

# WELCOME

While waiting for assembly to begin have a think of one thing you are **thankful** for



# WHAT IS MEANT BY THE WORD **HARVEST**



Article 24 (health and health services) Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

# HARVEST IS ...



- A celebration of the food that is grown on the land
- A time to say thank you for the food we have
- A chance to give back to the community

## Did you know?

- In ancient times, Harvest festivals were the biggest celebrations of the year!



thinking time



turn and talk



taking hands

What challenges do you think farmers  
may have encountered this year?



LAND, FOOD AND FARMING

Over 240  
million litres of  
milk lost in  
record  
summer heat

The summer of 2026 broke a series of climate records. It was the hottest on record. With 40 days over 30 degrees, it broke the previous record of 34 days. July was England and Wales driest ever, and the driest *ever* month in southern England.

Increasing temperatures are also having an impact on soil health by reducing moisture levels. Rising temperatures are helping new pests to become established, which also impacts on plant health and yield.

**Heat raises costs and cuts crop yields  
for farmers**



LAND, FOOD AND FARMING

Chips are  
down –  
summer  
drought  
knocks over 3  
million tonnes  
off UK and  
Europe's  
potato crop



What does this mean for  
us?



# GUESS WHAT ...

- Around 13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK
- More than 4.5 million children live in poverty in the UK
- 1 in 4 parents in the UK missed a meal to feed their children

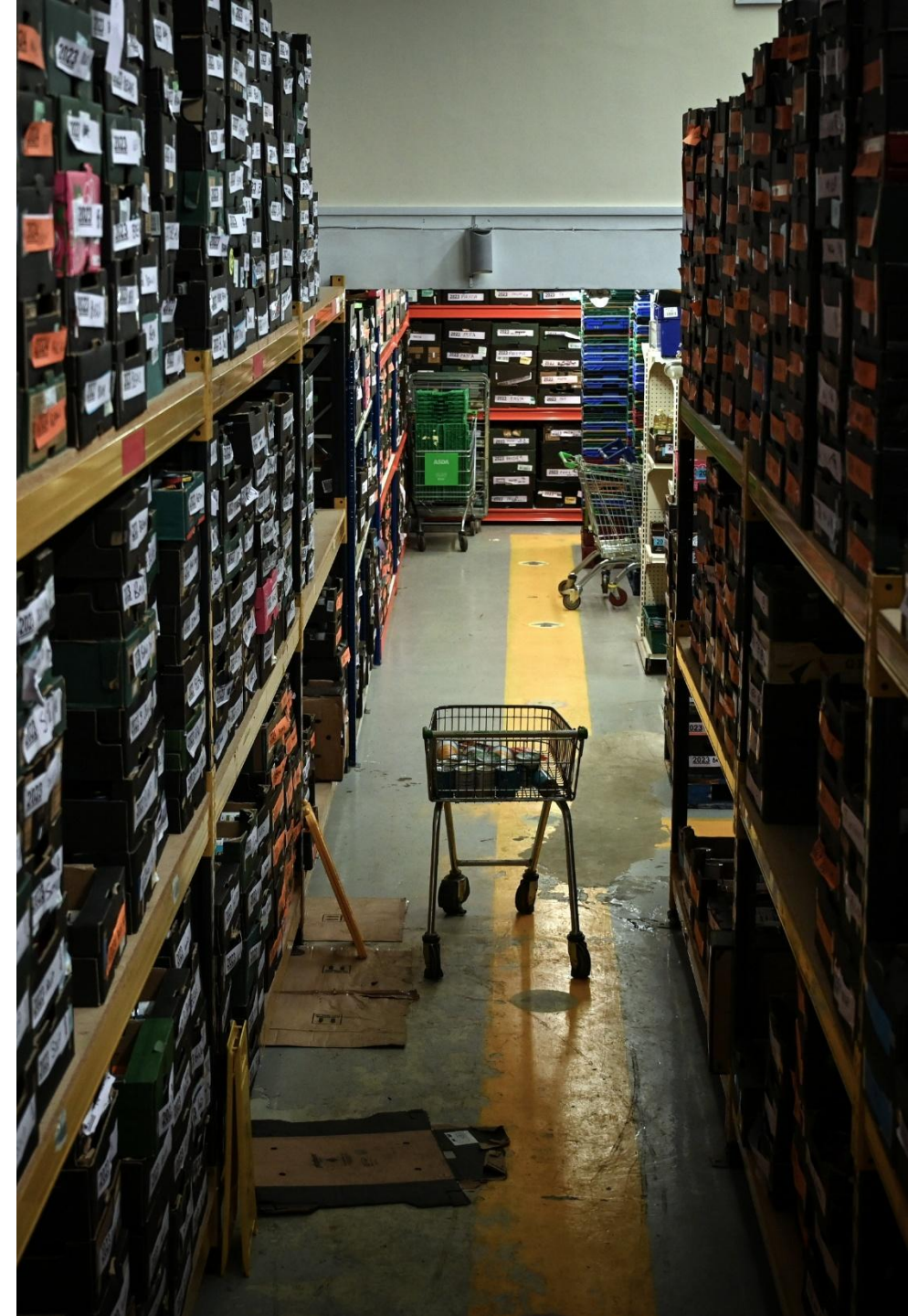
# WHAT DO YOU THINK A FOOD BANK IS



- A food bank is a place where food is given free of charge to people in need
- Food banks are usually run by charities and staffed by volunteers
- It is not known how many food banks there are, but what we do know is that sadly there are more food banks in the UK than there are McDonald's!

# What does Black Country Foodbank do?

<https://vimeo.com/1107661517>



# IN 2025 ...



- We provided nearly ½ million meals = that's the equivalent of handing out 1 bag of pasta every minute!
- We provided 52 meals every hour
- We supported 14,628 children



Please, if you can, make a  
donation to the Black  
Country Foodbank by  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

THANK YOU



2026

BLACK COUNTRY  
FOODBANK

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# Our new eco committee members so far...

Ayah Year 1

Anita Year 3

Isla & Tilly Year 4

Autumn & Isaac in year 5