



# SUMMER 2026 MAKING MEMORIES, BUILDING SKILLS, INSPIRING FUTURES

A colourful celebration of the children, young people, families, volunteers, staff and partners who made our summer possible.

NIYYAH COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE CIC



# OUR SUMMER AT A GLANCE

Every number represents a child welcomed, a family included, a skill practised or a moment of courage celebrated.

75

CHILDREN & YOUNG  
PEOPLE ATTENDED

36

PARENTS, CARERS &  
FAMILY MEMBERS AT  
FAMILY DAY

35

COMPLETED BIKEABILITY  
TRAINING

30

ATTENDED NATWEST  
THRIVE SESSIONS

28

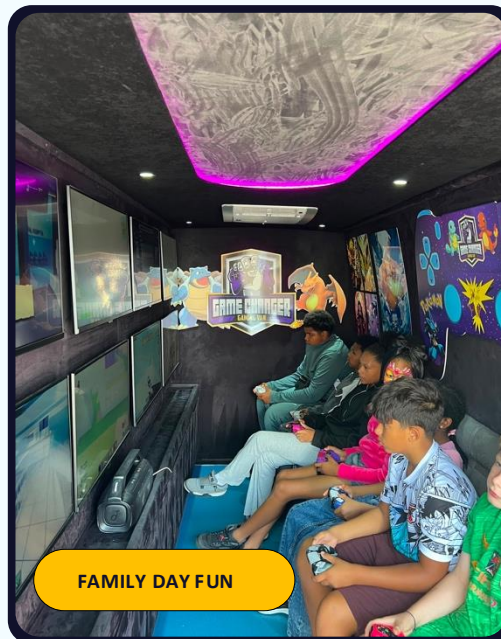
ATTENDED THE SEA  
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ADVENTURE

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RECEIVED NIYYAH  
AWARDS



BELONGING & CONNECTION



FAMILY DAY FUN

## MORE THAN ACTIVITIES

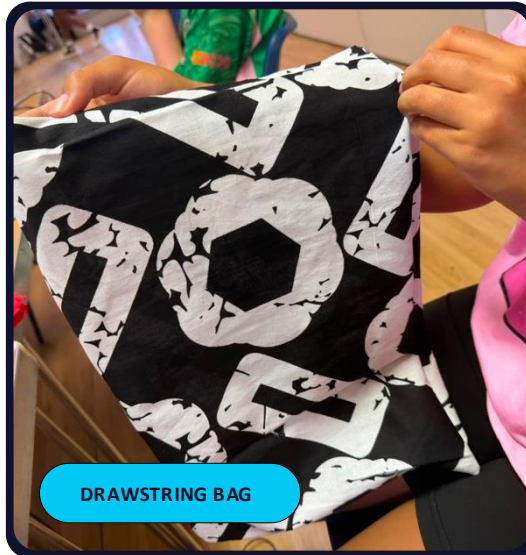
Across the programme, children were encouraged to try, contribute and connect. Success looked different for everyone, riding independently, speaking up in a group, learning a practical skill, facing a fear or simply feeling that they belonged.

# CREATIVITY YOU CAN HOLD

Our collaboration with Sewing Collective CIC turned ideas into useful, wearable creations and gave young people the pride of saying, “I made that.”



