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FRIDAY 20 MARCH



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w/c 16th March 2026

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Clerk—Amanda Hopson



TREETOPS - Book

Before & After School Care here...

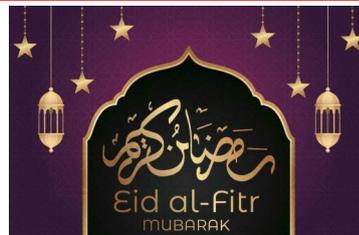
SCHOOL DINNERS

Now £2.40 a day (£12 pw) Please pay in advance  
Via [SchoolMoney](#)  
Read on for menu...



## WEEKLY Roundup In the news this week:

- Eid al-Fitr Mubarak to all our families celebrating Eid! And thank you to Mays, Lyan & Abudi for popping in to share their celebrations.
- We enjoyed a dressing in red today for Comic Relief.
- Sycamore had a great time out at the cinema to see the Smurfs Movie. Their behaviour was exceptional and the best in the whole cinema! Well done everyone.
- Year 6 impressed everyone with the second part of their 'Come Dine With Me' project - delicious whiffs of mouth watering cooking could be smelled throughout school!



### And now some UNFORTUNATE NEWS...

We're really sorry but our school lunch provider has informed us that, unfortunately the cost of school dinners is going up after Easter from £2.40 to £2.55 a day.



They say;

*This decision has not been taken lightly. However, following a full review of the provision, it is clear that the service is no longer covering its operational costs. We remain committed to providing cost-effective, nutritious meals to our schools; however, the service must be financially sustainable. At present, the Riverside Catering Provision is operating at a significant loss. We are keen to avoid withdrawing this service, as we recognise the value and benefits that school meals provide to many children across our community. We have absorbed rising costs for as long as possible and have not increased the meal price since 2023, despite continued increases in food, energy, and staffing costs. We appreciate that this news comes at a challenging time, however, in order for us to continue providing this service, we have no alternative but to implement this increase. We hope you understand the circumstances surrounding this decision.*

We know this is disappointing but Riverside do provide a good service and we hope that you will be able to continue using it. Don't forget though... All children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** will continue to get **Free Infant Meals**. Also, **HELP IS AVAILBLE** through **Benefits Related Free School Meals** - Around 2 thirds of our children already receive free school meals - which also means they get additional pupil funding called **Pupil Premium** to support their learning & development - **WIN, WIN!** See page 2 for more details & please get in touch if you think you might be eligible - we can help you apply!

It's that time again... Our legendary

## EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Will take place on 27th March.

Tickets On Sale NOW

Only 50p

End of term CHURCH SERVICE & CELEBRATIONS

Friday 27th March - 9:30ish

We'd love you to join us walking to church!



CALDERDALE LIBRARIES

# Easter Activities



Date	Activity Details
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HAF pop-up library - Ash Green 10:30am</li> <li>Faraway Tree craft - Rastrick Library 10:30am</li> <li>Faraway Tree craft - Elland Library 2pm</li> <li>Highway Rat craft - Beechwood Road Library 2pm</li> <li>Easter craft - King Cross Library 2pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anne Lister Festival crafty activities - Central Library &amp; Archives, Halifax 10:30am-2:30pm (free drop-in)</li> <li>Easter craft - Todmorden Library 10:30am</li> <li>Easter craft - Sowerby Bridge Library 2pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lego - Central Library &amp; Archives, Halifax 10-12 (free drop-in)</li> <li>Easter craft - Rastrick Library 10:30am</li> <li>Drop-in activities - Hebden Bridge Library 10:30-4</li> <li>Lego - Todmorden Library 1:30-3:30pm (free drop-in)</li> </ul>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baby Bounce and Rhyme - Brighouse Library 10:10am</li> <li>Drop-in activities - Akroyd Library 10:30-3:30</li> <li>Highway Rat craft - Brighouse Library 11am</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>-Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - all libraries closed for Easter weekend</b>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet the Author: Ashley Thorpe - Central Library &amp; Archives, Halifax 10:30am (free, bookable)</li> <li>Lego Spike - Akroyd Library 2pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lego Spike - Elland Library 10:30am</li> <li>HAF pop-up library - Lee Mount School</li> </ul>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lego Spike - Central Library &amp; Archives, Halifax 10:15am, 11:30am and 1:30pm</li> <li>Faraway Tree craft - Mixenden Library, 10:30am</li> <li>Highway Rat craft - Sowerby Bridge 10:30am</li> <li>Faraway Tree craft - King Cross Library 2pm</li> <li>Highway Rat craft - Northwram Library 2pm</li> </ul>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faraway Tree craft - Todmorden Library 10:30am</li> <li>Highway Rat craft - Central Library &amp; Archives, Halifax 10:30am</li> <li>Highway Rat craft - Hebden Bridge Library 2pm</li> </ul>



