

**Supporting and serving  
York's schools in the  
communication of the  
Christian faith.**

## **Doors of opportunity**

The law states...

*‘Schools must have a daily act of collective worship which is wholly or mainly Christian in character’*

Christianity taught through...

RE, PSHE and Citizenship

Extended Schools Programme –  
Community Cohesion / Big Society



## History...

- Established ecumenical charity in 1996
- Employed first worker in 1997 with a focus on work in primary schools
- Developed a 'dance band' ministry (Overtone) to establish work in secondary schools in 2000
- Team now grown to 5 full-time and 3 part-time staff and 3 gap year students as a part of our trainee schools worker programme

## **Schools:**

- **Offering Christian teaching programmes within the RE, PSHE and Citizenship curriculum**
- **Promoting a positive relational role in school communities through regular clubs, events and through mentoring pupils**

## **Churches:**

- **‘Joined up’ work across York through city-wide Youth and Children’s services/events and network groups**
- **Equipping and resourcing churches in their Youth and Children’s work (training programmes)**
- **Providing opportunities for local volunteers to serve in their local schools**
- **Supporting church youth and children's workers**



What we do...

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## What we do in York...

**In York there are:**

- 70 schools
- with over 24,000 children and young people

**With your help YoYo regularly reaches out to:**

- around 3/4 of the schools
- 15,000 of their pupils



## Our Vision...

**YoYo aims to give every child and young person in York the chance to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ through clear, relevant and regular communication in schools and at events.**





# The team...



**Dan**  
**Team Leader**



**Alison**  
**Administrator**



**Carol**  
**Administrator**



**Laura**  
**(5-7s)**



**Jenny**  
**(7-11s)**



**Al**  
**(11-14s)**



**Fiona**  
**(14-18s)**



**Malc**  
**Schools Worker**



**Graeme**  
**Gap year**



**Andy**  
**Gap year**



**Judy**  
**Gap year**



# What we do in Primary Schools

It's Your...

Open the Book

Kids Rock

Godly Play

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**Annual programmes offered free to schools to present the Christian message through fun assemblies and lessons...**

June – Year 6 transition to secondary school  
 May/September – March/Easter  
 October/November – Harvest  
 November/December – Christmas  
 Heritage walk around York

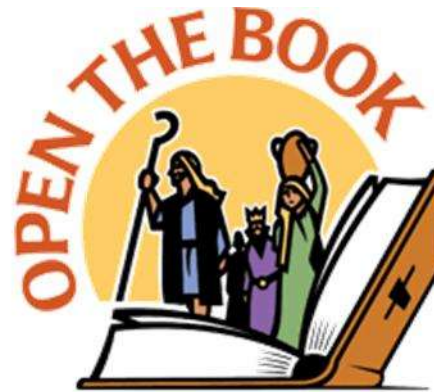


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Open the Book is a primary school assembly scheme which is running in a number of schools around York. It's a great way for children to learn the basic Bible stories from Old and New Testaments.



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# KIDS ROCK

YoYo's lunch time and after school club for all Key Stage 2 children, ages 7-11.

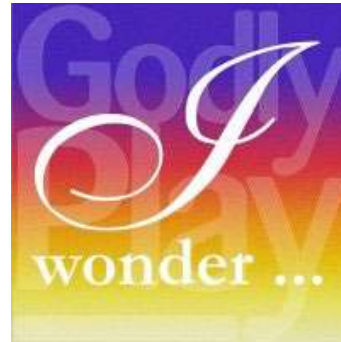


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**Godly Play is a creative and imaginative approach to Christian teaching. We often incorporate it into our 'It's Your' programmes for 5-7s, and also offer a selection of lessons to schools throughout the year.**



# What we do in Secondary Schools

Focus Weeks

Rock Solid

Christian Unions

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**Focus Weeks** support the RE curriculum and collective worship by offering schools a week of RE lessons and assemblies for all age groups.



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**Rock Solid** clubs are fun-filled, action packed lunchtime or after school sessions run by the YoYo team in local Secondary Schools.

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**Christian Unions** encourage Christian young people to live out their faith at school and inspire them to be salt and light in their school communities.



**How we serve York's churches**

**Encouraging, equipping  
and supporting  
churches in their work  
with children and young  
people...**

Even the best Sunday School and Youth work touches only a small percentage of children...

**39% of churches have no under 11s**

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But all the children have to go to school!



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# Service and Nurture

## Primary:

- Key teaching programmes (*It's Your...*) based around Christian festivals, transition work, bible lessons and heritage trails
- Open the Book – A National Scheme of Bible based assemblies led by local volunteers
- Kids Rock: Christian lunch-time and after schools clubs – resourcing volunteers to work in school





# This year...

## Primary – since September

- 84 Assemblies
- Over 126 lessons
- Bookings from 6 new schools (we are now working in 45 primary schools)
- 3 weeks of our new *It's Your City* Christian Heritage programme. Keeping up to date with new opportunities within education
- Weekly clubs (Kids Rock) and assembly programmes (*OTB*) running in 18 schools



# Service and Nurture

## Secondary:

- **Focus Weeks** – teaching RE, PSHE and Citizenship across all years and leading whole school collective worship.
- **Rock Solid** – Christian lunch-time and after school clubs – resourcing churches to work in schools
- **Christian Unions** – supporting Christians in schools to be a light in their school community



# This year...

## **Secondary – since September**

- 12 Focus weeks
- 257 KS3/4 lessons reaching approx 6000 pupils
- Assemblies reaching approx 1700 pupils
- New developments into KS5 with 26 A-level lessons taught this year.
- Weekly clubs (Rock Solids) and/or CU's in 11 schools



# Finance

## **Finance:**

- Everything we offer to schools is free of charge
- Our income is provided in 3 key areas:

**Angels**

**Churches**

**Trusts**

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