SCRUNCHIES IN ACTION



DRAWSTRING BAG



BONNET MAKING



PERSONALISED T-SHIRTS

## A PROGRAMME FOR BOTH AGE GROUPS

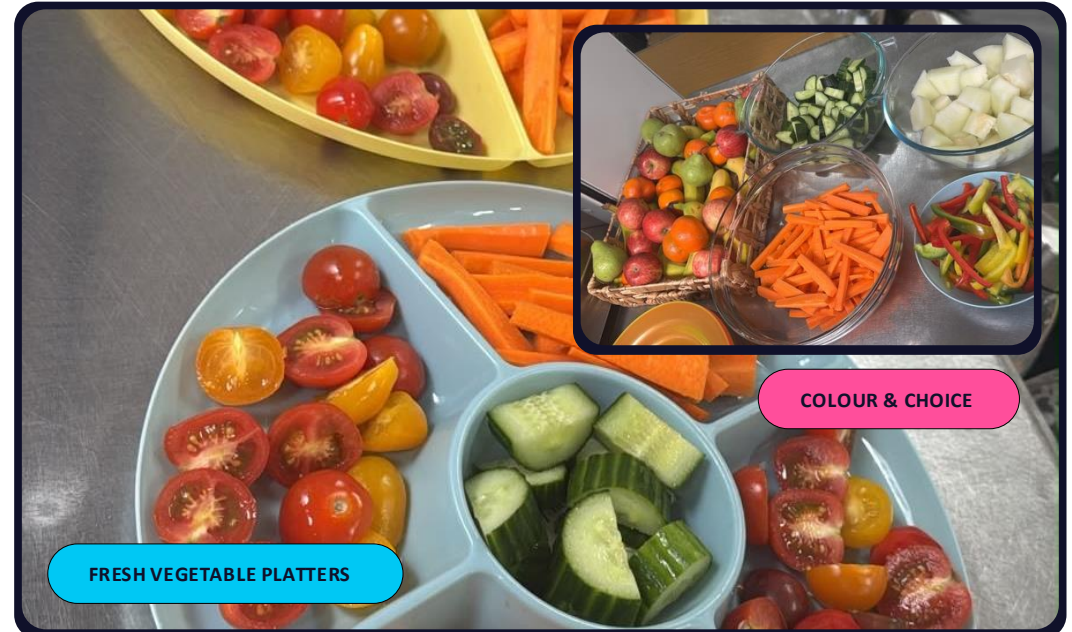
Children aged 5–9 designed T-shirts and created scrunchies, pencil cases and drawstring bags. The 10–16 group developed their skills further through scrunchies, bonnets, drawstring bags, pencil cases and bucket hats. Each project encouraged patience, planning, coordination and creative decision-making.

## CONFIDENCE STITCHED INTO EVERY PROJECT

The sessions offered more than a finished item. Children practised following steps, solving problems, making choices and persevering when something felt unfamiliar. Working alongside skilled facilitators also opened up conversations about design, enterprise and how creative interests can grow into future pathways.

# OUR FOOD PROMISE

Every session offered children welcoming, nourishing food alongside activities, relationships and new experiences.



## WHY FOOD MATTERS

Food is a major component of our HAF delivery. It supports children's energy, concentration and wellbeing, reduces pressure on families and creates a relaxed space where children and trusted adults can sit, talk and connect.

## HAKUNA FRUITATA

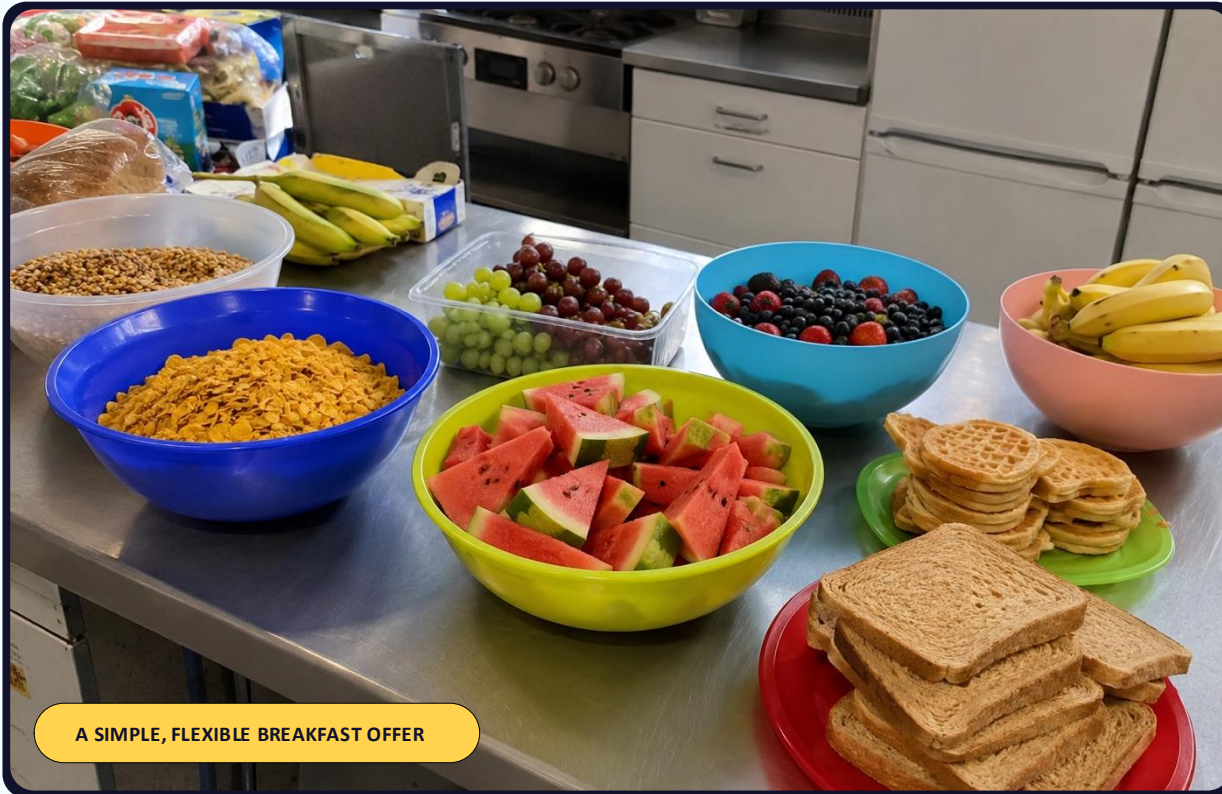
Three weeks of Hakuna Fruitata deliveries strengthened our food promise with generous fresh fruit and vegetables, plus plants for our onsite allotment. Children could taste, prepare and grow produce connecting healthy food with practical learning.