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# Easter Activities



Meet the Author: Ashley Thorpe

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 10:30am  
Central Library and Archives, Halifax  
Free - booking required

Anne Lister Festival Crafty Kids' Activities

Free drop-in session  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 10.30am-2.30pm  
Central Library and Archives, Halifax

Pop-up libraries as part of HAF programme

Multiple dates

Easter Craft and Story Sessions

A mix of exciting themes - check Ticketsource for details

LEGO education

Build Lego models and control them with code

spike Prime

Multiple dates

Calderdale Council

Scan here or go to [www.ticketsource.co.uk/calderdalelibraries](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calderdalelibraries) for full details and event booking

National Year of Reading 2026

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## Play Development Service

SCAN ME TO BOOK ON



### Easter Holiday Play Schemes Week 1 2026

MON 30 <sup>th</sup> March	TUES 31 <sup>st</sup> March	WED 1 <sup>st</sup> April	THURS 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	FRI 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
The Crossley Heath Sch 12:00 – 4:00pm Skircoat, Moor Road Halifax HX3 0HG	Mixenden Activity Centre 12:00 – 4:00pm Clough Lane Mixenden HX2 8SH	Elland Community Hub 11:00 – 3:00pm Cartwheel community centre HX5 9DL	Todmorden College 11:00 – 3:00pm Todmorden Community College, Burnley Rd, Todmorden OL14 7BX	Bank Holiday

### Easter Holiday Play Schemes Week 2

MON 6 <sup>th</sup> April	TUE 7 <sup>th</sup> April	WED 8 <sup>th</sup> April	THURS 9 <sup>th</sup> April	FRI 10 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday	Mixenden Activity Centre 12:00 – 4:00pm Clough Lane Mixenden HX2 8SH	Elland Community Hub 11:00 – 3:00pm Cartwheel community centre HX5 9DL	The Crossley Heath School 12:00 – 4:00pm Skircoat, Moor Road Halifax HX3 0HG	Calderdale College Inspire Centre 12:00 – 4:00pm Francis Street, Halifax HX1 3UZ

We do ask Children and young people with a disability/special need to book on so we can meet your child's particular need. We operate on a first come first served basis, in our busy periods it is advised to arrive early to avoid disappointment as places are limited and are filled quickly.

The Play Development Service provides free open access play sessions for children and young people aged between 5-14 years old. The sessions are open access and are offered at various centres, parks and open spaces across Calderdale. We provide a range of activities that are chosen by children and young people; these can sometimes get messy, so please come in clothes that are appropriate for the activities and the weather. We aim for all our activities to be inclusive to all children and young people.

For further information please call the Play Development Service on 01422 380995

You can also visit our website [www.calderdale.gov.uk](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk)



# Pupil Premium – What is it and why is it so important?

## Is your child eligible for free school meals?



As well as getting **free, healthy, hot lunches**, if your child is eligible for free school meals, and you claim for them, **our school receives extra funding** called 'pupil premium'.

Pupil premium is funding from the government that is given to schools to help children to reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. Our school receives **an extra £1,455 for each pupil who is registered for free school meals**. We then use the funding to give those pupils an extra helping hand and to enhance their learning. We use the money in many ways including:

- Extra one-to-one or small group support within classrooms
- Employing extra teaching assistants to work within classes
- Running catch up sessions for those who need extra help
- Providing breakfasts, snacks and help with uniform
- Providing extra tuition
- Providing enrichment activities for families who cannot pay for them
- Funding educational visits
- Investing in resources that boost learning i.e. laptops or tablets



Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them (i.e. they can continue to have packed lunches if you like) and cannot be identified as being registered for free school meals in anyway within the school. However, the school can only claim the extra funding for those pupils that are registered. **At this school there is no stigma attached to having free school meals and we are very proud to say that over two thirds of our pupils are currently registered for free school meals and pupil premium.**

**We know that times are hard for all of us and the financial squeeze on our families and our school keeps getting tighter and tighter -**

**Why not see if you can claim a little extra help for you, your child and their learning?**

**Your child is eligible for free school meals, and therefore pupil premium funding for our school if you access:**

- Universal Credit - your net earned income must be less than £7,400.
- Income Support.
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income based).
- Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit. (With an annual income of less than £16,190. As assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.)
- Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit.
- Support payments under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Working Tax Credit Run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

**Register your child for free school meals using the link to the application form below**, or fill in the form on the last page of the newsletter, to ensure the school receives the relevant funding it is entitled to.

Printed copies of the form are available from the office and school staff are more than happy to help with any applications. **So, don't hesitate - get applying as soon as possible.**

Applications can be made at any time.

