



**Join in on the fun
this school holiday!**

York's HAF Programme Summer Activity Brochure

July 21 - September 6

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

York's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme offers fun activities for keeping active, being creative, and trying something new over the Easter, summer, and winter school holidays.

Children and young people in receipt of benefits-related free school meals are eligible for **sixteen sessions** of free activities during the Easter holidays. Each day will include: a healthy meal and a selection of activities ranging from sports, drama and creative workshops, nature activities, and much more. Additional credits are available upon request.

You can find more info on our new Raise York webpage: www.raiseyork.co.uk/directories/holiday-activities-food

HOW TO BOOK:

To book an activity, you will need a HAF Evoucher, which your school will provide via text or email. Your Evoucher will include a link that will take you to the booking site. The booking site lists all York HAF summer activities. The voucher and booking system will become active on **Thursday 2nd July**.

Contact your child's school if you do not receive your HAF Evoucher. If your child's school is closed due to the school holiday and you have not received a voucher, contact the HAF coordinator at shelby.graham@york.gov.uk.

CANCELLING BOOKINGS:

If your child cannot attend a booked session, you should cancel your booking as soon as possible so that another child can be offered the place. You can cancel your booking on the booking system, but if you're having trouble, you can contact the club you booked your child onto.

View the [parent guide](#) for help with making a booking, [cancelling a booking](#), or managing your account.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS:

If your child requires additional support, share as much detail as possible on your booking to ensure the provider is fully equipped to support your child. You can also use the provider's contact details to discuss in further detail before booking.

An overview of the activities available this summer can be found below. All sessions are free of charge and all sessions include a School Food Standards meal, regardless if it's a half day or full day session. If you have questions, you can contact the provider or the programme coordinator. **All sessions are SEND inclusive, but please check with providers with any additional questions.**

If you are unable to use the booking system, please contact the programme coordinator, Shelby Graham at shelby.graham@york.gov.uk or 07551348839. You can also contact the club directly to book your place!

Door 84 Youth & Community Centre

Location: Door 84 Youth & Community Centre, 84 Lowther St, Guildhall, York, YO31 7LX

Contact info: george.arksey@door84.org.uk or call 01904 623177

Cooking Workshops

Ages: 8 - 17

Dates: Every Monday in August (3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th)

Time: 10 AM - 2 PM

Learn cooking skills and make a tasty, healthy meal in the Door 84 cafe! No previous skills or equipment/ingredients needed!

Generate Theatre Drama Workshop

Ages: 8 - 17

Date: Tues 11th Aug, Tues 18th Aug, Tues 25th Aug, & 1st Sept

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

Delivered in partnership with Generate Theatre, this workshop includes games, scriptwriting, and creating a short performance.

Dance Workshop

Ages: 8 - 17

Date: Thurs 23rd July & Thurs 30th July

Time: 1 PM - 4 PM

A chance to get active in Door 84's dance hall!

Summer Family Event

Ages: The whole family is welcome!

Date: Tues 21st July

Time: 11 AM - 3 PM

A fun, family event open to the whole community! Come along for arts and crafts, food, games, and more.

Door 84 Youth & Community Centre

Music Workshop

Ages: 8-17

Date: Thurs 23rd July & Thurs 30th July

Time: 1 PM - 4 PM

Opportunities for young people to engage with instruments, music production, and song writing. These will be aimed at beginners, hoping to eliminate barriers that young people face taking their first step into music.

Youth Club - Ages 8 - 12

Date: Tues 28th July, Tues 4th Aug, Tues 11th Aug, Tues 18th Aug, Tues 21st Aug, & Tues 1st Sept

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

The first hour will focus on arts and crafts in the cafe, and the second hour will be for the games room and outside space. These are meant to be free-flow sessions where you can choose what activities you want to do!

Youth Club - Ages `13 - 17

Date: Weds 22nd July, Weds 29th July, Weds 5th Aug, Weds 12th Aug, Weds 19th Aug, Weds 26th Aug, Weds 2nd Sept

Time: 5:30 PM- 7:30 PM

The first hour will focus on arts and crafts in the cafe, and the second hour will be for the games room and outside space. These are meant to be free-flow sessions where you can choose what activities you want to do!

