



ENDEAVOUR
LEARNING TRUST



WELCOME TO LINAKER PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION PARENT
INFORMATION BOOKLET 2025



#TEAMLINAKER

TOGETHERNESS EMPATHY ASPIRATION MUTUAL RESPECT

=Welcome= TO RECEPTION

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) continues until the end of the Reception year. The EYFS curriculum is based on the three prime areas of learning: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development; together with the four specific areas of learning: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

At Linaker Primary, we pride ourselves on delivering a progressive and exciting curriculum for all our pupils so that they can flourish throughout their primary education and beyond.

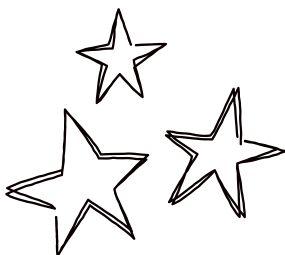
There are two Reception classes, however the children learn within an open plan classroom and the outdoor classroom at all times throughout the day. We pride ourselves in promoting an oracy rich environment and place the development of children's communication and language at the forefront of what we do.

Children have daily RWI phonics sessions each morning, which teaches children sounds, the letters that represent them and how to form letters when writing. Children are then taught to 'orally blend' sounds together to read words in books which are carefully matched to their phonic ability. We have a short daily mathematics carpet session each afternoon, before continuing our learning in the continuous provision with a balance of adult and child-initiated learning through play.



MEET OUR TEACHERS

Hello! We are Miss Wilcox and Miss Parkin and we will be your teachers when you start at Linaker Primary School in Reception Class.
We can't wait to meet you!



All About Miss Wilcox:

I have 2 children, Charlie and Lily and spend most weekends watching them play football or walking on the beach. A few of my favourite things are...

Colour: Green

Food: Pizza

Sport: Football

Animal: Leopard

Season: Autumn

Hobby: Baking

Children's book: Peace at Last

All About Miss Parkin:

I have a dog called Pip, who I love very much. At the weekend, I enjoy catching up with my friends and family. A few of my favourite things are...

Colour: Pink

Food: Pasta

Sport: Football

Animal: Dog

Season: Summer

Hobby: Cooking

Children's book: The Tiger Who Came to Tea



OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

We are so excited to welcome you to Linaker Primary!

We operate a free-flow learning environment so the children can use and explore all of the learning spaces all of the time.

You might like to read stories, build towers, send messages, tell and act out stories or use numbers and shapes in your exploring time.

Perhaps you will explore water, build big buildings or vehicles, create dens, play instruments or create transient art.

WHERE WILL YOU EXPLORE FIRST?



UNIFORM



We wear our Linaker Primary uniform with pride.

It is school policy that all children should wear the full school uniform and parents/carers are therefore requested to cooperate fully with this. The wearing of uniform is encouraged to promote a sense of pride, a sense of belonging, assumed equality, and for Health and Safety. Please ensure that ALL items of school uniform are clearly labelled. All uniform can be purchased from school and Whitakers, Southport. Shoes should be sensible and appropriate for school. Trainers are not to be worn for school.

UNIFORM

- White polo shirt
- Purple jumper/cardigan
- Grey trousers/skirt
- Grey/white socks or tights
- Sensible black shoes.



PE KITS

To be brought in at the beginning of each half term and taken home at the end to be washed.

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black pumps

MORNING ARRANGEMENTS



Children enter the Reception outdoor classroom via the gate on Linaker Street. The gates will open at 8.45 am. Parents/carers should bring their child to the ramp outside the Reception classes where staff will greet your child and help them to develop their independence to take their own coat off, hang it up and put away their bookbags before completing a morning activity in the classroom.

HOME TIME ARRANGEMENTS



The Reception day finishes at 3.25pm. Please wait outside in the Reception Garden for your class teacher to call your child's name one at a time. This ensures that your child is safely handed over.

It is of paramount importance that parents/carers do not crowd the Reception doorway at home time. Please be patient in order to ensure a safe transition from school to home.



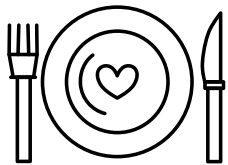
SNACK



Children receive a piece of fruit and a drink of milk/water each day. In addition, we offer a selection of other healthy snacks such as, toast, cereal, fruit loaf, yoghurt, cheese and crackers.

We ask for a voluntary donation of £1 each week towards snack which should be paid half termly, where possible.

We ask children to bring a water bottle to school each day, which will be returned home at the end of each day for refilling.



HOT DINNERS



All children in from Reception to Year 2 receive a free school meal. Our menu offers a wide variety of choices each day and caters for many dietary needs, such as vegan and Halal.

