

NEWSLETTER



WINNING BIG

Winning big! FM has won the Catering contract for the Focus Trust! This includes: Birstall Primary Academy, Boothroyd Primary Academy, Fieldhead Primary Academy, Shibden Head Primary Academy, Thornhill Junior & Infant School, Thornton Primary Academy, and Wilsden Primary Academy. Four of these schools are in fact Kirklees schools, therefore a step for FM into the Kirklees district. A massive congratulations to everyone involved and a thank you for all your continued hard work!

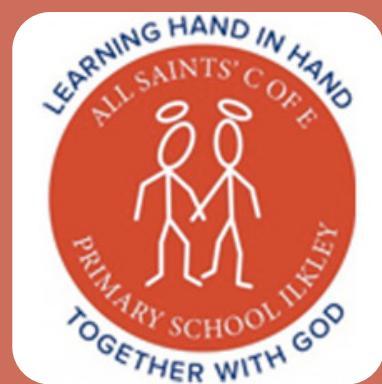
Keep posted to see the development of these kitchens in further editions.

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NEW CONTRACT!

Welcome to All Saints' C of E Primary School, Ilkley, who have joined us! As your new caterer, you can expect high quality food on the plate, value for money and great customer service. We are delighted to welcome you to FM!



AFTERNOON TEA CELEBRATIONS AT SHIPLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Friday 9th May, Shipley C of E Primary School held an afternoon tea celebration for the 14 prize winners of their Healthy Eating Week, which took place Monday 28th – Friday 2nd May.

The winners were made up of 1 student from each year being drawn at random from the completed food choice paper, and 1 student from each year group for taking part in colouring in pictures of healthy Fruit & Vegetables.

Winners are sitting for Afternoon Tea at a special table with the Head & Deputy. Thanks to everyone that took part and well done to the winners!



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EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM / HEALTHY EATING

Would you like to hold a Healthy eating week at your school? Healthy eating week / Eat them to defeat them is a brilliant initiative to get pupils more involved in healthy eating, and trying new fruits and vegetables. **Contact your SDM to find out more on how to sign up.**



TRAINING UPDATES

Both Ann Neville and Michael Preston have passed their Level 3 NVQ in Cleaning Supervision, and are progressing onto Level 4 Management. Well done to both! Also a well done to Kathryn Morton, who has just completed her RSPH Level 3 in Nutrition for Health qualification, well done Kath!

Note: Fire awareness and allergen refreshers will be available via the kitchen tablet on August 2025 cleaning days.



William Bonfield:

"I am a career Hospitality professional, worked in restaurants and pubs since I was 16. Started Front of House, all the way up to being a Michelin Star restaurant Manager in London, and then went to work as a chef. Worked my way through the ranks, been a head chef, and eventually an executive chef for a national pub company where I ran 11 pubs nationwide. I am passionate about leadership and management, and I want to help empower our staff to be the best they can be."

The role is interesting and varied, but so far the resilience of the people is what had stuck out for me. I am most looking forward to getting out there and making a difference!"

NEW SDM PROFILES

Humerra Memon:

"I started with FM as a GKA in Feb 2008. Being a hard-working GKA, I was offered to do further training and more hours. This lead to me getting an ACM role at Delius. After a few months in role, I did my training as Chef Manager and was appointed CM at Fearnville Primary. I have also worked as a mobile manager, and as a mentor, to train new managers and GKA's.

From November 2024, I started to look after Area 08. From this opportunity, I gained experience and knowledge, that helped me to apply for the SDM post.

As a SDM, I am enjoying my new post, there's lots to learn and lot of experience to be gained. My goal is to pass my Level 4 and carry on my future with FM catering.

I'm so proud of my achievement, It wouldn't be possible without my husband, children and my mum in law's support and love."



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THEME DAY PICKS

We've had some great theme days, and we're now moving into the Summer months and on the run-up to the Summer School Holidays. A big thank you to all of our kitchen teams for their continuous hard work, and for making these theme days happen – they all look amazing!

ST MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC

Easter celebrations at St Matthew's Catholic Primary School



REEVY HILL

St George's Day celebrations at Reevy Hill Primary School



WIBSEY PRIMARY

Census Day theme at Wibsey was Italian, molto bene!



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VE DAY 2025



VE Day stands for Victory in Europe Day. It marks the day when Germany officially surrendered to the Western Allies, ending the Second World War in Europe. 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Lots of our kitchens got involved in this theme day, cooking themed foods and decorating their dining room in celebration of Victory day! A big thanks to our staff for their hard work and we hope the children enjoyed their VE Day celebrations!



TRINITY ALL SAINTS

VE Day celebrations at Trinity All Saints Church of England Primary School, including some brilliant personalised bakes!

REEVY HILL

VE Day celebrations, including dining room decor and some yummy cupcakes!



LIDGET GREEN

VE Day celebrations, including a delicious victoria sponge cake made by Lidget Green kitchen assistant, Lucy!

WESTMINSTER

VE Day celebrations, including some fab dining room decor!



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THACKLEY PRIMARY

VE Day celebrations at Thackley Primary School, including some brilliant staff pictures!

BRADFORD CITY 2025



THACKLEY PRIMARY

Bradford City celebrations at Thackley Primary – these look amazing!

REEVY HILL

Celebrations at Reevy Hill Primary – some yummy looking themed cupcakes and cookies!



GOOD NEWS STORIES

Don't forget to send in your good news stories! If you have any good news stories or theme days, please send photos and stories to our marketing team to be in our next FM News edition/issue:

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