Wakefield Cathedral

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2026

School Age Children

Outwood Primary Academy Trust

Two schools, who are part of the Outwood Primary Academy Trust, Greenhill and Kirkhamgate, asked if we could deliver collective worship about the Christian value of Respect. At Greenhill Primary this was just for the Y4 class but at Kirkhamgate the collective worship was with the whole school. During the collective worship we thought about how Christians would respect God, respect the world and respect other people.

Heather Garth Primary Academy

We were invited into Heather Garth School to lead a collective worship about harvest. This year our theme was *bananas*. We looked at how bananas were harvested in the Caribbean and brought to the UK on ships. We thought about how these ships might encounter a storm during their journey across the Atlantic. I then told them the story of Jesus calming the storm.

St Mary's Primary School

The Y5 class from St Mary's came to us for a Signs and Symbols workshops. During the workshop they discovered how the cathedral is used in Christian worship. They role played baptism and eucharist services. They learnt about prayer. They had opportunities to walk the labyrinth, make prayer beads bracelets and find out more about the cathedral using the Cathedral Quest.

Adult Education

Tower Tours

As part of the national Heritage Open Days Festival 2026 we offered visitors the chance to explore our historic bell tower. We ran three well attended tours during the day. The participants were able to visit the ringing room where the bell ringers gave them a demonstration of bell ringing. They then went into the bell chamber where they could see the actual bells. They continued to the top of the tower for views over Wakefield.

Artwalk

Our exhibition for the September Artwalk was by Wakefield Camera Club. This was the first time they had exhibited at Wakefield Cathedral.

Activity Monitoring September 2026

PRE-SCHOOL
SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
CHRISTIAN NURTURE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
ADULT EDUCATION
WORK WITH VOLUNTEERS

DATE	ACTIVIY	ONLINE	WEBSITE INTERACTIONS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	AGE RANGE
1 Sep	Cathedral Crafts			11	25-70+
6 Sep	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website	✓	17 website page visits	N/A	
8 Sep	Cathedral Crafts			10	25-70+
12 Sep	Heritage Open Day Tower Tours			42	10-60+
13 Sep	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website	✓	12 website page visits	N/A	
14 Sep	Cathedral Tour Upton WI			9	35-60+
14 Sep	School Outreach: Outwood Primary Academy Greenhill Y4 Respect collective worship			29	8-9/1 adult
15 Sep	Cathedral Crafts			9	38-70+
20 Sep	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website	✓	10 website page visits	N/A	
22 Sep	School Outreach: Outwood Primary Academy Kirkhamgate Respect collective worship			171	5-11/6 adults
22 Sep	Cathedral Crafts			9	38-70+
25 Sep	School Outreach: Collective Worship Heather Garth Primary Academy - Harvest			167	5-11/7 adults
27 Sep	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website	✓	6 website page visits	N/A	
28 Sep	Signs and Symbols workshop St Mary's CE Primary School Y5			36	9-10/6 adults
29 Sep	Cathedral Crafts			9	38-70+
30 Sept	Artwalk: Wakefield Camera Club			79	12-70+