Dringhouses Out of School Club

Dates: Mon 27th July, Weds 29th July, Fri 31st July, Mon 3rd Aug, Weds 5th Aug, Fri 7th Aug, Mon 10th Aug, Weds 12th Aug, Fri 14th Aug, Mon 17th Aug, Weds 19th Aug, Fri 21st Aug, Mon 24th Aug, Weds 26th Aug, & Fri 28th Aug

Time: 9 AM - 5 PM

Ages: 4 - 11

Location: Dringhouses Out of School Club, found within the grounds of Dringhouses Primary School, St. Helen's Road, YO24 1HW

Contact info: dringhouses@dringhousesoosc.co.uk

These full day sessions will include games, outdoor free play, arts and crafts, special day trips, and more!

HealthyMe

Ages: 5 - 12

Dates: Mon 20th - Fri 24th July, & Mon 27th - Fri 31st July

Time: 8:30 AM - 4 PM

Location: Osbaldwick Primary School (Lane site), YO10 3AX

Contact info: ross@healthymeuk.com or call 07394110082

Participate in a fun-filled week of physical activity, team skills, competition, cooking & nutrition exploration, and mental & social wellbeing workshops. All activities aim to educate, inspire, and excite the next generation to live healthily. Children will participate in dance, dodgeball, football, basketball, arts and crafts, and much more.

Explore York Libraries

Contact info: lyndsay.glover@exploreymork.org.uk or call 07983 952881

Acomb Explore Front Street, YO24 3BZ

Clifton Explore Rawcliffe Drive, YO30 6NS

Tang Hall Explore The Centre at Burnholme, Mossdale Ave, YO31 0HA

York Explore Library Square, YO1 7DS

Times are for the activity sessions. All attendees will be provided a meal voucher for the cafe which can be used before or after the activity.

Children aged 8 years old and under will need to be accompanied by an adult throughout the session, children aged 8-10 will need an adult to be in the library building throughout the session, children aged 11 years and over can be unsupervised.

Stepping Into Our Own Story with Think It Theatre

Join Think It Theatre for a creative adventure led by trained SEND practitioners. Participants craft a story, develop characters and design the set as they collaborate to bring an original play to life in just one day.

Ages: 6-16

at York Explore: Mon 27th July 10 AM - 2 PM

Explore York Libraries

River Beasts with York's Hidden History

In this workshop, children explore York's rivers, their wildlife, and how they've changed over time, then use creative writing and art to invent marvellous creatures and add their own river beast entry to the book.

Ages: 6-12

at York Explore: Mon 10th Aug 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Balloon Experiments with ScienTots

From static electricity and balloon vehicles to balloon rockets - you'll perform lots of exciting experiments, all with balloons!

Ages: 4-10

at Clifton Explore: Tues 25th Aug 2 PM - 3:30 PM

at York Explore: Thurs 27th Aug 2 PM - 3:30 PM

Potions and Slime with ScienTots

Put on your lab coat and become a crazy ScienTot, making magical, fizzy, colour-changing potions! You'll then practice the perfect slime recipe and make your own fluffy slime to take home.

Ages: 4-10

at Acomb Explore: Tues 25th Aug 10 AM - 11:30 AM

at York Explore: Thurs 27th Aug 10 AM - 11:30 AM

Explore York Libraries

Explore Theatre

Love performing or want to try something new this summer? Explore Theatre welcomes everyone and no experience is needed. Each week focuses on a different aspect of theatre - from scripts to storytelling to performance. Come to one sessions or all of them, and leave brimming with ideas and boosted confidence.

Ages: 9-12

Times: all from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

at Acomb Explore: every Weds in Aug (5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th)

at Explore York: every Thurs in Aug (6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th)

Tote Bag Painting with Ink and Craft

A fun, creative workshop where children design and paint their own tote bag using fabric paints, stencils and imagination. This relaxed session encourages self-expression and suits all abilities, with each participant creating a bag to take home.

