

Literary project to help inspire the next generation of poets and authors

Tales of Norwich will be published into a book as part of a scheme inspiring the next generation of creative writers.

The Children's City of Literature, a project run by the Norwich School and the Writers' Centre Norwich, has seen youngsters from schools around the city build their own Norwich through travel guides, ballads, folk tales and news articles.

The sessions started in January and there are just a handful left before the book will be signed off for the printers.

Year five and six pupils from Norwich Lower School, St William's Primary, Magdalen Gates Primary, Sprowston Junior and Cringleford Junior Schools have all been involved.

Franziska Brugger, Norwich School teacher and project organiser, said: "This is a great opportunity for able young writers to experience something

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outside their normal learning opportunities.

"We're grateful to have the expertise of the Writers' Centre contributing their specialist knowledge and proud that we're able to offer this in collaboration with local schools. Hopefully we will be able to inspire the next generation of young writers in Norwich."

The book, which has benefited from the guidance of University of East Anglia tutor Nicholl Hardwick, will be shared with the public at an event at the Norwich School's Blake Studio on April 26.

One pupil who has been involved, from St William's Primary, said: "It's really enjoyable, everyone gets involved and there's the opportunity to explore new ideas every week.



The project between the Writers' Centre and Norwich School, which hopes to inspire young people to start creative writing.

Picture: NORWICH SCHOOL

"Working together with the other schools means it doesn't feel like a classroom and makes it fun. Because we're learning new things about Norwich it makes it all very real."

In 2012, Norwich was selected as England's first UNESCO City of Literature, based on its rich

literary history.

Christian mystic Julian of Norwich, who lived in Norwich during the 13th and 14th centuries, was the first woman to write and publish a book in the English language, *The Revelations of Divine Love*.

The city also boasts the

University of East Anglia's prestigious creative writing team and the renowned Norfolk and Norwich Festival.

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