



Dear Parents/Carers

Working alongside the Archbishop of York and his team, the Diocesan Children, Youth and Schools team is holding a Children of Light Festival - hosting a variety of events and activities designed to support communities to give children and young people a voice in our diocese and celebrate all the ways that they bring light into our lives.

As part of the festival we are organising an art competition for Key Stages 1, 2, and 3&4, all entries will be judged here in Thirsk, awarding a 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize to each age category. The winning entries from our local competition will be sent into a Diocesan wide competition where winners will be presented with their prizes by the Archbishop of York at an event at Bishopthorpe Palace (when gatherings are allowed again). All final entries will be exhibited around the Diocese during the Autumn.

The theme is 'being light in difficult times' as we reflect on the difficult 12 months we have all had and think about how we can bring hope and light to this time, and we are asking that children and young people are encouraged to explore this theme.

[Who can enter? - Anyone in the following age groups.](#)

There are 3 age groups for this competition:

Key Stage 1 (school years 1 - 2)

Key Stage 2 (school years 3 - 6)

Key Stage 3&4 (school years 7-11)

What can I do?

We want you to create a piece of art on the theme of 'Being Light in Difficult Times' This can be anything at all - we encourage you to get as creative as you like!

It must be **no larger than A4**. If you choose to create a sculpture or 3D model, please submit an A4 photograph of this, rather than the sculpture itself.

Where do I send it?

Please add your name, year group and school on the back of your work and hand it into your school. I will be collecting all entries W/E 14th June.

When do I need to send it by?

The deadline is Friday 11th June.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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