Ages: 9-13

at York Explore: Thurs 20th Aug 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Macrame Rainbow with Ink and Craft

A fun, hands-on workshop where children create their own macrame rainbow using soft yarn, simple knots, and bright colours. This relaxed, creative session introduces the basics of macrame in a playful way with a decoration to take home.

Ages: 9-13

at York Explore: Weds 7th Aug 10:30 AM - 12 PM

Explore York Libraries

Pottery Making with Ink and Craft

A fun, hands-on pottery workshop where children create their own clay pencil pot. They'll learn simple shaping and decorating techniques to design a unique holder for their pens and pencils that they can take home after the session.

Ages: 9-12

Times: all from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

at Acomb Explore: Thurs 6th Aug 2:30 PM - 4 PM

Musical Words with Accessible Arts and Media

Join Jodie in making books come alive with music! Pictures will turn into instruments and songs will jump off the drums. Sessions are fully inclusive with something for everyone and are aimed at children and young people with SEND aged 8+ and their siblings. You don't need any musical experience to take part.

Ages: 8-16

at Acomb Explore: Thurs 23rd July 2 PM - 4 PM

at Clifton Explore: Weds 22nd July 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

at Tang Hall Explore: Thurs 23rd July 10 AM - 12 PM

First Step Sports

Ages: 5-12

Contact info: robert@firststep-sports.co.uk

An inclusive sports and dance holiday camp providing children with structured physical activity and creative play opportunities. Each session will combine multi-sports activities (including football, tennis, basketball etc, team games and skill challenges) with structured dance sessions focused on creativity, confidence, and self-expression.

at Carr Junior School Ostman Rd, Acomb, YO26 5QA

Dates: TBC

Time: 8 AM - 4 PM

at Westfield Primary School Askham Ln, Acomb, YO24 3HP

Dates: TBC

Time: 8 AM - 4 PM

Friends of St Nicks

Ages: 5 - 13

Date: Tues 28th July - Thurs 30th July & Tues 11th Aug - Thurs 13th Aug

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM for under 8s, 12:30 PM - 3 PM for 8 - 13s

Location: St Nicholas Fields, Rawdon Ave, YO10 3ST

Contact info: christine@stnicks.org.uk

Activities include den building, fire lighting, using tools, making nature crafts, playing games, campfire cooking, and learning about nature.

Flying Ducks Trampoline Club

Location: Unit 5, Audax Close, Clifton Moor, YO30 4RA

Contact info: flyingduckstrampolineclub@gmail.com or call 07530 365327

Lego Camp

Children will have access to the Lego library of sets and a large collection of loose bricks. There will also be a collection of games and challenges. The morning and afternoon camps are different, so your child is welcome to book for the whole day.

Ages: 5 - 14

Dates: Mon 27th July & Tues 4th - Fri 7th Aug

Times: 9 AM - 1 PM and/or 1 PM - 5 PM

Gymnastics Camp

Children will work all four apparatus: bars, beams, vault, and air track. Every camp is different and tailored to your child's ability. You can either book a half or full day.

Ages: 5 - 14

Dates: Mon 10th Aug, Tues 11th Aug, Thurs 13th Aug, Fri 14th Aug, Mon 17th Aug, Tues 18th Aug, Thurs 20th Aug, Fri 21st Aug, Mon 24th - Fri 28th Aug

Times: 9 AM - 1 PM and/or 1 PM - 5 PM

Gymnastics Camp - SEND

Dates: Sat 15th Aug & Sat 22nd Aug

Time: 2 PM - 3 PM, 3 PM - 4 PM, 4 PM - 5 PM (can stay for as many sessions as you'd like)

Lego Camp - SEND

Dates: Sat 8th Aug

Time: 9 AM - 1 PM

Ignite Sports

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Ages: 5 - 12

Contact info: info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk or call 07834415943

An action-packed camp for a child who loves to be active. Ignite Sports offers a range of sports, games, and activities tailored to the ages and abilities of the group.

at Acomb Primary School West Bank, YO24 4ES

Dates: Every weekday for the first five weeks of the school holidays excluding bank holidays

at Hempland Primary School Whitby Ave, YO31 1ET

Dates: Thurs 13th Aug, Thurs 20th Aug, Thurs 27th Aug

at St George's RC Primary 1 Winterscale St YO10 4BT

Dates: Weds 22nd July, Weds 29th July, Weds 5th Aug, Weds 12th Aug, Weds 19th Aug, Weds 26th Aug

