# Linaker Primary School

# Linaker's Latest

## Friday 6th November 2026

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

### Headteacher's Message



It has been wonderful to see the children return after the half-term break with such enthusiasm and positivity. They have settled quickly back into their learning routines and it has been lovely to see them reconnecting with their friends. There has already been lots of fantastic learning taking place across the school and we are incredibly proud of the children's hard work and engagement. As we celebrate Bonfire Night, we would like to wish all of our families a happy and enjoyable weekend. Please remember to stay safe if you are attending and we hope you have a wonderful time together. **#Togetherness #Emapthy #Aspiration #MutualRespect**

### This Week' s Award Winners

| | This Week's Super Pupils | This Week's Linaker Learners |
|---|---|---|
| * | N AR – Avani A<br>R SW – Ruthran K<br>1 SH – Radu B<br>2 LB – Amelia C<br>2 LW – Kai R<br>3 LF –Faith S<br>3 VT -Lexi C<br>4 TR –Sadik A<br>4 DN –Abeeha F<br>5 LK –Hira A<br>5 ME –Rhythm D<br>6 JC –Alice D<br>6 FK –Molly L | N AR – Anas O<br>R SW – Ivan E<br>1 SH– Ginevra G<br>2 LB – Sanvi D<br>2 LW –Molly M<br>3 LF –Patryk S<br>3 VT -Ryan K<br>4 TR -Tasnim F<br>4 DN –Ivan H<br>5 LK –Indy J<br>5 ME –Daniyal A<br>6 JC –Sienna P<br>6 FK -Alina N |

### Attendance

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Linaker this week:

93.93%

Linaker Last week:

94.10%

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% | 3rd |
| Birkdale | 90.9% | 4th |
| Botanic | 97.9% | 1st |
| Hesketh | 95.2% | 2nd |

### House Points this week:

| House | Points | Position |
|---|---|---|
| Ainsdale | 33 | 2nd |
| Birkdale | 30 | 3rd |
| Botanic | 35 | 1st |
| Hesketh | 27 | 4th |

## Positions So Far for Half-Term 2:




| House | Points | Position |
|---|---|---|
| Ainsdale | 288 | 1st |
| Birkdale | 263 | 3rd |
| Botanic | 253 | 4th |
| Hesketh | 265 | 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 6JC, this week's winners, who achieved an amazing 99.6%** attendance **this week!**




## Celebrating Diwali Through Dance!

Reception and Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic Diwali dance workshop led by West End in Schools. Through music, movement and storytelling, the children brought the traditional story of Rama and Sita to life, immersing themselves in an exciting and engaging cultural experience.

The workshop provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to deepen their understanding of Diwali and embed their RE learning in a memorable and meaningful way. The children embraced every moment with enthusiasm, learning new dance moves, developing their performance skills and working together to tell the story through dance.

It was a fabulous experience for all involved, and the children had an amazing time celebrating this important festival while bringing their classroom learning to life.



## More Diwali Celebrations in Nursery!




Nursery have also been learning about Diwali, exploring the significance of diva lamps and discovering the story of Rama and Sita. The children brought the story to life through interactive storytelling, helping them to engage with and understand this important celebration.

As part of their learning, the children enjoyed dressing up as characters from the story and using role play to retell key events. This hands-on approach made learning fun and memorable, while encouraging creativity, imagination and communication skills.

Through their exploration of Diwali, the children also developed an appreciation of different beliefs, traditions and cultures. These experiences help to foster our school value of mutual respect, encouraging children to celebrate diversity and learn from the experiences of others. It was wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic and engaged as they explored this important festival.

## Celebrating Bonfire Night Across School



Our pupils have enjoyed celebrating Bonfire Night with a range of exciting and creative activities across school. In Nursery and Reception, the children had great fun making delicious chocolate sparklers, developing their fine motor skills while creating a tasty treat to enjoy.

The children also produced some beautiful firework-inspired artwork, using a variety of colours, textures and techniques to capture the magic and excitement of Bonfire Night. Their creativity and enthusiasm shone through in the fantastic pieces they created.



Alongside the celebrations, pupils learned about the importance of staying safe around fireworks and bonfires. Through discussions and activities, they explored how to enjoy Bonfire Night responsibly and learned simple ways to keep themselves and others safe.

