitions and Leader Board

House Attendance this week:

House	Percentage	Position
Ainsdale	94.9%	3 rd
Birkdale	89.3%	4 th
Botanic	97.8%	2 nd
Hesketh	97.9%	1 st

House Points this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	29	3 rd
Birkdale	36	1 st
Botanic	27	4 th
Hesketh	31	2 nd

Positions So Far for Half-Term 1:



House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	253	1 st
Birkdale	232	3 rd
Botanic	214	4 th
Hesketh	235	2 nd



HOUSE CHAMPIONS

HALF TERM 1

AND THE WINNING HOUSE IS...

AINSDALE!

A doughnut treat is coming today 🍩

A brilliant reward for Half Term 1.

NEXT HALF-TERM

Doughnuts will be awarded to the best attending house.

Every day counts. Which house will win next?



Best Attending Class

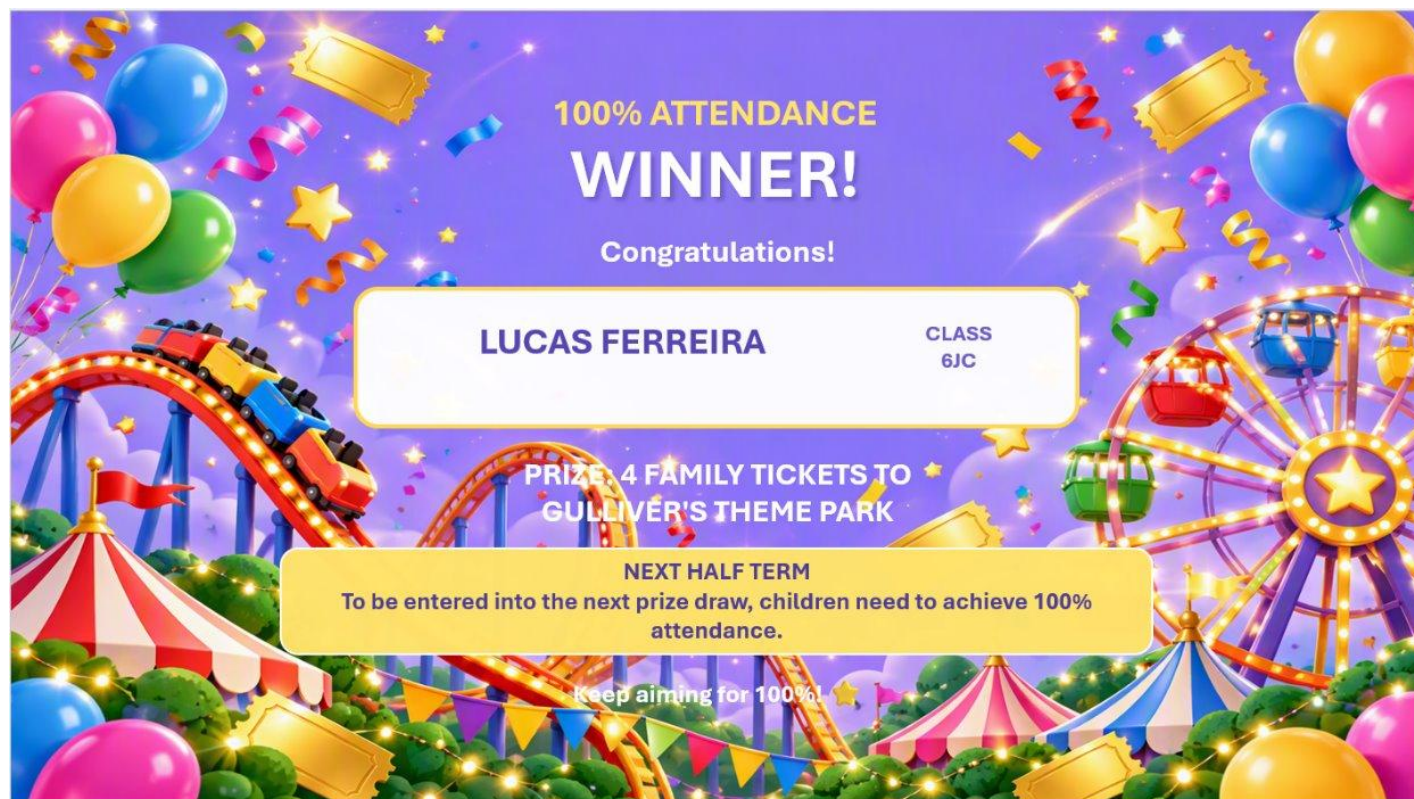


HERO is **H**ere **E**very day, **R**eady and **O**n time, helping us celebrate the importance of excellent attendance across the school.