## A WELCOMING OFFER

Our food offer was Halal, included vegetarian choices and was supported by clear food safety and allergen procedures. Children could ask questions, make choices and eat freely with dignity.

# BREAKFAST, WHATEVER THE START TIME

Even when sessions began at 12pm or 2pm, breakfast remained available because children arrive with different routines, journeys and needs.



## WHAT WAS AVAILABLE

Children could choose cereals, milk, toast, pancakes or waffles, fresh fruit and hot drinks. Breakfast was offered calmly and without fuss, whether a child needed a full plate, a small top-up or simply time to settle in.

## WHY WE KEPT IT AVAILABLE

Serving breakfast later in the day recognised the reality of school holiday routines. It ensured that no child had to join activities hungry and helped staff welcome and check in with children from the moment they arrived.

## BREAKFAST SERVED, EVEN WHEN CAMP STARTED AT 12PM OR 2PM

This was part of our commitment to meeting children where they were, reducing barriers to participation and making sure food supported the whole programme.

# LUNCH AT NIYYAH

Lunch was hot on every normal programme day. Sandwiches were reserved for trips, when a safe and practical packed lunch was needed.



HOT FOOD PREPARED IN QUANTITY



FAMILIAR FAVOURITES



FRESH SALAD ALONGSIDE

## A PROPER DAILY LUNCH

Our children were offered a substantial hot meal rather than a token snack. Menus included child friendly favourites alongside vegetables, salad and fruit, giving children both familiarity and balance.

## ONLY ON TRIP DAYS

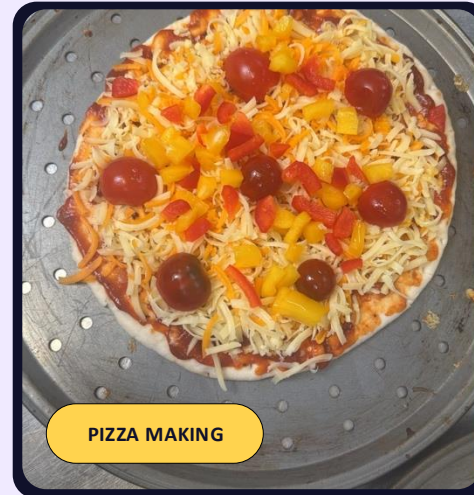
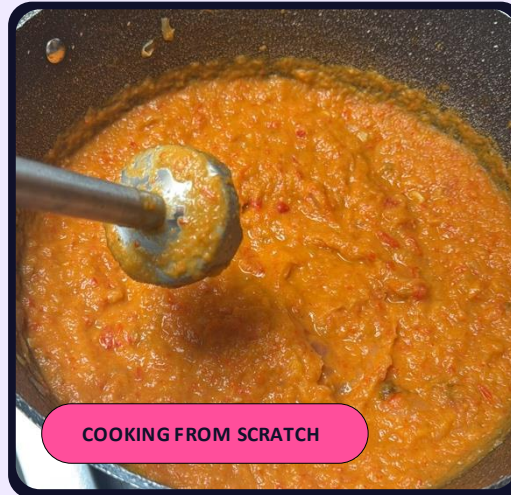
The rule is, sandwiches only on trip days, sandwiches were provided because it allowed children to eat together wherever the day took us. Packed lunches still included fresh fruit, vegetables, drinks and enough food for a full day out.