It has been wonderful to see our youngest learners engaging in such memorable experiences while developing their creativity, broadening their understanding of seasonal traditions and learning valuable safety messages.







## Charcoal Creations in Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about how art was used in ancient civilisations to communicate ideas, tell stories and record important events. Inspired by this learning, the children created their own striking artwork using charcoal, experimenting with different techniques to produce bold patterns, symbols and images.





The children thoroughly enjoyed working with a new artistic medium and demonstrated great creativity and skill in their finished pieces. This hands-on activity helped to deepen their understanding of the important role that art played in ancient societies, while developing their own artistic knowledge and techniques. We were incredibly impressed with the focus, enthusiasm and talent shown by all of the children.

## 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 – Autumn

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

**This week's Sign of the Week is 'Fireworks'**

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



*2nd - 8th November 2026*

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

This week's sign is...

# Fireworks

## Menu Choices – Week Beg 9.11.26 (Week 1)

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 |
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| Traditional Main Course | Local Pork Sausage with Mash Potato & Brocoli | 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 |

## Children In Need 2026

**Remember to save the date: BBC Children in Need Day is on Friday 13th November this year!**

You can help us make a difference when it's needed most!

Right now, CIN can only afford to fund 1 in 6 organisations that ask for our help. That's nearly half a million children going without our support when they need us by their side.




On Friday 13th November, we are inviting staff and children to wear non uniform and bring a £1. If children and staff want to wear something yellow or Pudsey merch you can. Just remember if the children have PE or swimming, please wear or bring the correct kit!

## Remembrance Day

On **11th November**, our school community will join the nation in marking **Remembrance Day**, taking time to remember and honour the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed in conflicts around the world.



Children will have opportunities to learn about the importance of remembrance, peace and gratitude, and we will observe a respectful two-minute silence as a school. Through reflection and discussion, we help our children understand the values of courage, service and respect that Remembrance Day represents.

**"Lest We Forget."**

## Anti-Bullying Week 2026

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has today announced that Anti-Bullying Week 2026 will take place from Monday 16th to Friday 20th November with the theme: *Break the Silence*. This year's campaign will encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.

The week will be launched with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November. Odd Socks Day is delivered in partnership with CBeebies and CBBC star Andy Day and his band, Andy and the Odd Socks. On this day we are inviting all our children and staff to wear odd socks and pledge their support for the week!



## Weekly Picture News




This week's Picture News explored the question: "Is the journey more important than the destination?" Children learned about adventurer Karl Bushby, who has spent almost 28 years travelling around the world on an incredible journey home.

The story encouraged pupils to think about perseverance, resilience and the value of new experiences. Through discussion, they reflected on whether achieving a goal is most important, or whether the lessons learned and memories made along the way matter just as much.

## 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.

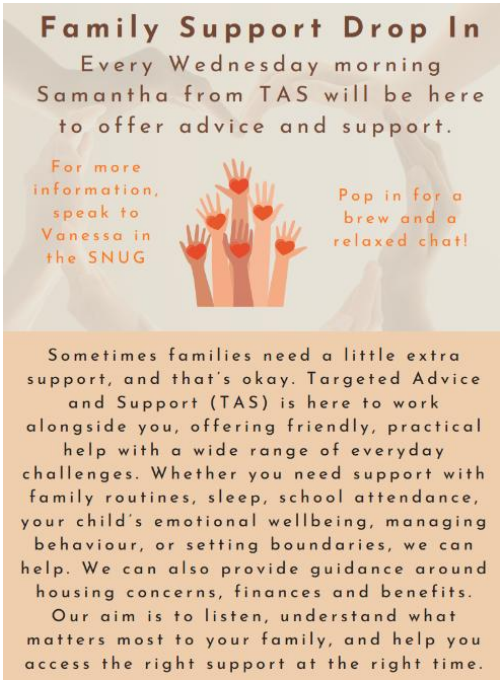
**Booking a HAF Place**

- **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

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| **Week beginning Monday 9th November** | Year 6 Mock SATs |
| **Monday 9th November** | Y6 Height & Weight Checks |
| **Wednesday 11th November** | Remembrance Day – 2 min Silence at 11:00am |
| **Friday 13th November** | Children In Need (Non uniform day and £1 voluntary donation. |
| **Week beginning Monday 16th November** | Anti Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day takes place on Monday 16th 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 |

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**Have a great weekend! We will see you on Monday 9th November**