

Children's summer activities in Harrogate and Knaresborough



Booking events Some events require booking in advance, please see the venue websites and social media for up-to-date information before travelling.

Part of



Sound Trail	4 July – 12 September	Nidderdale Library	Free
Try a Musical Instrument	7 July	Harrogate Library	Free
Expressive Mark-Making	11 July	Harrogate Library	Free
Things to Make and Do: Summer Weaving	18 July	Mercer Art Gallery	£15
Summer Art Club Week 1: Stickers and Stationery	21 July	Mercer Art Gallery	£7.50
Make & Take Week 1: Summer Reading Challenge	22 July	Mercer Art Gallery	Free
Make & Take Week 1: Summer Reading Challenge	23 July	Knaresborough Castle	Free
Library Cinema	22 July	Harrogate Library	Free
Musical Party at the Library	27 July	Harrogate Library	£2 a child
Read to the Beat Junk Modelling	28 July	Knaresborough Library	£3
Summer Art Club Week 2: Gelli Print Bookmarks	28 July	Mercer Art Gallery	£7.50
Dig & Discover Day	28 July	Knaresborough Castle	Free
Summer Family Fun: The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch	29 July	Knaresborough Library	Free
Make & Take Week 2: Weaving	29 July	Mercer Art Gallery	Free
Make & Take Week 2: Weaving	30 July	Knaresborough Castle	Free
Summer Family Fun: The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch	30 July	Harrogate Library	Free
Family Crafts with Adult Learning	30 July	Harrogate Library	Free
Nidd Action Group Water Colour Workshop	4 August	Knaresborough Library	Free
Summer Art Club Week 3: Felt'astic Accessories	4 August	Mercer Art Gallery	£7.50
Make a Musical Rainforest	4 August	Harrogate Library	£2 a child

Make & Take Week 3: Rings & Brooches	5 August	Mercer Art Gallery	Free
Make & Take Week 3: Rings & Brooches	6 August	Knaresborough Castle	Free
Read to the Beat with Promoting Yorkshire Authors Group	12 August	Knaresborough Library	Free
Make & Take Week 4: Brick-loving Birds	12 August	Mercer Art Gallery	Free
Make & Take Week 4: Brick-loving Birds	13 August	Knaresborough Castle	Free
Summer Art Club Week 4: Creative Canvas	18 August	Mercer Art Gallery	£7.50
Library Cinema	19 August	Harrogate Library	Free
Make & Take Week 5: Fans	19 August	Mercer Art Gallery	Free
Make & Take Week 5: Fans	20 August	Knaresborough Castle	Free
Vinyl Painting Craft	24 August	Nidderdale Library	Free
Doodle Day	25 August	Knaresborough Library	Free
Summer Art Club Week 5: Paint and Print Tote Bag	25 August	Mercer Art Gallery	£7.50
Make & Take Week 6: Needlework	26 August	Mercer Art Gallery	Free
Make & Take Week 6: Needlework	27 August	Knaresborough Castle	Free
Arts Award Discover Day	28 August	Royal Pump Room Museum	£7
Summer Art Club Week 6: Your Name on the Door	1 September	Mercer Art Gallery	£7.50
Lego Day	1 September	Knaresborough Library	Free
Make & Take Week 7: Pick & Mix	2 September	Mercer Art Gallery	Free
Make & Take Week 7: Pick & Mix	3 September	Knaresborough Castle	Free

North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service

Visit: outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays

Skills Courses	20 - 30 July	Bewerley Park	Various
Family Activity Days	22 July - 10 August	Bewerley Park	Various
Adventure Club	29 July - 19 August	Bewerley Park	Various

Knaresborough Castle Sallyport Tours

Castle tours run on selected dates from 19 July to 6 September at Knaresborough Castle. Join tours at 11am or 3pm on Sundays, and 3pm on selected Thursdays. Tickets £3.50; children go free. Discover the Sallyport, the castle's secret underground tunnel once used for hidden entry and escape.

Scan the QR code or visit the website for details and to book: ticketsource.com/harrogate-knaresborough-museums



Summer Reading Challenge

Join Read to the Beat, the Summer Reading Challenge 2026 from 4 July - 12 September. Children aged 4 - 11 can sign up at their local library, set a reading goal and enjoy any books they choose. Each time they finish a book, visit the library to collect stickers and rewards. Libraries will also host free music-themed activities, including rap, drumming and singing workshops throughout the summer.

Scan the QR code or visit the website for details and to book: northyorks.gov.uk/src



Swimming

Swimming is a great way for kids to stay active and build water confidence. This summer, enjoy affordable sessions across our Leisure and Wellbeing Hubs, including crash courses, inflatables, waves and more from just £1.10. With 13 hubs across North Yorkshire, there's something for everyone.

Scan the QR code or visit the website for details and to book: northyorks.gov.uk/dive-into-summer



Fully-funded summer holiday activities with FEAST

FEAST is back this summer, offering fun holiday activities and healthy meals for young people aged 16 and under across North Yorkshire, including Skipton, Harrogate and Scarborough. Places are fully funded for those eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Scan the QR code or visit the website for details and to book: northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast

