Get involved

National School Meals Week (NSMW)

9th - 13th November 2026

NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK 2026

One BIG Celebration

Celebrating 120 years of school meals 1906 - 2026

The SCHOOL FOOD people LACA



We need your help to make this NSMW a really big event in the school meals calendar.

2026 marks 120 years of providing one of the most important meals of the day to millions of children across the UK. School lunches have and will always play a vital role in nurturing young people and support learning and development in the classroom. School lunches are more than just the meal on the plate.



As ever NSMW provides an important platform to increase awareness of the industry and its need for additional funding. Getting involved means you play a part in securing the future of school meals.

For 2026 'One BIG Celebration' we want you to create your own week of celebrations and special events.

You can do that by getting involved in:



#onebigshare our campaign to flood social media with fantastic stories and events during the week.



One of 5 great BIG, themed events free resources will be available along with campaign logos, email footers, social media adverts and everything else you need to run a fantastic event.



NSMW in 120 pictures we will be sending out Selfie frames to 120 important people in the school meals industry. We are asking the regions to get involved by nominating front line workers to feature in our campaign. It could be you!



VIP day features every year, we encourage you to invite your local MP or Council dignitaries into school for a day so they can join in the campaign for more funding.



Supporting the launch of **Junior School Chef of the Year (JSCOTY)**. We want to inspire young people to take up a career in catering or even just to learn important life skills with our countrywide competition. Children from around the regions will get involved

Let's come together and celebrate!

ONE WEEK. ONE VOICE. ONE BIG CELEBRATION.