



NEWSLETTER

GREAT NEWS!



We've been selected as the new catering provider for the Brontë Academy Trust.

We're excited to bring our passion for good food, healthy choices, and inclusive menus to the Brontë Academy Trust schools. This tender win is a testament to our team's dedication and the strong relationships we've built. We look forward to working together to create a dining experience that everyone can enjoy.

This news sees the catering provisions of the Brontë Academy Trust being taken care of by FM, these schools include: Haworth Primary School, Lees Primary School, Oakworth Primary School and Oldfield Primary School.

We're excited to collaborate closely with staff, and pupils to shape a catering service that truly reflects the community it serves.



THE 1ST LIVING WELL SUMMIT!

Our very own Area Operations Manager, Nichola Harris was guest speaker at the first Living Well Summit. This Summit saw over 150 people in attendance at the Bradford Live venue, and occurred on the 18th March 2026.

The Summit is a district-wide opportunity to come together to make a real, lasting difference to the lives of our residents. This landmark event brought together people already working to tackle health inequalities and improve wellbeing, with the aim of energising and strengthening this vital work.

This event saw many workshops taking place including a physical activity workshop, a biology workshop, a society and wider determinants workshop, a food workshop - where we saw Nickie as guest speaker talking about improving our food system to provide healthy and sustainable food for all - and many more!

A massive congratulations to Nichola Harris on delivering an amazing speech at the Summit!



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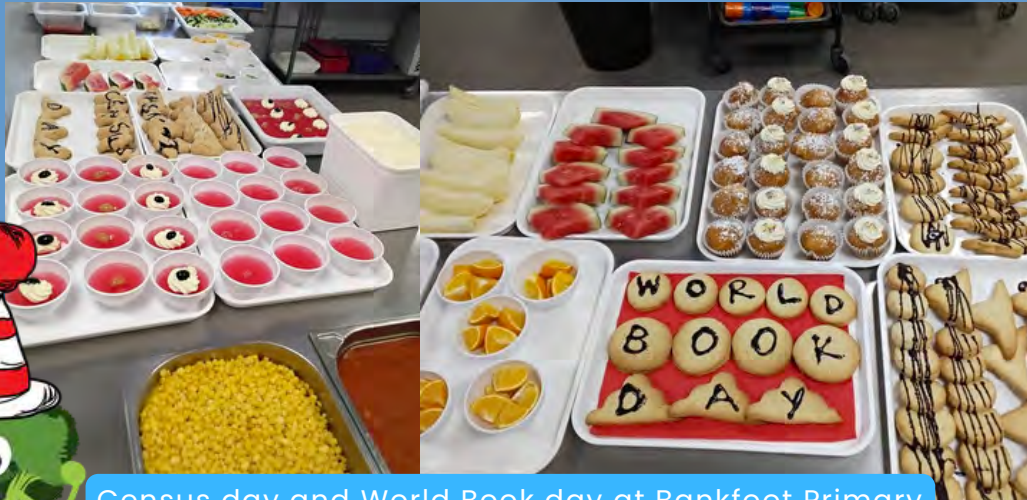


THEME DAY SPOTLIGHT

There's been lots of theme days occurring across the district - thank you to everyone for sending in your photos! Theme days are powerful tools for learning, engaging and community-building. Send us your theme day photos:

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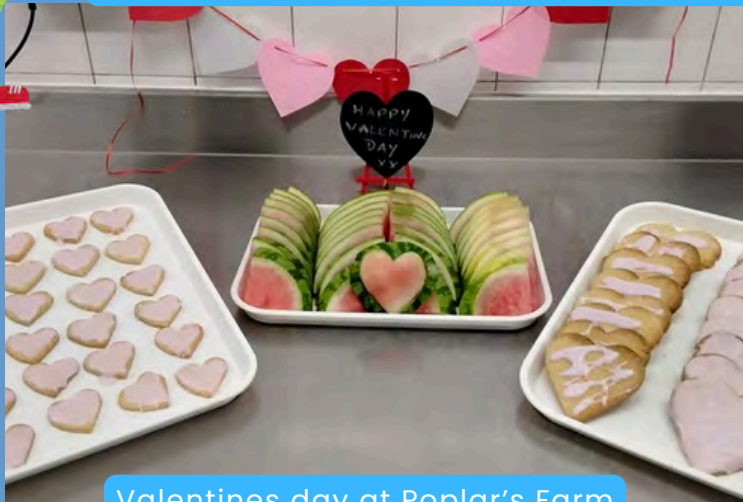
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Census day and World Book day at Bankfoot Primary



Chinese New Year at Cullingworth Village



Valentines day at Poplar's Farm



Space day at Grove House



Chinese New Year, Valentines day and World Book day at Reeve Hill

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Census day (Italian) at Wibsey Primary



World Book day at Trinity All Saints



World Book day at Birstall



World Book day at St Stephen's



St Patrick's day at Woodside Academy



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WELCOME TO THE TEAM

We're delighted to introduce two fantastic additions to the FM team.

Melanie Powis steps into the role of Service Standards Mentor & Mobilisation. A few words from Melanie, "I have worked for FM since 2019, I have worked my way up from a GKA, where my kitchen was Merlin Top Primary School in Keighley. I am looking forward to helping and working with new people and learning new ideas myself."

Congratulations to you in your new role!

Natalie Barnes is welcomed as Service Delivery Manager, having worked for FM for a number of years as a Chef Manager. Congratulations Natalie!

We're thrilled to have them both on board and look forward to the contributions they'll bring as we continue to grow and evolve as a team.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPE?

What is your favourite meal recipe? This poster is to encourage everyone to share their favourite recipes.

We're cooking up something special - and we want you to be a part of it.

Got a go-to dish everyone raves about? A family classic? A quick midweek winner? Send us your favourite recipe and help us build a delicious collection of staff favourites that might feature on our next menu!

Whether it's sweet, savoury, simple or adventurous, we'd love to feature it. Let's celebrate the flavours, stories, and creativity across our teams.

Send your recipe to the email below and be part of our shared cookbook of ideas / be featured in our menu development for the next menu.

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