



READ SCHOOL
DRAX

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The Reader

Dear Parents, Colleagues, Governors and Students of the school,

Upcoming PFA Events – Please Support!

The Parents and Friends Association (PFA) has an exciting event taking place this term, and we warmly encourage families to come along and support their fantastic work, all of which raises valuable funds for Read School.

Family Fun Day – Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday) 10am–2pm

The PFA invites you to join us this bank holiday Monday, for a day full of fun to raise funds for our children in school. This free-entry community event offers fun for all ages, including a bouncy castle, refreshments, BBQ, live music, games, local crafts and more.

Meet the PFA team and enjoy the local vendors', school stands, and the inflatable obstacle course.

All families, friends and members of the wider community are very welcome.

This event is organised by our dedicated PFA, whose fundraising efforts directly support the school and enhance the experiences of our pupils. We are grateful for your continued attendance of these events and involvement within the PFA, whether it's taking a slot to man the bar or to take up a committee position.

Our boarding community has an exciting and adventure-filled Summer Term ahead, with a programme designed to give pupils memorable weekends, new experiences and plenty of opportunities to relax, explore and have fun together.

This term's schedule includes everything from outdoor adventures to cultural visits, creative activities and trips to some of Yorkshire's best attractions. As the programme shows, boarders will enjoy a fantastic mix of local outings and bigger excursions – including Beverley shopping, paddle boarding at Welton Waters, Selby bowling, a coast trip with beach games and even a Howden Treasure Hunt.

Sundays bring even more variety, with trips to some brilliant regional destinations such as the Leeds Arcade Club, Scarborough, the National Video Game Museum, the National Coal Mining Museum, and the National Science and Media Museum in Bradford.

Whether pupils are exploring York, enjoying the Aqua Park, or taking in the views on the Humber Bridge Walk, the programme offers something for everyone - from the adventurous to the creative, from the sporty to the curious.

Subject to there being available space on a trip, boarding weekend outings are also open to Read day pupils. To book a trip or to enquire about flexi boarding opportunities, please contact Mrs Warren on warren@readschool.co.uk.

Reminders

Read School Merchandise can also still be ordered by emailing: readschoolPFA@gmail.com

We are collecting new or very good
condition teddies for our Family Fun Day
on May 4th raising money for Read
School



TEDDY DONATIONS



If you would like to
contribute please drop off
your teddies at Read
School Reception before
the 3rd of May



For any questions or queries please contact
20dkidd@readschool.co.uk

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR

FAMILY FUNDAY

MONDAY READ SCHOOL
4TH MAY DRAX, YO8 8NL
10AM - 2PM

FREE ENTRY

Fun for all ages

Bouncy Castle, Refreshments,
BBQ, Live Music, Games Galore,
Local Crafts, & More

Sponsored by



PARENTS
AND FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION
READ SCHOOL



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2026 Summer School

Our Summer School offers an engaging and diverse programme designed for global friendship and cultural exchange. We are delighted to welcome students from all over the world to join our local pupils for two weeks of language immersion and discovery. Participate in creative projects, team sports, and unique themed days designed to build confidence and spark new connections. Exciting excursions include trips to our historic local towns, the relaxing British seaside, and enriching cultural tours of cities like Hull and York. Prepare for a summer of authentic experiences, language practice, and unforgettable memories.



DATES

5TH -18TH

JULY 2026



FOR MORE INFORMATION: SUMMERSCHOOL@READSCHOOL.CO.UK



Your Home This Summer: Read School, Drax

Founded in 1667, Read School offers a unique residential experience where historic character meets modern comfort. Students don't just attend a summer school; they become part of a legacy. Staying in our on-site boarding houses, students enjoy a safe, welcoming "home away from home" set within our beautiful North Yorkshire grounds.

Our boarding houses are the heart of the summer school community. They provide a secure and social environment where students can relax and build lasting friendships.

