



Linaker Primary School

Linaker's Latest

Friday 2nd October 2026

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

Headteacher's Message



It has been lovely getting around our classrooms this week and seeing so much fantastic learning taking place. I have been particularly impressed by our maths and the pride children are taking in their work. Their focus, effort and aspiration really shine through in their books. Tonight, we are excited for the Endeavour Awards and incredibly proud of all our children and staff who have been nominated. We have our fingers crossed for them all! Good luck, #TEAMLinaker!

#TEAMLinaker #Togetherness #Empathy #Aspiration #MutualRespect

This Week's Award Winners



This Week's Super Pupils

N AR – Ryan R
R SW – Umair R
1 SH – Anas O
2 LB –Harvey T
2 LW –Bertie M
3 LF – Matilda G
3 VT -Maria C
4 TR – Malikai W
4 DN –Rakshan M
5 LK –Dexter S
5 ME –Brooklyn H
6 JC –Patryk C
6 FK –Igor P

This Week's Linaker Learners

N AR – Darin S
R SW –Alexander F
1 SH– Zeke B
2 LB –Amirah S
2 LW –Isabella R
3 LF –Oscar R
3 VT -Logan H
4 TR – Christopher C
4 DN –Isla J
5 LK – Ema R
5 ME – Jeffrey D
6 JC – Julie N
6 FK –Logan T

Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Linaker this week:

93.75%

Linaker Last week:

94.38%

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	95.9%	2 nd
Birkdale	94.9%	3 rd
Botanic	92.9%	4 th
Hesketh	97.2%	1 st

House Points this week:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	33	1 st
Birkdale	30	3 rd
Botanic	31	2 nd
Hesketh	30	3 rd

Positions So Far for Half-Term 1:

House	Points	Position
Ainsdale	143	1 st
Birkdale	128	3 rd
Botanic	125	4 th
Hesketh	133	2 nd



Best Attending Class



We are excited to introduce **HERO, our Attendance Bear!** 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 RSW, this week's winners, who achieved an amazing 98.2% attendance this week!



My Happy Minds Parent App



We are delighted to inform parents about the free **myHappymind Parent App**, which complements the wellbeing learning taking place in school. The app provides fun, engaging activities that help children develop positive mental health and wellbeing habits at home.

About myHappymind

An award-winning programme used in schools to help children build calm, confidence and resilience.

Your child has been learning:

- How their brain works, and how Happy Breathing can help when they feel worried or overwhelmed
- How to recognise their Character Strengths and build self-esteem
- How gratitude can help us feel good
- How Active Listening supports positive relationships
- How to set goals they feel excited about.

Use the app at home to practice and build these skills together.

Through the myHappymind programme, children learn about how their brains work, managing emotions through Happy Breathing, recognising their character strengths, building positive relationships and setting personal goals. The app allows families to continue practising these important skills together at home.

The app also includes wellbeing games, self-regulation tools, parent masterclasses and practical strategies to help children build confidence, resilience and emotional wellbeing. Parents can access the app free of charge using the QR code and use our school authentication code 151390.



Download
your Free
Parent App



Reception Phonics Morning

What a lovely morning we had welcoming our Reception families into school for our special Phonics Morning!

Our children were so proud to show off just how amazing they are at recognising and using their sounds, while giving their families a glimpse into how phonics is taught and why it plays such an important part in their early reading journey.

It was also a wonderful opportunity for the children to show their families around their classroom and share the learning they have been enjoying. Now fully settled into school, it was lovely to see just how confident, happy and proud our Reception children are. They are truly thriving!

A huge thank you to all of our families who joined us and continue to support their children's learning at home.



Subject Spotlight on Maths!

This week, we've been taking a closer look at maths across school, and what a pleasure it has been! From Nursery right through to Year 6, our children have been engaged, focused and proud to show off all the new mathematical knowledge they are developing.

We saw some fantastic mathematical reasoning, children confidently explaining their thinking and, most importantly, everyone getting stuck into their learning and giving it their very best.

It was wonderful to see our value of Aspiration shining through, with children challenging themselves, persevering and showing a real determination to succeed. We are incredibly proud of them all!



Hands on Learning in Year 3

Year 3 have been getting hands-on with their learning this week!

In Science, the children brought their learning about rocks to life by making their very own rocks out of chocolate. They have also been exploring the water cycle in Geography, creating their own mini water cycles in plastic bags so they could see the process happening before their eyes.

We love seeing our children getting stuck into practical learning experiences like these. What a brilliant way to make learning memorable, exciting and fun!



Something Miraculous!

Something Miraculous? – Southport’s very own creative writing competition for Year 3-6 and Year 7-9 young writers! Imagine opening a professionally printed book and finding your name and your story inside it.



They are searching for Southport’s young writers to create 500-word stories filled with imagination, wonder and the unexpected. One hundred selected stories will be published in our book: “Something Miraculous? — Stories of Wonder by Southport’s Young Writers.” One overall winner will be announced at a special book launch at Christ Church during Southport’s Books Alive festival on Friday 30th October — and their story will be read aloud to a live audience!

THE CHALLENGE:

Write an original short story of no more than 500 words in which something miraculous happens.

Your miracle could be enormous or almost unnoticed; mysterious, funny, dramatic, faith-inspired, fantastical or surprisingly ordinary. It might change a life, answer a deep hope, reveal something hidden or make the impossible possible. You decide what “miraculous” means in your story.

WHO CAN ENTER?

KS2 and KS3 young writers who live, attend school or have another clear connection with the Southport area.

WHAT TO SUBMIT?

One original story of up to 500 words. The title does not count towards the word limit.

WHEN’S THE DEADLINE?

Submit by 11.59pm on Friday 9 October 2026.

HOW?

Ask a parent or carer to upload your story as a DOC, DOCX or PDF via the form below. (Your school does not need to submit it for you.)

Your story must be your own writing—do not use AI to write or rewrite it. Keep it suitable for a family audience and do not include private contact information.

WANT SOME HELP WRITING?

Need a bit of support getting your ideas together into a story structure that flows and keeps the reader on their toes? View our classroom PowerPoint slides below or download the “Story Mountain” template.

If you want more information please review the website here: <https://saswtrust.com/miracle>

#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!



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 01784 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

Sefton Council

Sign of the Week – Autumn

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

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

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



28th September - 4th
October 2026

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

This week's sign is...

Grandmother



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!

Menu Choices – Week Beg 5.10.26 (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

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.

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!



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/>



The **Parent Talks Webinar** are for parents, focusing on Understand Child's Behaviour. During this session, parents will be able to choose what they would like to see in next half-terms' Parent Talks. Please sign up via the Eventbrite Link and then they will get emailed an invitation to the session.

Thursday, 8th October, 5-6PM – [click here](#)
 Friday 9th October 9:30-10:30AM – [click here](#)

Important Dates

Thursday 7 th October	Parents' Evening – Engagement in Learning
Thursday 8 th October	Opening Evening - 4 – 5pm
Wednesday 14 th October	KS1 RWI Parents' Meeting @ 2:45pm
Thursday 22 nd October	Poetry Performance
Thursday 22 nd October	School Closes for the half-term holidays @ 3:25pm
Friday 23 rd 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 5th October