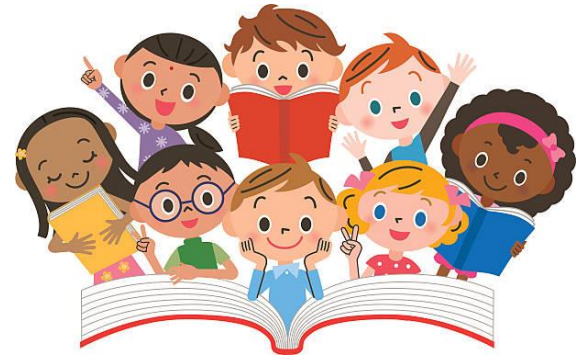


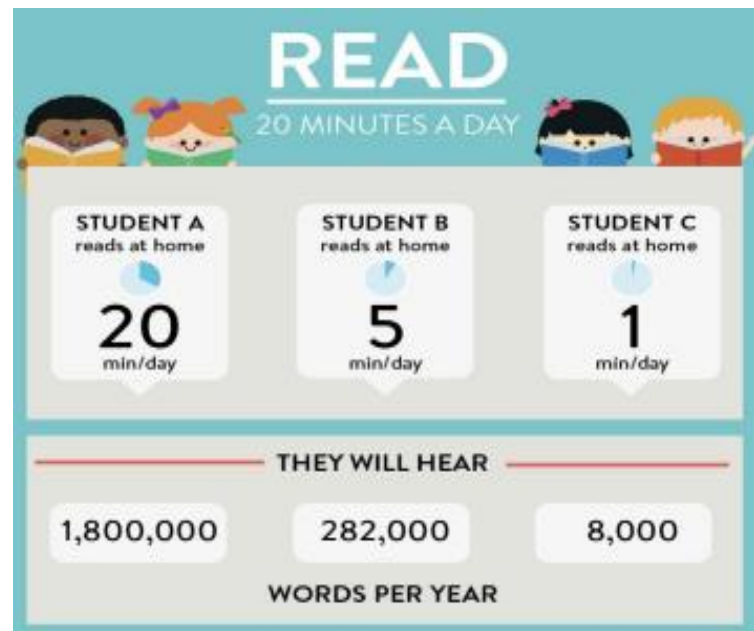
### Hello!

Welcome to our very first Dringhouses Reading Newsletter! Through this newsletter we aim to share and celebrate all things reading as well as give ideas, resources and recommendations that will support children as they grow into enthusiastic and confident life-long readers.



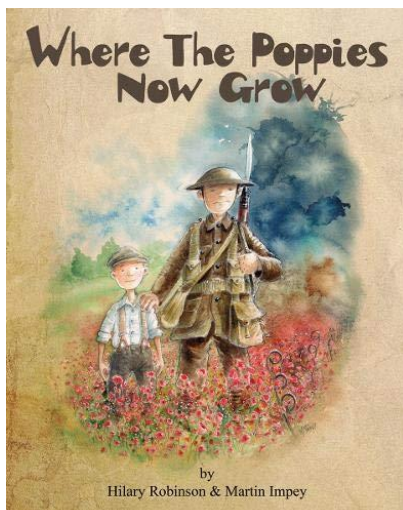
### Reminders

- Our fantastic school library is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3:15-3:45pm.
- Derek and the book fair will be in school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The book fair will continue to be open after school and will be in the music room.

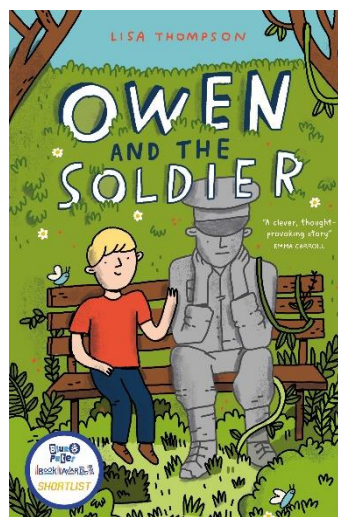


### Reading on Remembrance Day

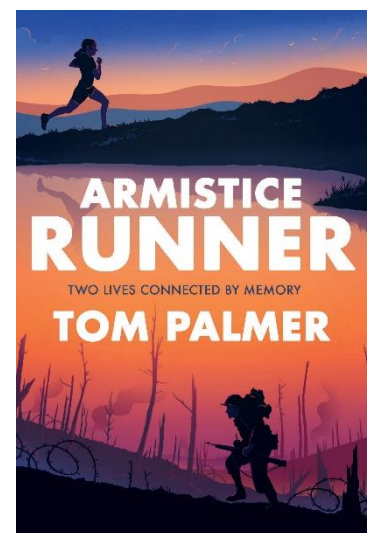
Books are a great way to help children understand significant historical events as well as kick start conversations and questions about sensitive subjects. The following books are great for children across the school.