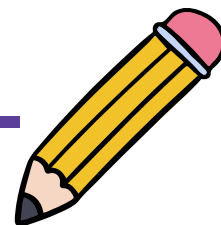
You will be able to choose your child's meal choice in advance via the school app.

PARENTAL COMMUNICATION

- The Arbor app is our primary source of communication. Important messages will be sent via the app. If you don't have the app, please speak to the office staff.
- Regularly check the school website for all of the latest news and information.
- Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for regular updates
 - 'Linaker Latest' weekly newsletter
- The school email address is office@linaker.org.uk
- If you need to talk to your child's teacher, please make an appointment at the office for after school.



OUR SCHOOL DAY



Morning

8.45-9am	9-9.10am	9.10-9.30am	9.30-10.50am	10.50am	11.00am	11.30am	11.45am
Name writing practise/ reading for pleasure	Dough Disco	Literacy Input/ groups	Continuous provision Independent challenges/ teacher led activities	Tidy up time	Phonics	Whole class story time	Lunchtime

Afternoon

12.50-1pm	1.00-1.15pm	1.15pm-2.30pm	2.30-2.40pm	2.40-2.55pm	2.55-3.20pm	3.25pm
Registration	Mathematics Input/ Groups	Continuous provision/ Independent challenges/ teacher led activities	Tidy Up time	Phonics Blast	Whole class story time	Home time



USEFUL INFORMATION



Reading books

Please bring book bags and books to school every day.

Absence

Please inform the school office via the Arbor app by 9am if your child will be absent due to sickness. If your child has a medical appointment please provide evidence to the office.

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name – coats, hats, scarfs, PE kits.

Lunch and Snack

All Reception children receive free school milk. We ask for a weekly contribution towards the children's snack of a £1 per week. It enables us to provide a range of snack such as toast, crumpets, crackers and cheese and many other healthy snacks to accompany the fruit.

Water Bottles

Water bottles – Please can your child bring a water bottle, filled with water not juice into school each day. They are encouraged to drink water regularly to keep hydrated.



APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between
01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022?

If so, your child is due to start
school September 2026!



**You MUST apply for a school place
online before 15 January 2026**

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 

Starting Primary School in Sefton – September 2026

When will my child start school?

Most children start primary school in the September following their **fourth birthday**. For further information please scan the QR code over the page.

- If your child was born between **1 September 2021** and **31 August 2022**, they will normally start school in September 2026.

By law, all children must begin full-time education by the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday.

Where do I get further information about schools?

- Go to [Find a school \(sefton.gov.uk\)](https://www.sefton.gov.uk).
- Look at the school's individual website.
- Contact the school(s) you are interested in for more information.
- Read the guides *School Admissions - A Guide for Parents and Admissions Information Guide 2026* which you can view at : www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool.

How do I apply for a primary school place?

The quickest and easiest way to apply is by logging onto the Citizen Portal via the Sefton website (shown above) or use our QR code over the page. The Citizen Portal is simple to use and accessible on all devices including mobile phones. Complete the application carefully, stating up to three school preferences in the order in which you prefer them.

Please note: **ALL Catholic schools and some Church of England faith schools** require a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to be completed. Please check if this is required for any of your school preferences and contact the school(s) directly to obtain the SIF which you must complete and return directly to the school(s) of your choice.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can contact Sefton Admissions Team to request a paper application form. If you complete a paper application, you must return the form to your first preferred primary school as soon as possible. You must also obtain a receipt from the school when submitting the form.

When do I apply for a place?

Applications open on 1st September 2025. You must submit your application by **15 January 2026**.

What if I apply late?

After 15 January 2026, your application may be treated as late. These applications may only be dealt with after national offer day on 16 April 2026. This may affect whether a place can be offered at your preferred school. For further information please read the school admissions information guides available on the Sefton website.

What if I don't get a place at my preferred school?

We try to offer the school you prefer but if this is not possible, you have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel. Further information can be found in the school admissions information guides which are both available on the Sefton website

Moving house?

If you change address after you have submitted your admission application, you must inform Sefton Admissions Team.

Apply for a school place online now by using the QR code over the page.

The application period is open NOW and the national closing date is:
15 January 2026

Contact: Sefton School Admissions Team

Email: admissions@sefton.gov.uk

Tel: 0151 934 3590

If you need this leaflet in a different format or another language, please contact us.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Separate admission arrangements apply for entry into ALL reception classes. You MUST complete a primary admission application form even if:

- you already have an older child attending the school, or
- the child already attends a nursery attached to a school, or
- you have already put your child's name down at the school (an expression of interest).