## BELONGING AROUND THE TABLE

Meals gave different age groups, families, volunteers and staff a shared moment in busy days. Sitting together, conversation, manners, confidence and the feeling that everyone had a place at Niyyah's table.

# FOOD, COOKING & HAKUNA FRUITATA

Children did not only receive food, but they also explored ingredients, prepared dishes and learned where food comes from.



## PRACTICAL FOOD SKILLS

Children baked cookies and prepared fruit sundaes, made pizzas, grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable pasta and other simple dishes. They practised hygiene, safe preparation, measuring, following steps, teamwork and the satisfaction of sharing something they helped create.

## HAKUNA FRUITATA

For another Summer, Hakuna Fruitata provided three weeks of fruit and vegetable deliveries, including plants that we planted in our onsite allotment. The produce strengthened our daily offer and helped connect healthy eating with growing, tasting and cooking.

## CHOICE WITHOUT PRESSURE

We encouraged curiosity rather than policing plates. Children could handle, smell and taste fresh ingredients, compare foods and build confidence at their own pace an approach that is particularly important for our children who have sensory needs or limited food experiences.

# CREATIVE PLAY, SCIENCE & GROWING

Our in-house talent and qualified team created playful experiences that supported expression, curiosity and healthy choices.



FACE PAINTING & IMAGINATION



GROWING TOGETHER



FRESH FRUIT POTS

## A CANVAS FOR IMAGINATION

Our volunteer face painter, an art student and talented artist helped children imagine, role-play and immerse themselves in creative play. She first joined our HAF programme at 16 and, now 19, continues to grow with us as a valued volunteer and positive role model.

## SCIENCE BROUGHT TO LIFE

Our in-house QTS qualified teacher explored solids, liquids and gases, precipitation, the water cycle and volcano experiments. Children could predict, test, question and learn through doing rather than simply being told.

## GROWING TOGETHER

Gardening continued in our onsite raised bed. Children planted, watered and cared for living things, building patience and an understanding of where food comes from, muddy hands included, naturally.

# SKILLS FOR LIFE



YOUNG PEOPLE TAKING PART

## THE POWER OF “YET”

Trying, learning and growing, one step at a time.

## NATWEST THRIVE — 30 YOUNG PEOPLE

Delivered by our JNC qualified youth worker, these practical Money Mindset sessions explored What Success Looks Like, The Power of Yet and Budget Battle. Young people built resilience, communication, teamwork, problem-solving and informed decision-making while learning how everyday choices affect a budget. Each participant received a savings tin and £5 to start a positive savings habit.

## BIKEABILITY

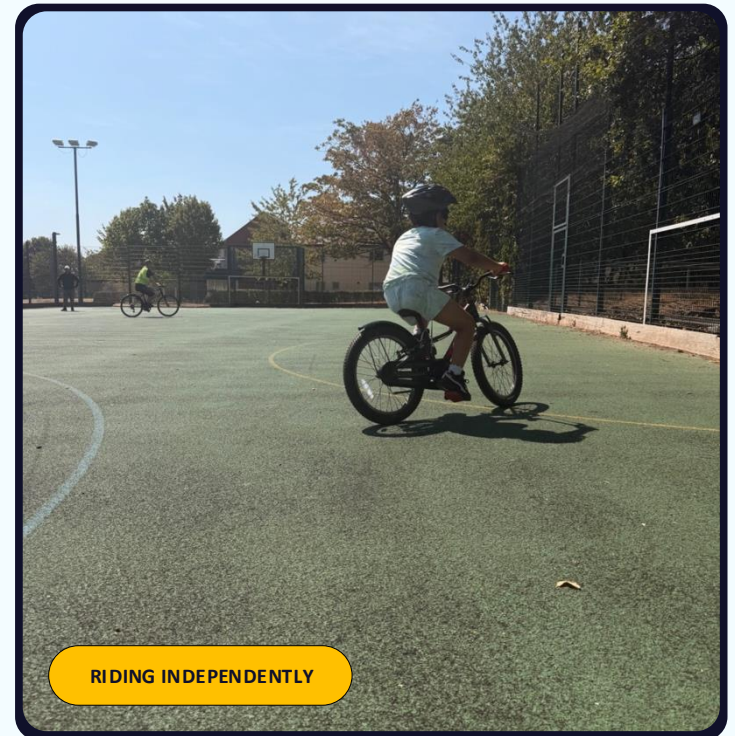
35 children completed Learn to Ride and Level 1 training. They developed balance, control, road awareness and the confidence that comes from mastering a new skill.