Reception and KS1



Lower KS2



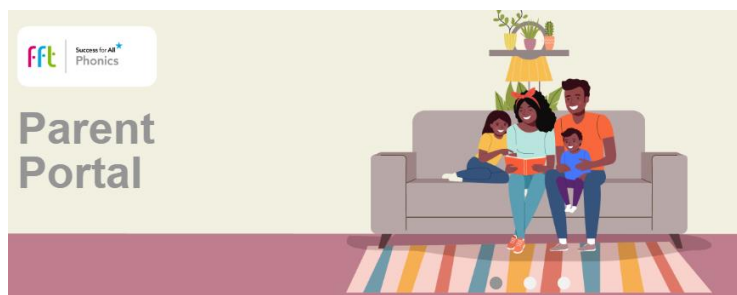
Upper KS2

## Phonics!

From September we have implemented the FFT Success For All Phonics scheme at Dringhouses to support children in becoming accurate, confident and fluent readers and spellers. The programme is delivered to all Reception and Year 1 children and for those pupils in Year 2 and KS2 who need additional support in phonics. You can find out more about Success For All by watching the following video: <https://fft.org.uk/phonics/>



As part of our subscription there is a Parent Portal which contains videos, tips and resources for you to support your child with their acquisition and application of phonics skills and can be found on <https://parents.fft.org.uk/>.

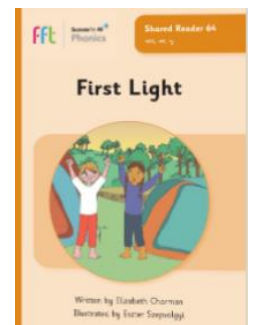
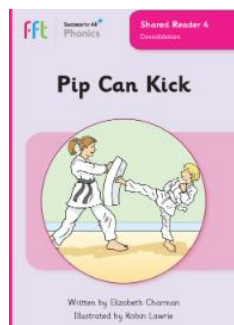


### Home resources for parents and children

Through the portal you can also access a Shared Reader Library which allows you to enjoy the texts that children are reading in school as part of their daily phonics and whole class reading sessions. To access the Shared Reader Library you will need the passcode **hio7bh**.

This half term the following year groups will be starting from the following Shared Readers:

- Reception – Pip Can Kick (4)
- Year 1 - Highland Summer (40)
- Year 2 - First Light (64)



There will be copies of shared readers and examples of phonics plans available for you to look at more closely at parents evening but in the meantime if you have any questions about phonics or the Success For All programme please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Scott-South, our school's Phonics Lead.



## Meet our school librarians!



Name: Pearl

Favourite book: Jolly Foul Play by Robin Stevens

I wanted to become a librarian because I have always loved reading. People don't appreciate how many books we have in the library and I want to help people to embrace it.



Name: Evie

Favourite book series: I love the Tom Gates books, they're really funny.

I really like reading. When you read a book you get carried away into a new world. In the library you get to grab a book, find a space to relax and go into a different world with a book.



Name: Ruby

Favourite book series: Amelia Fang books are great!

I really like books. I read in bed for half an hour every night but sometimes I'm really cheeky and read for an hour!



Name: Connie

Describe reading in 3 words: magical, fun, relaxing!

Tom Gates, Amelia Fang and Dork Diaries are all great book series and I would recommend them to everyone!



Name: Austin

Best book ever: George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl!

I wanted to become a librarian because it's a lot more responsibility and a good life skill.

### Meet our school librarians!



Name: Abi

The library is a wonderful place to be. I want everyone to embrace how many books we have and how books take you to different worlds. There are so many different types of books including picture books which are so exciting.



Name: Isabelle

Favourite book: Tale of Magic by Chris Colfer

Reading is my favourite thing to do and I want to help others to think of reading as enjoyable and not work.



Name: Imogen

Favourite author: Jacqueline Wilson. Her books are so adventurous and outrageous!

I love reading and I want others to love it too. Books are really special.



Name: Connor

Reading is absolutely the best thing. I can help keep the library tidy so people can easily find things. Reading is relaxing unless you're reading Doctor Who and that is just too exciting to be relaxing!



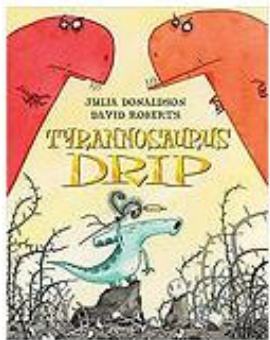
Name: Beth

I'm obsessed with books! I love Tom Gates, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Dork Diaries. I can help people choose what to read and I think more people should read "A Series of Unfortunate Events!"



## Let's Talk about Anti-Bullying Week (14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November)!

This year's theme of Reach Out is aiming to empower children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Anti-Bullying Week will remind everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need.



### Reception Recommended Read:

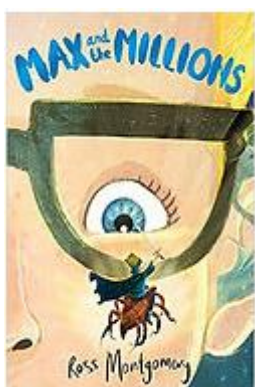
**Tyrannosaurus Drip** by Julia Donaldson & David Roberts

Tyrannosaurus Drip, a little peace-loving vegetarian dinosaur, never fits in with his adopted family of fierce Tyrannosauruses. After putting up with lots of bullying from the other dinosaurs, Drip runs away to find a place where he really belongs and soon he finds the inspiration to stand up to the bullies.

### Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Recommended Read:

**Troll Stinks!** By Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross

This is a great choice of book for exploring the topic of cyberbullying with younger children. Billy the Goat and his friend Cyril are playing with a phone when they decide to send mean messages to the troll living under the bridge. Soon the two friends discover that their online actions have had a big impact on troll's feelings and that their messages were not such a fun idea after all.



### Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) Recommended Read:

**Max and The Millions** by Ross Montgomery

An action-packed adventure, imaginative and heart-warming story about ten-year-old Max who is singled out for being deaf by a despicable Headmaster who is evil enough to rival the Trunchbull. In order to solve a mystery at his boarding school, Max forms a friendship with another boy - overcoming their challenges and dispelling some assumptions about deafness along the way.

### Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) Recommended Read:

**All The Things That Could Go Wrong** by Stewart Foster



An absorbing story about bullying and friendship which alternates between the viewpoints of teenagers Alex and Dan. Daily life is a struggle for Alex, plagued by worries caused by his OCD and living in fear of the awful bullying at school. Dan's life is not straightforward either and he plays out his frustrations at school, messing around in class and finding easy targets at school to bully with his friends. As time goes by, the boys end up working together on a raft-building project and a new empathy begins to develop as their relationship grows.



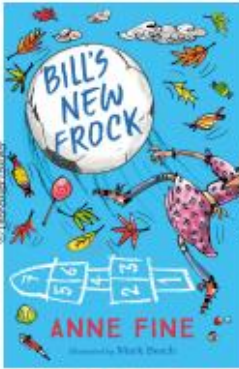
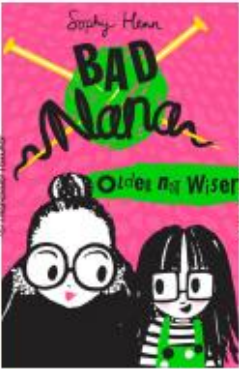







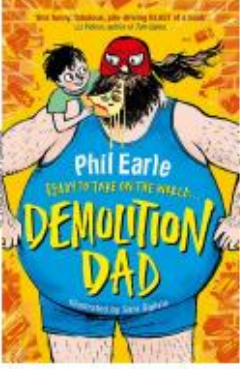
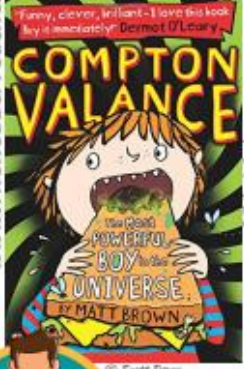
## Book Match!