Art Camp with New Visuality

Ages: 6 - 16

Dates: Mon 27th July - Mon 17th Aug (weekends included)

Time: 10 AM - 2 PM for all sessions

Locations: English Martyrs Church Hall (Dalton Terrace, YO24 4DA), York College, and York Sea Scouts (Green Ln, YO30 5QX)

Contact info: greg@accordingtomcgee.com or 07973653702

Explore your creativity with illustrations, watercolour paints, your own exhibitions, and guidance from qualified teacher Greg McGee.

North Yorkshire Sport

Ages: Year 5 - Year 8

Contact info: jody@northyorkshiresport.co.uk

Using the North Yorkshire Sport Stepping Up model, we will support young people through mentor-led sessions. Sessions will provide opportunities to work with our Athlete Mentors as well as try new activities.

at St Nicks Nature Reserve YO10 3FW

Dates: Thurs 23rd July & Thurs 6th Aug, 10 AM - 2 PM

at Freeklime YO30 4XF

Dates: Weds 29th July, Weds 19th Aug, Weds 26th Aug, all 12 PM - 4 PM

at Energise YO24 3DX

Dates: Weds 5th Aug, 11 AM - 3 PM

at York Stadium YO32 9AF

Dates: Thurs 20th July, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Friends of Rowntree Park

Location: Rowntree Park YO23 1JQ

Contact info: education@rowntreepark.org.uk

Family Forest Adventure

Ages: All are welcome!

Dates: Fri 24th July & Fri 4th Sept, 10 AM - 12:30 PM

Wild Tribe Outdoor Activities

Ages: 8-16

Dates: Fri 24th July & Fri 4th Sept, 1 PM - 3:30 PM

Oxygen Activeplay

Dates: Mon 20th - Thurs 23rd July, Mon 27th - Thurs 30th July,
Mon 3rd - Thurs 6th Aug, Mon 10th - Thurs 13th Aug

Time: 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Ages: 8-16

Contact info: hannah.franklin@oxygenfreejumping.co.uk

Join us a day full of trampolining and movement-based activities, group games, obstacle courses, and more.

Oxygen Activeplay - SEND sessions

Dates: Weds 22nd July, Weds 29th July, Weds 5th Aug, Weds 12th Aug,
Weds 19th Aug, Weds 26th Aug

Time: 4 PM - 6 PM

Ages: 4-16

These SEND Peaceful Play sessions offer a gentle, welcoming environment. With reduced numbers and a quieter atmosphere, the park is closed to all other visitors.

York Dance Space

Date: Tues 11th - Fri 14th Aug

Time: 9:45 AM - 2:30 PM

Ages: 8 - 13

Address: 74 Fifth Ave, YO31 OXA

Contact info: yorkdancespace@gmail.com

Come develop skills in movement, physical performance, and storytelling. We will explore a variety of dance styles, theatre techniques, crafts and games. The experience culminates in a final performance for family and friends.

Premier Education

Ages: 5 - 12

Time: All sessions are 8 AM - 4 PM

Contact info: apalmer@premier-education.com

A camp that offers over 20 different sports and activities for participants, including: dodgeball, gymnastics, arts and crafts, archery, football, and much more.

at Clifton Green Primary School YO30 6JA

Dates: Mon 20th - Thurs 23rd July, Mon 27th - 30th July, Mon 10th & Tues 11th Aug, Thurs 13th & Fri 14th Aug, Mon 17th Aug, Weds 19th - Fri 21st Aug

at Poppleton Road Primary School YO26 4UP

Dates: Mon 3rd & Tues 4th Aug, Thurs 6th & Fri 7th Aug, Mon 10th & Tues 11th Aug, Thurs 13th & Fri 14th Aug, Mon 17th & Tues 18th Aug, Thurs 20th & Fri 21st Aug, Mon 24th & Tues 25th Aug