<https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals>



# JOIN THE FUN THIS SPRING AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

## HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE SPRING PROGRAMME

This Spring, during the Easter school holidays, children and young people aged 5-16 eligible for benefits-related free school meals are invited to take part in a range of exciting and fun activities through the Healthy Holidays Calderdale Programme.

The scheme provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe and fun environment.



To book scan the QR code or visit [healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/](https://healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/)

You will need to register your child on the booking system before booking your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.





Book your place now to join the Healthy Holidays Calderdale fun, taking place this Spring across Calderdale.

To book scan the QR code or visit: [healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/](http://healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/)

For more information on Healthy Holidays Calderdale and support in booking a place at a Spring holiday scheme, please contact:

**Facebook:** @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

**Twitter:** @HAFCalderdale

**Website:** [www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays)

**Email:** [healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk)



# TEAM POINTS

The Team Point Pixies have been flying round and adding up all the team points.

They have been counted and verified...

and the winner is...



 Diamonds	 Rubies	 Sapphires	 Emeralds
<b>267</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>388</b>

## WELL DONE TREASURES!!!



### BRILLIANT BLUE PUPILS

Oscar, Vin, Lily, Charlie,  
Chester, Elliot, Bobby,  
Pippa, Riley



# This week's Gold Book Superstars are....

## Oak Class

- Mays always puts maximum effort into her work, often completing more than is required. She stretches and challenges herself every day. Over the last few weeks, she has demonstrated a stronger understanding of key topics in mathematics and English; this is evident from her recent assessment scores. During this period, Mays has been observing Ramadan which means she has been fasting from dawn to dusk every day. This has left Mays a little tired in the afternoons; however, this does not stop her working hard and showing incredible resilience!
- Logan is an outstanding member of Year 6. He is always kind, respectful and well-mannered to adults and other children inside school. Logan always does his very best in every subject and his recent assessment scores indicate the great progress he has made throughout the year. He is super reliable, always willing to help, always empathetic towards other people and has a great sense of humour on top of this. He's a credit to his family, his friends and the school. Well done Logan!

## Elm Class

- Lily for her efforts in handwriting this week. Lily has worked incredibly hard on her letter formation this week and is producing some wonderful descending letters.
- Ellie for her determination in maths this week when working with fractions and decimals.

## Willow Class

- Alacey-Mai - for amazing work in phonics writing sentences.
- Hudson R - for amazing shape knowledge, explaining to Miss Whittall all about corners.
- Abudi - for improved letter formation.

WEEKLY MEAL PLANNER:

- All meal choices are homemade, from scratch by chefs using high quality raw ingredients that are unprocessed and where applicable, seasonal. All Milk products are made with organic milk
- All meat products are Red Tractor accredited
- All fish products are M.S.C accredited

*If you have any questions or special dietary requirements please don't hesitate to get in touch!*



**How many planet friendly options are you choosing this week?**

WEEK 1	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Meatballs and Pasta	Quorn Dippers	Twister Fries Salad	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Ham & Cheese Puff	Vegan Goujons	Potato wedges Broccoli	Australian Crunch Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Hot Dog	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Rice Salad	Apple Crumble Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Chicken Korma with Pitta Bread	Quorn Sweet Chilli Wrap	Sauté potatoes	Old School Chocolate Shortbread Fresh fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Battered Fish	Quorn Southern Burger	Peas & sweetcorn Chips	Chocolate and Raspberry Brownie Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEEK 2	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Cheese and Ham Panini	Veggie Hotdog	Criss Cross Fries Sweetcorn	Syrup Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Cottage Pie	Tomato & 3 Cheese Pasta with Garlic Bread	Sauté potatoes Baked Beans	Wholemeal Biscuit Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Crispy Chicken Wrap	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	Potato Wedges Salad	Lemon Sponge and Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Sausage Roll & gravy	Quorn Dippers	Potato Crunchies Broccoli	Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake & Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Battered Fish	Veggie Meatball Wrap	Chips Peas & Sweetcorn	Parkin Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
WEEK 3	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Cheese and Pepperoni Panini	Pesto Pasta with Garlic Slice	Sauté Potatoes Salad	Fruity Flapjack Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Cheese Lattice	Roast potatoes Carrots	Chocolate chip sponge & chocolate sauce Fresh fruit, Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Chilli with Tortilla Chips	Veggie Keema Curry	Rice Pitta Bread	Rice Pudding Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Chicken Burger	Macaroni Cheese	Herby Diced Potatoes Broccoli	Berry Traybake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Battered Fish	Falafel Wrap	Chips Peas & Sweetcorn	Raspberry & White Chocolate Muffin Fresh fruit Yoghurt

*\*The supplier reserves the right to change, modify, substitute or remove, without notice, any item on this menu as deemed necessary.*