Huddersfield primary schoolchildren are being introduced to their local heritage through workshops focussing on the Rugby League Collection held at Heritage Quay. The meeting which split Rugby League and Union took place in Huddersfield in 1895, and the town is an integral part of the sport’s history. Schools workshops offer a peek into the archives at Heritage Quay, a chance to handle objects and documents from the past and to take a campus tour with current students. Children can also take part in a drama workshop about the development of the sport. Similar workshops are under development, which focus on other themes within the archive’s collections.

Heritage Quay staff are also helping primary schools create their own pop up exhibition about Rugby League, giving them a chance to connect with the team and players of today. The exhibition is part of a Family Fun Day at HQ on 7th June, supporting the Huddersfield Giants fixture with Wigan Warriors at the John Smith’s stadium. Fans will be encouraged to visit with their families to see the exhibition and participate in rugby-themed activities before going to the match.