YCFC Foundation

Ages: 5 - 13

Time: All sessions are 10 AM - 3 PM

Contact info: inclusion@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk

The camps start with small-sided games, team and coach challenges. The afternoon will involve the famous football manager game as well as more exciting and fun activities.

at Fulford School Heslington Ln, YO10 4FY

Dates: Mon 3rd - Thurs 6th Aug, & Mon 24th - Thurs 27th Aug

at Millthorpe School Nunthorpe Ave, YO23 1WF

Dates: Tues 21st - Fri 24th July & Tues 1st - Fri 4th Sept

United Education Adventure Camps

Ages: 5 - 14

Contact info: dang@united-education.co.uk or 07478 740229

An action-packed, creative, and inclusive holiday experience where every day is different. These camps offer a mix of sports, arts and crafts, performing arts, and survival skills. Parents/carers are welcome to stay with children.

at Joseph Rowntree School

Dates: Mon 27th - Fri 31st July

Time: 9 AM - 5 PM

at The Mount School

Dates: Mon 10th - Fri 14th Aug, Mon 17th - Fri 21st Aug, & Mon 24th - Fri 28th Aug

Time: 9 AM - 5 PM

at St Peters School

Dates: Mon 27th - Fri 31st July, Mon 3rd - Fri 7th Aug, & Mon 10th - 14th Aug

Time: 9 AM - 5 PM

Adventure Camps - Young Leaders Programme

Date: Mon 3rd - Fri 7th Aug

Time: 9:45 AM - 2:30 PM

Ages: 14-16

A programme for young people who want to build leadership skills in a fun, supportive environment. The programme has three stages: bronze, silver, and gold - each with unique challenges and learning outcomes. Great for CVs!

■ Teamworks Karting

Date: Tues 28th July, Weds 29th July, Fri 31st July, Tues 4th Aug, Weds 5th Aug, Fri 7th Aug, Tues 11th Aug, Weds 12th Aug, Fri 14th Aug, Tues 18th Aug, Weds 19th Aug, Thurs 20th Aug, Tues 25th Aug, Weds 26th Aug, Fri 28th Aug

Time: 9 AM - 1 PM

Ages: 8 - 15

Address: Kathryn Ave, Monks Cross Leisure Park, YO32 9JS

Contact info: jquin@teamworkskarting.com

Fancy yourself as the next F1 star? Experience the thrill and speed of Teamworks' karts. No experience is necessary and all racewear is provided. Children are required to be a minimum height of 125 cm tall.

Keep scrolling to see posters for two more fun events we have this summer!

Wednesday 22nd July

2pm - 5pm

this summer at Rowntree Park

YORK YOUTH FESTIVAL



food

for teenagers

plus,

inflatable rugby
from York RLFC

summer picnic vibes

free access

live music



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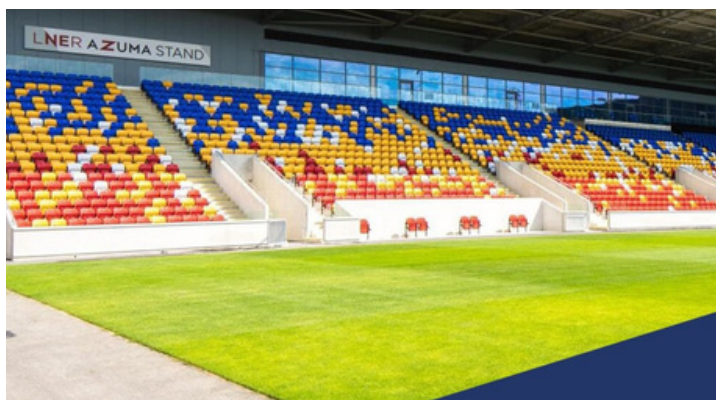
Football Festival



***Celebrate sport and service
with us***

**Join us at the LNER stadium
turnstiles open at 10.30am**

Sunday 12 July 2026



Enjoy free family fun all day, including face painting, badge making, friendship bracelets, circus skills, magic and more.

Book your tickets here



**Funds raised from this Armed Forces Day
event will support York Against Cancer
and Combat Stress.**



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Learn more about the Armed Forces Covenant in York at:
www.york.gov.uk/ArmedForcesCovenantAndYou



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