- **Comfortable Accommodation:** Modern, well-maintained rooms designed for rest and privacy.
- **Social Spaces:** Dedicated lounge for evening activities, games, and winding down.
- **24/7 Support:** A dedicated residential team ensures a safe, supervised, and supportive environment throughout the stay.

Beyond the boarding houses, the school's extensive grounds and specialist suites provide the perfect backdrop for both study and recreation. Whether in our historic halls or our modern sports and creative spaces, students have everything they need in one secure location.

Why Choose Read School this summer?

- **Safe & Secluded:** A peaceful, rural setting in Drax, North Yorkshire.
- **Vibrant Community:** A welcoming atmosphere that encourages students to grow in confidence.
- **Versatile Environment:** Beautiful outdoor spaces and high-quality indoor facilities that cater to all aspects of student life.
- **Action-Packed Programme:** A dynamic schedule of high-energy sports, activities and trips designed to keep every student engaged and inspired.

Activities

**6 - 12 July
2026**

Week 1



The first week of fun activities are listed below:

5TH JULY - ARRIVAL

6 JULY TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL

7 JULY VISIT TO THE DEEP AND HULL MUSEUM QUARTER

8 JULY CRAFTS AND BAKING IN SCHOOL

9 JULY MULTI SPORTS DAY IN SCHOOL

10 JULY YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK

11 JULY HOWDEN TREASURE HUNT AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

12 JULY DAY EXCURSION TO LEEDS



Move Information

Week 1

Team Building Activities In School

Kick off your summer school journey with an energetic day of team-building activities. Students will work together on fun, collaborative challenges that build communication skills and turn international classmates into lifelong friends.

The Deep and Hull Museum Quarter

Explore the wonders of the ocean at The Deep, one of the world's most spectacular aquariums. Afterwards, step back in time in the Museum Quarter, where students can wander through cobbled streets and discover local heritage.

Crafts and Baking in School

Get creative and hands-on with a fun-filled day of crafting and baking right here in school. It's the perfect way for students to express their artistic side and enjoy some delicious treats together.



Multi Sports Day in School

Get active with a high-energy multi-sports day right here on the school grounds. It is a fantastic way for students to build teamwork and enjoy friendly competition.

Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Home to the UK's only polar bears and over 400 amazing animals. It's an opportunity for students to explore wildlife conservation while enjoying a "safari" adventure.

Howden treasure hunt and picnic

Explore the secrets of historic Howden with an interactive treasure hunt through its charming streets. Then a relaxing picnic in the park, the perfect way to make new friends.

Day Excursion to Leeds

Spend a vibrant day in Leeds, famous for its grand Victorian arcades and world-class shopping. Students can explore historic markets and modern malls before visiting the Royal Armouries Museum to discover the UK's national collection of arms and armor.

Evening Activities



Once the day's activities conclude, the evening programme provides a relaxed space to decompress and bond with your peers. Whether you are unwinding on the school fields or playing pool in the boarding house, these informal hours are perfect for building lasting friendships in a comfortable, low-pressure setting.

For those seeking more action, we organise friendly sports fixtures against local teams and host various group events, from a quiz night to creative photography challenges across the school grounds. These activities are designed to build confidence and teamwork, ensuring every evening is as engaging and memorable as the day itself.



Activities

**13 - 17 July
2026**

Week 2



The second week of fun activities are listed below:

13 JULY TRIP TO THE SEASIDE

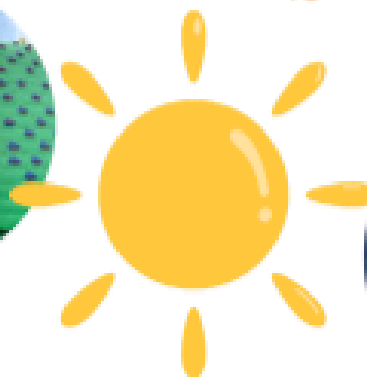
14 JULY CREATIVE ARTS CHALLENGE

15 JULY STADIUM VISIT

16 JULY MULTI SPORTS DAY

17 JULY DAY EXCURSION TO YORK

18TH JULY - DEPART



Move Information

Week 2

Trip to the Seaside

Students can walk along sandy beaches and experience a traditional British seaside town. From tasting fresh fish and chips. The perfect setting to relax and practice conversational English in a scenic environment

Creative Arts Challenge Day

Get ready to unleash your imagination as you compete to build the highest tower, decorate the most delicious-looking pudding, and craft the best overall creative masterpieces. Let your artistic talents shine!