## ACTIVE EVERY DAY

Basketball, football, dodgeball and competitive games kept children moving and working as a team. Board games, cards, Twister and other group challenges encourages turn-taking, strategy and positive social connection.

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## SKILLS THAT TRAVEL FURTHER

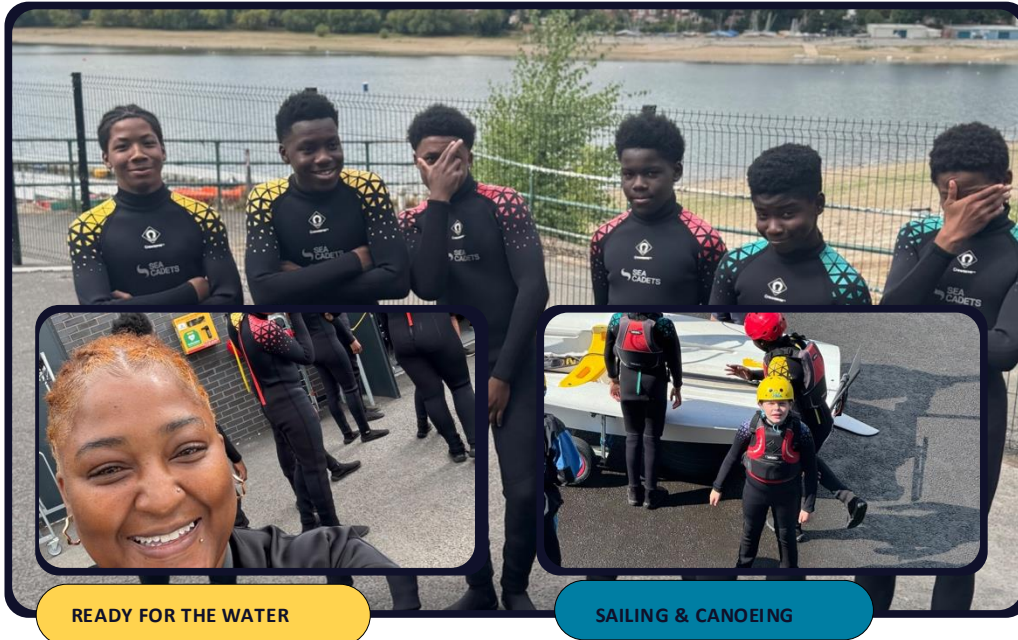
Children practised starting, stopping, steering, looking ahead and responding safely to others. For beginners, simply lifting both feet and moving independently was a major achievement worth celebrating.

## CONFIDENCE THROUGH PERSISTENCE

Bikeability showed the value of encouragement and repeated practice. Children learned that wobbling, stopping and trying again are part of progress, a lesson that reaches far beyond cycling.

