



BoA Youth Report - July 2026

Staffing

We have successfully recruited a new Deputy Youth Coordinator – Bev Churcher – who, subject to references and DBS checks, will start mid-August. We have also taken on an additional Youth Team Member – Olha Koptieva – who will support the Tuesday sessions and the earlier Thursday session.

The additional team member will allow greater flexibility and continuity of our youth offer.

Funding

We have just been awarded an Area Board grant. This will go towards our annual food budget to enable us to consistently offer a hot meal to the teen sessions and fresh fruit and veg at all sessions.

The funding will also enable us to bring in facilitators to deliver specific activities such as boxing – which has been requested numerous times from some of our regular attendees.

Tuesday Juniors

The Tuesday junior session runs from 3.30pm to 5pm and is aimed at 8+ year olds (years 3 to 7).

These sessions continue to be popular with consistent numbers.

There will be a 2 week break at the end of July to accommodate staff annual leave.

Tuesday and Thursday Teen Club

The Tuesday and Thursday teen sessions run from 5.30pm to 8pm for young people aged 11+ (school years 7 to 11).



These sessions consistently attract good numbers and will continue throughout the summer holidays, with a 2 week break for staff annual leave

Thursday Pre-Teens

This is a new session aimed at children aged 10 to 13 (years 6 to 8).

Due to staff shortage, this session has not been able to run, but will be relaunched in September.

Summer Holiday Club

The summer holiday activity programme was launched in June.

An Area Board grant enables us to again offer up to 50% of spaces as fully funded to children from families experiencing financial hardship as well as keeping the general ticket prices low. There are 23 sessions on offer to children aged 7 and up including circus skills, magic, tennis, dance, drama, multi sports, breakdancing and pottery. Prices range from £5 to £15.