

Minster Detectives

Signs & Symbols



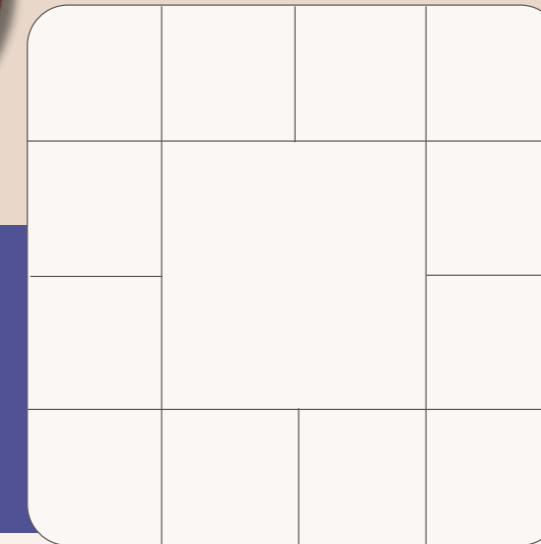
Self-guided
tour of
York Minster



9 South Transept



Here are some more keys!
Can you point to this shield on the wall?



Now fill in this blank white tile with symbols from your tour.

Word Bank

- Bible** The holy book for Christians.
- Nave** The large open part of a church or cathedral. Some services take place here.
- Pilgrim** A person who makes a trip to a holy place that is important in their religion.
- Relics** Small objects important to Christians like a piece of wood from Christ's cross.
- Saints** People who have lived a holy life dedicated to God.

7 The Quire



The Quire is where services take place and the choir sing.
The table with candles and a cross is called the altar.



There are many colourful shields above you.

Draw your favourite shield here.



8 Great East Window



Look up at the stained glass to find:
• a picture of Jesus
• an angel
• some animals
What else can you see?

Can you spot this red dragon on the left of the window?

5 Chapter House



Walk to the middle of the Chapter House and look down. Can you find these keys? There are more on the ceiling.

There are also lots of strange stone faces all around you if you look!

Draw some of St Peter's keys here.



6 Quire Screen



Animals are hiding below the kings. Can you find this cat? (Below the third king from the right.)

Find an angel above the kings and draw it here.

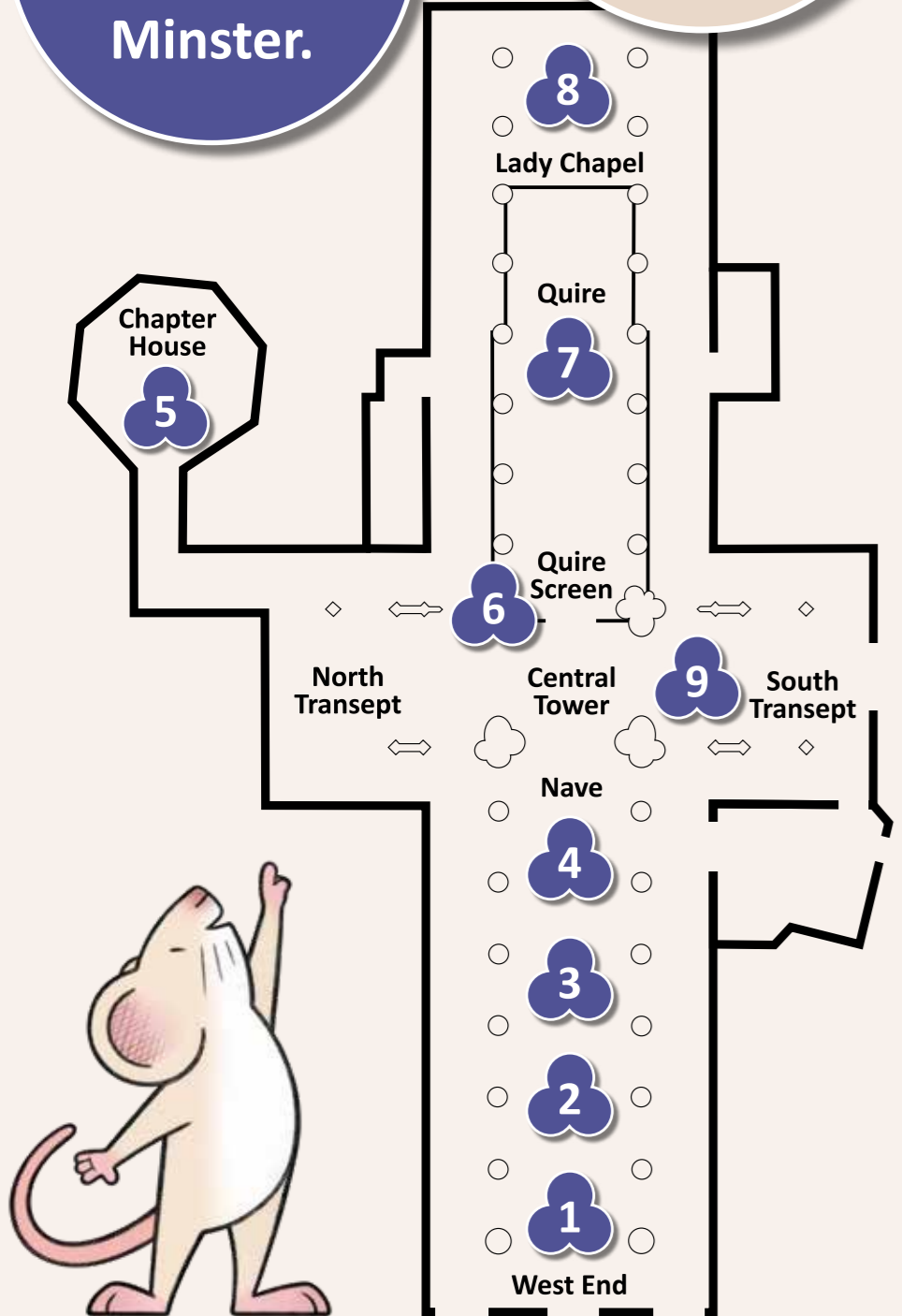


Welcome to York Minster!

It was built hundreds of years ago and is a beautiful place for people to worship God.


Discover symbols around the Minster.

Check out the Word Bank on the back page for some words you might not know.




1 St Peter's Statue

St Peter carries the key to Heaven. Peter was a friend of Jesus and he led the Church after Jesus died.



See how many more keys you can find as you walk around the Minster.

The fish on Peter's robe is a symbol of Christianity. Draw one in the white box.



2 The Dragon

Look up and see our red and gold dragon.



Some dragons represent evil. Others guard treasure.


What do you think this dragon was for?

It may have kept watch over a box of holy relics!


Keep your eyes open to spot more dragons!

3 Pilgrim Window

Who is in the centre of the window wearing green? (His key is the clue!) These animals are hiding in the bottom of this window. Can you find them?




On the wall are stone patterns with three circles. They are called trefoils.



How many trefoils can you spot in 30 seconds?

Draw your favourite trefoil here.



4 The Nave

Tick the boxes when you find these pictures.

The eagle stand is called a lectern. It holds the Bible.



This holds up the pulpit where the priest talks to people about God.



This material is at the top of the chair and throne called the cathedra. It is where the archbishop sits.



Find and draw the cross on top of the cathedra.