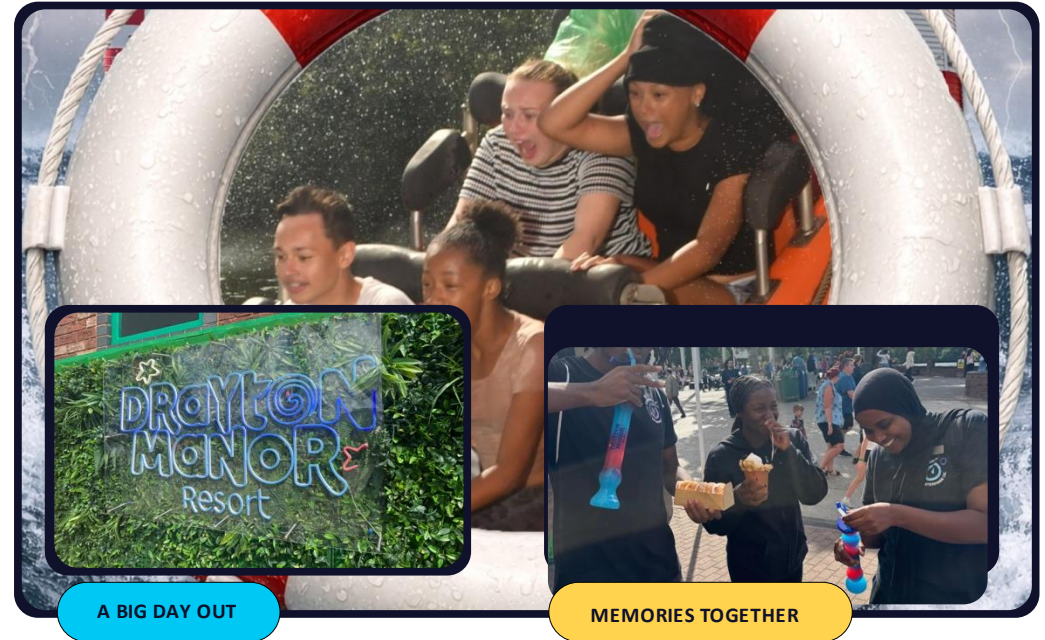
# WATER ADVENTURE & DRAYTON MANOR

Two major outings gave children and young people space to test themselves, enjoy new experiences and celebrate the summer together.



## OVERCOMING FEARS ON THE WATER

At the Midlands Boat Centre, the Sea Cadets supported 28 young people aged 10–16 to sail and canoe before enjoying a supervised swim. Some participants were non-swimmers, making their willingness to take part, trust the instructors and encourage one another especially powerful.

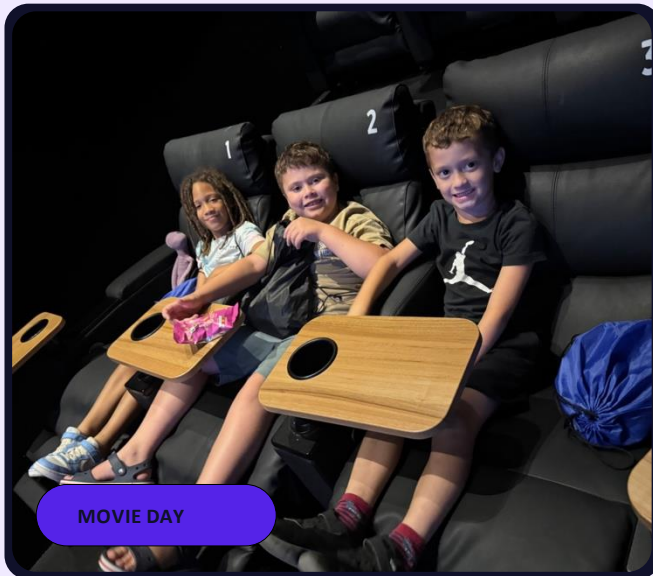


## CELEBRATING TOGETHER

Our final trip to Drayton Manor brought children, staff and invited parents and carers together for a joyful end to the programme. Family involvement helped some children access the day safely while ensuring that inclusion and safeguarding remained central.

# CINEMA, BOWLING & LOCAL EXPLORATION

A varied programme combined special trips with simple opportunities to enjoy the neighbourhood together.



## YOUNG PEOPLE HELPED CHOOSE

The younger group chose Minions while older participants watched Spider-Man. Giving age groups their own film recognised different interests and allowed everyone to relax, laugh and enjoy a shared cinema experience.

## FRIENDLY COMPETITION

Bowling offered plenty of fun alongside turn-taking, encouragement and healthy competition. Staff supported children who were trying it for the first time and made sure achievement was measured by participation, not only the scoreboard.

## MAKING USE OF OUR AREA

We walked to local play areas and the MUGA, visited Manor Park and fed the ducks at Weoley Castle duck pond. These familiar spaces supported movement, conversation and a stronger connection with the local community.

# FAMILIES, CULTURE & COMMUNITY

Families were not simply invited in, they became part of the celebration, the learning and the memories.



THE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS



GAMECHANGER GAMING



CULTURE & CELEBRATION

## FRESH PIZZA THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

The Conservation Volunteers brought their outdoor pizza oven and served freshly made pizzas for children and families. Their practical support added something generous and memorable to Family Day, showing the difference trusted community partners make to our delivery.

