

Thurnham Glasson Primary School, Glasson Dock

The catering manager and Business manager at this small primary school near Lancaster work really closely together to promote school lunches. Incentives such as 'Lucky Plate Day' and 'Children's Choice' have improved take up.



The school operates a pre ordering system, where children choose the next day's lunch the day before. A flexible system is operated where children can choose to have school lunches on specific days if they wish. The school noticed that uptake was not as high on Thursdays so they introduced 'Lucky Plate Day' which now takes place every Thursday. On this day, one lucky plate has a green sticker underneath. The children are encouraged to eat their meal before checking to see if they have the winning sticker. The winner gets a small prize (e.g. notebook, sticker, pen). Such has been the success that Thursdays are now the most popular day for a school lunch! The school also runs their own theme days such as Halloween and termly theme days linked to the curriculum. 'Children's Choice' theme days see different year groups taking it in turns to choose their favourite meals from the menu. Firm favourites are roast dinners and pizza.