



READ SCHOOL
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The Reader

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

Read School's Got Talent!

Shoppers at the York Designer Outlet were treated to an unforgettable musical experience this Saturday, as our pupils showcased their exceptional singing talents, continuing to raise money for Comic Relief.

Their performances demonstrated the gifted and talented singers we have at the school. Pupils' ages ranged from Reception through to Year 12. The remarkable confidence, vocal ability, and stage presence captivated the afternoon shoppers, parents and staff who came to support. Literally, shoppers stopped in their tracks to enjoy the high-quality voices!

The event was organised by Mrs Wilson, who put together the varied and engaging programme. The music highlighted the breadth of talent within the school, demonstrating both individual excellence and the strength of the Junior School choir as a whole. There was not a dry eye in the house; or should I say shopping centre?

The primary aim of the performance was to continue to raise funds for Comic Relief, with pupils working enthusiastically towards an ambitious target of £1,000! The "counting" has begun, adding all of the money from the previous fund raising efforts.

We hope we are very close to that target. If anyone would like to make a donation. Here is our Just Giving link. Please do support the great cause:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/readschoolsong?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

All performances from the afternoon are available to view on the school's Facebook page, allowing our wider community to celebrate the pupils' achievements. The success of this event and feedback from members of the public will encourage other talented singers from the school to join in and maybe we will have more public performances in the future!

Mrs Ainley expressed immense pride in the pupils, praising not only their musical abilities but also their commitment, professionalism and sense of fun. The event, once again, highlighted the outstanding calibre of gifted and talented pupils at the Read School.

Congratulations to all the performers for delivering such an inspiring and memorable event. A huge thank you to all the staff and families who came for the afternoon to show support.

Please see those performers listed below and make sure you check out the 'socials' to hear their performances.

Performers:

Junior School Choir (Students from Reception to Year 6)

Gabriel Tapper (Y9)

Gracie Dukes (Y10)

Johann Helmke (Y7)

Ella Black (Y3)

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



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

Cricket - Saturday 9th May 2026

U12/13 Boys V Hymers College away

- Meet @ 8.45am prompt in whites and blazers
- Starting at 10am
- Return @ approx 1.00pm

U12/13 Girls V Hymers College away

- Meet @ 8.45am prompt in PE kits
- Starting at 10am
- Return @ approx 1.00pm

U14/15 Boys V Bootham away

- Meet @ 8.45am prompt in whites and blazers
- Starting at 10am
- Return @ approx 1.00pm

Team sheets are up & pupils have been briefed, but any questions please just ask.

That concludes this Week's Newsletter, Signed;

Samantha Lowes

Mr Voisey