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 2LB, this week's winners, who achieved an amazing 98.1% attendance this week!

100% Attendance Surprise Prize Draw



Double, double, reception trouble!

Reception have been having a wonderfully magical week of learning! Inspired by all things spooky and seasonal, the children have been busy creating bubbling potions, exploring pumpkins and taking part in a range of creative activities. Alongside the fun, they have been developing their fine motor skills, practising rhyming and building their early literacy skills through engaging, hands-on experiences. It has been fantastic to see their imagination, enthusiasm and love of learning shining through in everything they do.



Poetry Performance Afternoon

Our annual Poetry Performance Afternoon was a tremendous success, with children from Reception to Year 6 showcasing their speaking and performance skills to an audience of proud parents and carers. Each year group presented a carefully chosen poem, from Reception's *Make a Friend* and Year 1's *The Witched* to Year 6's dramatic performance of *Macavity*. The event highlighted the children's confidence, expression and enthusiasm for language, while celebrating a wide range of classic and contemporary poetry. Visitors enjoyed moving between performances and seeing the hard work that had gone into learning and presenting each poem. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils, who performed brilliantly and demonstrated courage, teamwork and a real love of literature. A huge thank you to our families for joining us and helping to make the afternoon such a memorable celebration of poetry!



Young Author's Story Selected for Publication



We are delighted to celebrate the success of Scarlett in 6JC, whose story entered into the Something Miraculous? Creative Writing Competition has been selected for publication in the competition's book. This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful recognition of Scarlett's creativity, imagination and writing skills. She will receive a copy of the published book and a certificate at a special awards ceremony during Southport's Book Alive Festival. We are incredibly proud of

Scarlett and are thrilled to see her talent recognised in such a special way. Congratulations, Scarlett, on this outstanding achievement!



UKMS

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting and memorable STEM session this week, delivered by the UK Military School, as part of their learning about forces, levers and pulleys. Through a range of practical activities, pupils explored how simple machines can make lifting and moving heavy objects much easier. The highlight of the session came when the children put their learning into practice by using a pulley system to lift none other than Mr Kelly off the ground! There were plenty of smiles, cheers and a few surprised faces as pupils saw first-hand how these scientific principles work in real life. The workshop provided a fantastic opportunity for hands-on learning, helping children develop their understanding of science through teamwork, problem-solving and investigation. A huge thank you to the UK Military School for delivering such an engaging and inspiring experience that brought classroom learning vividly to life.



#Aspiration Building!

Our Nursery children have been learning about inspirational people, including Dr Ranj. They enjoyed reading about his life and work before taking part in exciting role-play activities, where they explored the important role that doctors and nurses play in helping and caring for others. Through their learning, the children developed their understanding of healthcare professionals while showing wonderful imagination, teamwork and compassion.



Secondary School Applications

We are now more than halfway through the time period parents/carers can submit their secondary school preferences for their Year 6 children transferring up in September 2027. **The national closing date is 31 October 2026** and the Citizen Portal online application will be available for parents/carers to submit applications right up until midnight on that day!

Need more info? Check out the link here - <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/schooladmissions>



Baby and Toddler Playgroup – Every Tuesday!

What a brilliant final playgroup of the half term! From Diwali festivities to spooky Halloween fun, there was so much for our little ones to explore and enjoy! Thank you for joining us. We can't wait to see you all again in November! For just **£1**, 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 to our next session on **Tuesday 3rd November!**

#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!



Linaker Primary School
Open Events

Tuesday 29th September: 4pm - 5pm
Thursday 8th October: 4pm - 5pm
Wednesday 25th November: 9:30am-10:30am

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



APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between
01/09/2022 and 31/08/2023?
If so, your child is due to start
school September 2027!