Children often find an author whose books they really enjoy but once they have finished reading everything that author has to offer they can get a bit lost when it comes to choosing what to read next. In every newsletter we will feature one of the Reader Teacher's book match poster that will help children to discover new books based on an author they love.

**#BOOKMATCH**  

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**IF YOU LIKE DAVID WALLIAMS, READ THESE**  
For more #BookMatch & similar suggested reads, visit [TheReaderTeacher.com](http://TheReaderTeacher.com)

If we can help you in any way to support with reading then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. Alternatively our English Leads Mrs Floyd and Mrs Scott-South would be more than happy to offer help, ideas or recommendations. If there is anything in particular that you would like featured in future reading newsletters please send your suggestions in to [admin@dringhouses.co.uk](mailto:admin@dringhouses.co.uk).

**31 October 2022**

Letter to be circulated to parents and carers by **City of York Council**.

**Re-visit of City of York Council from 14 November 2022 to 16 November 2022.**

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will carry out jointly a re-visit of your local area following the previous inspection that took place between **09 December 2019 and 13 December 2019**.

The re-visit will evaluate how effectively leaders have addressed the areas of significant weaknesses detailed in the written statement of action (WSOA). The re-visit will be carried out in line with updated guidance about the return to Area SEND inspection, you can read this guidance [here](#).

During the re-visit, Ofsted and CQC inspectors will be keen to speak to as many children and young people and their parents and carers as possible, specifically about the weaknesses identified in the WSOA. These meetings may take place online

**How can local children, young people, parents and carers contribute their views during this local area re-visit?**

There are several ways in which children, young people, parents and carers can engage with the re-visit process and contribute their views.

The inspectors will gather the contributions of parents and carers through an online survey and a range of other methods.

1. Parents and carers who would like to take part in this survey can follow this internet link:  
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CityofYorkCouncilRe-VisitLASEND/> The survey will open at 12 noon on Monday **07 November 2022** and close at 12 noon on Friday **11 November 2022**.

2. Parents and carers can email their contributions to [Lasend.support@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:Lasend.support@ofsted.gov.uk).
3. Parents and carers can contact their local Parent Carer Forum to find out more about about how they can contribute their views during the local area re-visit.



Details about the local area SEND re-visit will be available on your local authority's website and distributed through the local area's Clinical Commissioning Group/s (CCGs).

### **Information gathered during the re-visit**

During this re-visit, inspectors may collect information about children and young people in the area. They may look at local area records, speak to local area officers and leaders at educational settings, and speak to children, young people and parents or carers. No names will be recorded, but some of the information collected may identify a particular child, young person or adult. Ofsted and the CQC will use this information to prepare their re-visit outcomes letter, and for the purposes set out in their privacy notices. No information will be published that identifies any individual in the outcomes letter.

If you wish to know more about how we use the information, please see our privacy notice relating to area SEND on our website. If you have any concerns about our use of personal data, please email [informationrequest@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:informationrequest@ofsted.gov.uk) and/or the CQC at [information.access@cqc.org.uk](mailto:information.access@cqc.org.uk).

Information on Ofsted's and the CQC's privacy notices is available on the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-privacy-notices/social-care-ofsted-privacy-notice#local-area-send-inspections>

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/about-us/our-policies/privacy-statement>

While we recognise that many parents and carers may have views on their experience that extend beyond the focus of the WSOA, we would like parents and carers to understand that the focus of the inspectors during the re-visit will only be the areas of significant weakness identified at the previous inspection. The re-visit team will consider how well leaders have addressed each of the areas of significant weakness detailed in the WSOA. We will not be able to follow up or comment upon individual cases.

You will find information on local areas' duties towards children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities on the Department for Education's website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-guide-for-parents-and-carers>



. Yours sincerely

Belita Scott

**His Majesty's Inspector**





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## **Dring Digest w/e 4 November 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Welcome back!

➤ **School Meals**

Polite reminder to all parents and carers if you could please ensure that you place your orders for school meals at one week in advance. This helps us to keep our prices as low as possible and helps to alleviate issues around supply as soon as possible. Orders can be placed using your ParentPay account. Many thanks

➤ **Parent Evenings**

We have now finalised the dates for our parent/teacher meetings. These will be held on Wednesday 15th November and Thursday 16th November from 3:30pm. Links have been emailed to parents to make your bookings. If you are having any problems making a booking or have not had an email please contact the school office asap.

