



Healthy Holidays Activity Club Meals

This Summer, the Healthy Holidays programme has seen children eligible for free school meals attend holiday clubs across the borough. At these clubs, children take part in fun physical and enriching activities, participate in some form of nutritional education and enjoy a meal onsite each day which is in line with school food standards.

Barnsley Schools Catering Service have been supporting 9 different holiday clubs with food provision throughout the summer. We have provided meals for 350 children daily, totalling 7400 meals across the summer holidays. These meals have been cooked from a central kitchen at Summer Lane Primary School and transported out to sites each day.

We will be running an October and Christmas Programme, so if your child/ren are eligible for free school meals, please do visit www.barnsley.gov.uk/healthyholidays to find out more.

THANK YOU to Summer Lane Primary School for supporting us with the use of their kitchen and dining room, and for opening the building each day to allow this project to happen.



School Chef Of The Year Competition

In July, Amy Tomlinson from Athersley South Primary School competed in the regional finals of the School Chef of the Year Competition in York. The judging was extremely close, and the judges praised the high standard of Amy's dishes. Although another contestant won by a small margin, we are so proud of the dedication and talent that Amy brought to the competition.



Salad bars making their return

We know how important it is that children eat a range of different fruits, vegetables and salad items, which is why we are reintroducing our salad bars. We will be working with each school individually to do this at the a time that's right for your child's school. This is another huge step on the road back to normality in school dining rooms.

Coming up New Autumn Menu

Our team have been working hard on the new menu, gathering feedback and data from across the service to choose options that we know your child will enjoy. We are including a range of hearty favourites alongside some new dishes to try, so keep your eyes peeled for more details coming soon.

You said, we did!



You said you wanted a wider range of meal options, so we are building a 3-week menu moving forward, starting from our new autumn menu. This will increase variety and encourage children to try new meals.

Meet the team



A hello from one of our Business Development Officers, Kerry-Anne Sylvester

"I joined Barnsley Council back in 2016 and became involved with BSCS in 2019 to assist with the roll out of Cypad and Meal Selection, successfully rolling this out to 23 schools, a project which is still underway. I have been busy planning these days, alongside supporting and rolling out the Eat them to Defeat them campaign and the Healthy Holidays campaigns for Easter, spring half term and the summer holidays. I love working with the BSCS team, I find my job fulfilling and love meeting new people. I'm super excited for our new menu and can't wait to come and visit you soon."