**You MUST apply for a school place
online before 15 January 2027**

For more information or to make an
application, scan our QR code or go to
www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool

sefton.gov.uk 0151 934 3590
admissions@sefton.gov.uk

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Sign of the Week – Children



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

This week's Sign of the Week is children

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

19th - 25th October 2026

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

This week's sign is...

Children



Menu Choices – Week Beg 2.11.26 (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!

 ENDEAVOUR EATS MENU – WEEK 3						
	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	

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. The club starts again on Monday 2nd November...**

 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!

Weekly Picture News



This week in our Picture News assembly the children learned about eleven-year-old Bodhana Sivanandan from London, who has become the youngest person ever to earn the woman grandmaster title in chess. She achieved this while playing for England at an international competition in Uzbekistan. The children then reflected upon how Bodhana's story reminds us that people of all ages should have opportunities to share their ideas and achieve their goals, helping the children understand the importance of democracy.

Support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



We are proud to be supporting the **Poppy Appeal** in school. From Monday 2nd November, all children will have the opportunity to purchase a range of poppy-themed items while helping to raise funds for the Royal British Legion.

Available items include:

- Snap Bands - **£2.00**
- Festival Bands - **£2.00**
- Poppy Pencil - **£1.00**
- Plastic Poppy - **£1.00**
- Paper Poppy - **donation.**

Please note: Snap Bands will only be available for purchase at the end of the school day

Thank you for your support in helping us remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Safeguarding Children

The school is now closed for the half-term break. Children return to school on Monday 2nd November.

If you have immediate concerns related to the safety or safeguarding a child, please call:

Sefton Area: Children's Social Care on 0151 934 4013 or Out of Hours 0151 934 3555

Lancashire Area: Children's Social Care on 0300 123 6720 or Out of Hours 0300 123 6722

Liverpool Area: Children's Social Care on 0151 233 3700 (24-hour service)

Knowsley Area: Children's Social Care on 0151 443 2600 or Out of Hours 0151 443 2600

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the Police using 999.

Community Info

EVERY WEEKDAY 5-7PM FROM 26TH OCTOBER – 6TH NOVEMBER

active sefton presents

PARK NIGHTS

Archery
Football
Cricket
Tennis
Multi-sport

FREE sport and activities for young people this autumn!

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER & MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
Coronation Park, Crosby & Duke Street Park, Formby

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER & TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
Linacre Bridge Community Hub, Bootle & Canning Road Recreation Ground, Southport

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER & WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
King George V, Maghull & Bedford Park, Birkdale

THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER & THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
Netherton Activity Centre & Hesketh Park, Southport

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER & FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
Abbeyfield Park, Netherton & Runnells Lane / Masefield Road, Thornton

Activities can vary and will be weather dependent. For more information, please contact the team on 0151 288 6286 or email active.sports@sefton.gov.uk

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COMPASSION ACTS



FAMILY SPACE
BIRKDALE

Every Thursday 3:30pm – 5:30pm
St James' Church 26 Lulworth Road PR8 2BQ

Join us at Family Space our unique after-school club. Enjoy weekly entertainment for kids, followed by a hot meal, refreshments, and snacks.

Open to school children from year 4 to year 7. Siblings welcome. Parents/guardians **required** to attend.

01704 264505 / hello@compassionacts.uk

Your Local Family Wellbeing Centres



Family is the most important influence on a child's life, from the moment they are born until they reach adulthood and beyond. Family Wellbeing Centres provide joined up support for children and young people aged 0-19 years to make family life that little bit easier. Links to the timetables at each centre are here - <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/childrens-services/early-help/family-hubs/timetables/>

Important Dates

Monday 2nd November	School Re-opens: All children return for Autumn 2
Week beginning Monday 2nd November	Phonics Assessment Year 1
Monday 9th November	Y6 Height & Weight Checks
Week beginning Monday 9th November	Year 6 Mock SATs
Week beginning Monday 16th November	Anti Bullying Week Odd Socks Day takes place on Monday 16 th November
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

Why not check out our social media pages and follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



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Have a great half-term. We will see you on Monday 2nd November!