➤ **Calling all KS2 families!**

If you, or a family member has a spare half an hour, we would really appreciate some support with listening to our children read. This support would be most useful at 8:35-9:00 (straight after drop off!) or 2:45-3:15 (just before pick up!). If this is something you could help us with, please contact the school office and let us know which days you or your family member are able to help.

➤ **LSKS2- Our DT project is about to commence!**

Classes 6, 7 & 8 will be making Stone Age Round Houses and to do this, we need twigs! If you are on a family walk, please could you collect these and bring them in. Thank you!

➤ **UKS2 - Roman Day**

A reminder that on Monday 7th November, classes 9, 10 and 11 will be having a Roman Day at school. Please send your child to school in a Roman outfit if you can. This does not have to be a special outfit and can simply be a sheet with a belt around it. Thanks for your support. Class 10 will not require PE kit on Monday because of Roman Day.

➤ **Families Magazine Nov/Dec Edition**

Please find below a link to the families magazine which used to come home via pupil post once every half term. This will now be sent electronically.

[https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiesnorthyorkshirenov\\_dec2022digital?fr=sYTRjMTU1MDQxNDI&utm\\_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm\\_campaign=Distribution\\_Points\\_Mag\\_Link\\_November%2fDecember\\_22&utm\\_medium=email](https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiesnorthyorkshirenov_dec2022digital?fr=sYTRjMTU1MDQxNDI&utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=Distribution_Points_Mag_Link_November%2fDecember_22&utm_medium=email)

➤ **Governing Body**

How can I support Dringhouses Primary School and become more involved in its community? We have spaces for parent governors and co-opted (invited by the current governing body) governors. We'd love to find people who are interested in becoming an important part of the strategic direction of the school. If you're interested, or you know someone who might be, please get in touch with us (01904 553940 or [hello@dringhouses.co.uk](mailto:hello@dringhouses.co.uk)) - we'll be happy to have a chat about it.

➤ **City of York Council – Ofsted Re-Inspection SEND Area**

Please find attached a letter from City of York Council inform parents of an upcoming Ofsted re-inspection and what this entails.



➤ **Reading Newsletter**

Please find attached our very first Dringhouses Reading Newsletter!

**Friends of Dringhouses School Events (FODS)**

**Christmas Fair**

This year, the fair will be taking place at school on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2-5pm.**

Please pop the date in your diary!

There will be a Santa's Grotto, stalls, crafts, games, face painting, food, and music. Everyone is welcome, so please invite your family, friends and neighbours to come along. It will be lots of fun, and all money raised by FODS will be used on projects to enrich your child's experience at school.

If you are a business owner and would like to have a stall at the fair, please drop me a message ([rachelstevens985@live.co.uk](mailto:rachelstevens985@live.co.uk) or 07756 702071) or see me at the school gate.

More details will follow nearer the time, so keep your eyes peeled for an email after the half-term holiday.

Thanks for supporting our fundraising efforts for our school  
FODS





## *Christmas Grotto & Craft Fair*

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
2022**

**10:00am – 3:00pm**

**Energise Leisure Centre Acomb, York, YO24**

**3DX**

*Free entry*



All proceeds go to Shine21 (Charity 1191103) supporting children 0-6 across York and North Yorkshire with Downs Syndrome



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# **The Legend of the Holy Snail**

Written By Perri-Ann Barley with Additional Script By Steven Clark  
Directed By Craig Barley & Choreography By Devon Wells

Friday 20th January at 7.30pm  
Saturday 21st January at 1.00pm  
Wednesday 25th January at 7.30pm  
Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm  
Friday 27th January at 7.30pm

Adult Snails: **£10.00**

Child Snails: **£6.00**

OAP Snails: **£8.00**

Box Office:

**07933 329654**

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**The Blue Light Theatre Company  
have yet another fantastic show for you!**

Ariel is celebrating her birthday and as a gift has requested to replace her Mermaid's tail with legs so she can go to the Dance with the Prince. The only one who has magic powerful enough to make this happen is The Holy Snail – but does it really exist or is it just legend? The Mermaids and Islanders make it their mission to find out. Unfortunately, the incorrigible and evil Captain Hook and his crew have found themselves shipwrecked on the Island and they also want to find the mystical creature. Who will get there first?

