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# WELCOME TO LINAKER PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION PARENT  
INFORMATION BOOKLET 2026



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Dear Parents and carers.

Thank you very much for accepting your child's place at Linaker Primary School. We are delighted to be welcoming your family into our school community, and I am really looking forward to meeting you and child over the coming weeks. To help you feel fully prepared for your child's transition into Reception, I would like to warmly invite you to a parent information meeting where we will share important details and answer any questions you may have.

Date: Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Time: 5:30pm

Location: School Hall (please enter via the main entrance on Sefton Street)

This meeting will be a great opportunity for you to meet me, your child's class teacher, and other members of our Reception team. We will talk through what to expect during transition visits, the start of school in September, and how we can work together to support your child every step of the way.

There will also be:

- Light refreshments provided by our school cook
- Information about our free school meals, including sample menus
- An opportunity to view and order school uniform
- Time to chat informally with staff and share anything you feel is important about your child

We want this to feel like the beginning of a strong partnership, and we are here to support both you and your child as they begin this exciting new chapter. Please complete and return the reply slip below to confirm your attendance. If you are unable to attend but would still like the information, please let us know and we will ensure this is shared with you.

I look forward to meeting you soon.  
Kind regards,

Mark Cunniffe  
Headteacher



# ≡ 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 THE TEACHER

Hello! I am Miss Wilcox and I will be your teacher when you start at Linaker Primary School in Reception Class.

I can't wait to meet you!



## All About Miss Wilcox:

I have 2 children, Charlie and Lily and enjoy weekends walking on the beach and watching my children play football.

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



# 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

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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.

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# HOME TIME ARRANGEMENTS

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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.



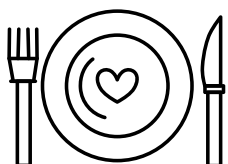
# SNACK



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.



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## 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.

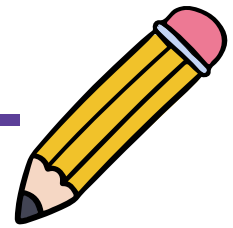
You will be able to choose your child's meal choice in advance via the school app.

# 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 @Linakerprimary
  - 'Linaker Latest' weekly newsletter
- The school email address is [office@linaker.org.uk](mailto: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/<br>reading for pleasure | Dough Disco | Literacy Input/<br>groups | Continuous provision<br>Independent<br>challenges/ teacher<br>led activities | Tidy up time | Phonics | Whole<br>class<br>story<br>time | Lunchtime |
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## 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<br>Input/ Groups | Continuous<br>provision/<br>Independent<br>challenges/ teacher<br>led activities | Tidy Up time | Phonics Blast | Whole class story<br>time | Home time |
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# 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.