Manchester City - Stadium Visit

Enjoy an exclusive tour of the Etihad Stadium, exploring the dressing rooms and tunnel of the Premier League champions. Follow this with a trip to the National Football Museum to test your skills with interactive games and discover the rich history of the game.

Multi Sport Day

Get ready for a high-energy Multi Sports Day! We'll be trying out a variety of exciting sports and games, focusing on fun, teamwork, and getting active.

Day Trip to York

Explore historic York on a full-day trip, delving into its Roman past as Eboracum and seeing iconic sites like the Shambles, Minster, and city Walls. Includes a picnic and shopping.



Summer Term 25/26

BOARDERS' *Activities*

Saturday Activities

- 18/4/2026: Beverley shopping
- 25/4/2026: Baking on site & Selby
- 2/5/2026: Litter Pick in Drax
- 9/5/2026: Paddle boarding Welton Waters
- 16/5/2026: Selby Bowling and Shopping
- 6/6/2026: Royal Armouries
- 13/6/2026: Selby
- 20/6/2026: Coast trip - beach games
- 27/6/2026: Howden Treasure Hunt



Sunday Activities

- 9/4/2026: Leeds Arcade Club
- 26/4/2026: Scarborough
- 3/5/2026: Leeds Trinity Centre
- 10/5/2026: National Video Game Museum
- 17/5/2026: National Coal Mining Museum
- 7/6/2026: Aqua Park
- 14/6/2026: National Science and Media Museum Bradford
- 21/6/2026: Humber Bridge Walk
- 28/6/2026: York



GOOLE JUDO CLUB

Throw yourself into the
martial art of judo



First session is free

Every Friday at
Goole College DN14 6SR

6pm - 7pm Beginners under 16
7pm - 8pm Advanced under 16
8pm - 9pm Seniors





**OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS THE PFA HAVE
DONATED OVER £35,000 TO THE SCHOOL**

We need your involvement NOW to make sure this continues!

ROLES REQUIRED

IMMEDIATELY:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Communications & Social Media

OTHER ROLES NEEDED:

- Events Co-ordinators
- Secretary
- Fundraisers
- Volunteer Coordinators
- Committee Members



[CLICK HERE TO ENQUIRE](#)

or email readschoolpfa@gmail.com





ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 8 - 18 AND ENJOY SWIMMING AND RUNNING?

WHY NOT TRY THE 2026 LBT JUNIOR AQUATHLON

SUNDAY 31 MAY 26
THE EDGE - LEEDS UNIVERSITY



All abilities welcomed and encouraged - it's the perfect introduction to multi-sport events.
Only equipment required is swimwear and trainers!
Prizes for top three male & female in each category - all competitors receive a medal and goody bag!

Category	Age*	Distance
TriStar Start	8 years	50m Swim & 600m Run
TriStar 1	9-10 years	150m Swim & 1,200m Run
TriStar 2	11-12 years	250m Swim & 1,800m Run
TriStar 3	13-14 years	400m Swim & 3,000m Run
Youth	15-16 years	400m Swim & 3,000m Run
Junior B	17-18 years	400m Swim & 3,000m Run

* Based on age as at 31 December 2026



**LEEDS & BRADFORD
TRIATHLON CLUB**



BOOK NOW: https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/lbt-junior-aquathlon_17078
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: lbtaquathlon@gmail.com

Sport Information

There are no sports fixtures this weekend, because it is the bank holiday. Have a lovely weekend!

That concludes this Week's Newsletter, Signed:

Samantha Lowes

Percy Zhang

Mr Voisey