## FAMILIES ALONGSIDE US

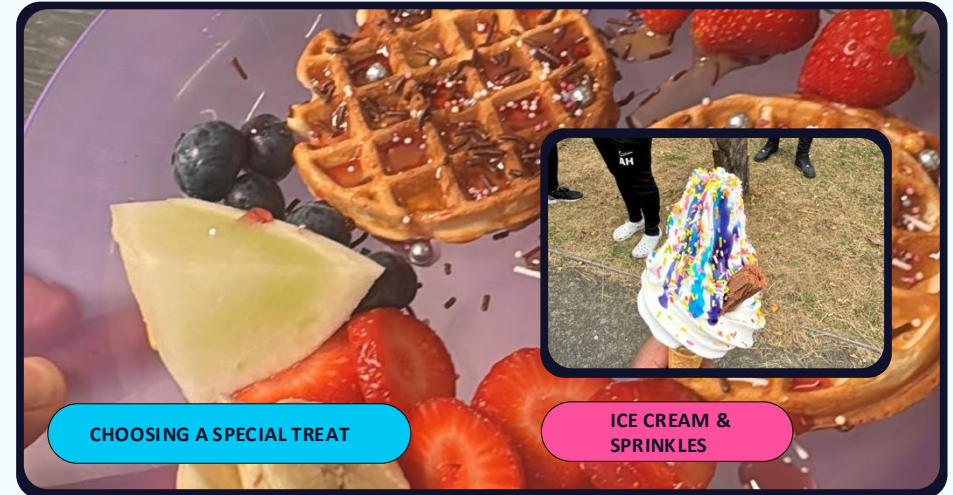
Family Day offered parents and carers an honest view of camp life: the food, relationships, expectations and joy. Sharing the experience strengthened trust and opened up natural conversations with the team.

## SHARING CULTURE

Working with Bournville Village Trust, we hosted a youth hub at the community youth festival. A lion dance company shared cultural stories, drumming skills and an exciting performance — helping children learn through celebration.

# A VISIT FROM OUR LOCAL ICE CREAM MAN

Not every memorable moment needs a coach journey. Sometimes joy arrives locally, knows the community and comes with sprinkles.



## A JOYFUL LOCAL CONNECTION

The visit from the ice cream man brought instant excitement and a cheerful shared moment for children and staff. Choosing a treat, chatting with friends and enjoying the surprise together made the day feel special. We also got to connect with the local community inviting other kids over, and introducing ourselves and our club, while also celebrating a familiar local business rooted in the community.

# CELEBRATING EVERY CHILD

Across the summer, six children celebrated their birthday at camp, and each one was recognised individually.



6

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

6

BIRTHDAY CAKES

6

BIRTHDAY CARDS

6

LITTLE GIFTS

## MORE THAN A BIRTHDAY TREAT

We like to celebrate the children that have birthdays during camp. We had quite a few 15 year birthdays this year, each Bbirthday child received their own cake, a card and a little gift. The group paused to celebrate with them, making sure each child felt noticed, valued and part of the Niyyah Ccommunity. These moments were simple, personal and joyful, exactly the kind of memories children carry home with them.

# TEAM, VOLUNTEERS & YOUNG LEADERS

A caring programme depends on people who notice, encourage, organise, listen and step forward.



## TWO NEW JOURNEYS BEGAN

Two new participant volunteers started their journey with Niyah. With encouragement and meaningful responsibilities, they began building confidence, strengthening communication and breaking down barriers that can make new environments feel difficult.

## A TASTE OF WORKING LIFE

The volunteer pathway gave young people a supported introduction to the world of work: being reliable, working within a team, speaking with children and adults, solving problems and reflecting on their progress. These are practical skills for life as well as future employment.

## THE WHOLE TEAM EFFORT

From safeguarding, transport and food to set-up, mentoring and the small moments of reassurance children remember, staff, volunteers and young leaders made the programme possible. Our first Niyah Awards recognised 10 children and young people for positive, inspiring qualities and simply trying their best.



# THANK YOU

TO OUR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, TEAM, VOLUNTEERS & PARTNERS

Bring it on Brum | StreetGames | Bournville Village Trust | Sewing Collective CIC | GameChanger Gaming | The Conservation Volunteers | Sea Cadets

NatWest | National Youth Agency | Hakuna Fruitata | Bikeability | Lion Dance partners

Together, these partnerships helped children and families access safe, welcoming and memorable summer opportunities.