Another brand new and original story by Perri Ann Barley with additional material from Steven Clark, we bring you well known characters, introduce you to new characters and then take you on a hilarious journey of twists, turns and lots of surprises. Brilliantly directed by Craig Barley and Choreographed by Devon Wells, this show is packed with amazing music that will have you singing and dancing along.

All proceeds go to **Motor Neurone Disease Association** and **York Against Cancer**. Join us at the Acomb Working Mens Club, Front Street, Acomb, York in January 2023 for a brilliant, family friendly, Island adventure.

**Evening Performances are 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm and there is a Matinee Performance on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 at 1pm.**

Ticket Prices are £10 Adult, £8 Concessions, £6 Children and are available via our website [www.bluelight-theatre.co.uk](http://www.bluelight-theatre.co.uk) or box office 07933 329654 or from a cast member.

There will also be a Raffle at each performance with great prizes.



# Community News



## York's Holiday Activities and Food Programme Update

### Summer 2022

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is holiday provision for school-aged children from reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals. These holiday activities are available during the Easter, summer, and Christmas school holidays and include a nutritious meal along with a variety of enriching activities.



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Holiday Activities and Food  
Programme

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- We are currently assessing centralised booking systems to bring to our scheme for 2023! This system will be accessible via smart phone or web browser and will provide parents with a simple way to book on one or more of their children. There will be filters for location, age, SEND, and more!
- The planning for the Christmas holiday is well underway! If you have any interest in being a venue or have any other queries, feel free to contact.
- Currently eligibility is being mapped

to determine where there is a greater need for HAF activities. This will include creating catchment areas to try to ensure all families are within walking distance of an activity.

- We aim to include more older young people and will be working with the Youth Council. If you have any interest in championing the HAF programme, please get in touch.



**Our summer HAF session engaged with hundreds of children across the city.**

- **22 total providers**
- **Approximately 7,000 places were available to book**
- **An estimated 1,500 hours of activities**
- **Our providers covered a wide array of activities, including: arts and crafts; DJ-ing and drama classes; cooking demonstrations; day trips to parks, heritage sites, and fun parks; sports, such as football, rugby, NERF, soft archery, and more; and outdoor activities, such as building dens and campfires.**





St Nicks can be found at the intersection of the Guildhall, Hull Road, and Heworth wards. This summer, they offered spaces for ages 4 – 14 year olds and focused on outdoor activities, including den building, woodland crafts, campfire building and cooking, and more.

York City Football Club and York City Knights – two of York's sports teams –

held dozens of activities over the summer, including drop-in play sessions around the city and



New Visuality, held in the Mickelgate ward, focuses on art, but it's much more than that! They took trips to heritage sites, such as Bar Convent (right photo) and local parks, created artworks based on healthy lifestyles, and incorporated active games into their art.

**These are just a few examples of the amazing activities put on by our providers. A huge thanks to them for their hard work this summer!**



The following links may be useful for you as a current or potential HAF venue or if you know of any individuals or families in need of support.

Support is available for community venues to help with energy costs.

Community Energy have a list of funding opportunities on their website which can be found at:

<https://communityenergyengland.org/pages/funding-opportunities-2>

Rural Community Council are working in partnership with Utility Aid to offer village and community halls access to their unique and valuable expertise. More info can be found at

<https://www.ruralcc.org.uk/buildings/utility-aid/>

The York Family Information Service is a free and impartial information service for parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-19 (or up to 25 for disabled children). They can help with anything and everything around family life.

You can find more information at [York Family Information Service](#)

The cost of living crisis has made it more important than ever to start conversations about money.

York Talk Money Month runs from 10<sup>th</sup> October to 11<sup>th</sup> November and encourages people to share if they're struggling and seek out support.

Options for money support can be found at [York Talk Money | Live Well York](#)

There are a number of food provision options around the city, including food shares, community cafes, pay-as-you-fee cafes, and more.

Many of these can be found at [Community Activities Directory: Food | Live Well York](#)

You can also view them in a Google Map through this link: [Food Provision York](#)

There is also a printable PDF version of the Google Map. Please contact me or our food officer Georgia ([Georgia.Irving@york.gov.uk](mailto:Georgia.Irving@york.gov.uk)) for it or more info.

We'd love to hear your feedback and what you'd like to see in future newsletters. Please send your thoughts and ideas to Shelby.