



YSP

Pick  
me up

# LR Vandy Rise

14 March – 13 September 2026  
The Weston

LR Vandy is a contemporary artist. She uses rope and everyday materials to tell stories about people, journeys, and how we are all connected.

# Talking Together



LR Vandy began working with rope after moving her studio to Chatham's Historic Dockyard. It is home to the UK's last working ropemakers, where rope has been made in the same way for over 400 years. Seeing rope still being made by hand inspired her to think about history, trade, and the people whose work often goes unseen.

Find a sculpture you would like to say hello to.

What would you like to tell me about yourself?



Share a story with me.



Imagine we came alive at night.  
How might we dance and sing?

# I Spy

Something that looks like...



Long ago ropes were used on ships that travelled the world. LR Vandy asks us to think about the people and stories connected to these journeys.

Think about a journey you have been on.

Think about what it might be like to leave your home and start a new life in another country?

This exhibition is called **Rise**, I wonder why?  
Talk together about why LR Vandy chose that word.



.... it's wiggling with laughter

.... it's stretching up tall

.... it might be spinning

.... it might be dancing

.... it's blowing in the wind

.... it's tangled like spaghetti!

.... it's super calm and slow

# Walking together



While out and about at YSP look out for twisting branches, long wavy grass, cracks in the ground.

Seek out patterns and textures in sculptures and nature.

Try moving like the wind or dance like a falling leaf.

**Walk in a line, one behind the other, like strands in a rope.**

Now walk side by side.

Now try walking in a gentle spiral together.

**Rope has travelled all over the world on ships, carrying goods and connecting places while also guiding the journeys of people.**

As you walk, imagine you are sailing on the sea. Where are you going? What might you be carrying with you? Food? Stories? Music? Who might you meet at the end of your journey?

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