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The Reader

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

Get ready to put on your glad rags and kick off the festive season at the 2026 Read School Winter Ball!

Join us at The Oaks Golf Club & Spa for a fabulous evening featuring a 3-course meal and live music from The Crazy Knights Party Band

Tickets: £60.00

Location: Long Lane, Aughton, Nr Howden (YO42 4PW) -don't forget to arrange your taxis!

How to Book:

- ParentMail
- Bank Transfer: Please email readschoolpfa@gmail.com for details.
- Cash: Labelled envelope to the School Reception (with your name, contact email and number of tickets required)

Students in Years 11–13: Welcome with a parent/chaperone. (Note: Student tickets are capped at 1/3 of total capacity and sold first-come, first-served).

It's the ultimate way to start the festive season and guaranteed to be the night of the year- grab your tickets before they sell out!



Winter Ball

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**EARLY BIRD
TICKETS**
£55 Available until
30 September 26



SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2026
The Oaks Golf Club, Aughton, York, YO42 4PW
Tickets available on ParentMail, PayPal or Bank Transfer

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM **THE CRAZY KNIGHTS**
PARTY BAND

Email: readschoolpfa@gmail.com for more details

Join the Parent Community

The new WhatsApp Parents Community, set up and administered by the PFA and supportive parent volunteers from each year group...
For those little, but important questions and support!



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Junior School

LJS

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

KS3

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Higher

Year 10

Year 11

6th Form



Just click

the class your child joined in

Sept 26



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Groups are listed in the year that your children will start in year 7 in line with the school email address convention.

Your parent community will continue and grow with you throughout your child's school life.
Get in touch to help co-ordinate your child's year group now and help build the parent community!

Peripatetic Concert

On Wednesday morning we were treated to an array of instruments with our peripatetic concert. Our concert opened with Mr Clark on drums, who got us all to try patting our heads and rubbing our stomachs at the same time to indicate the coordination we need to be able to play the drums. Mr Moulson brought in his usual variety of instruments - there was a melodeon and an electric saxophone, as well as the more traditional instruments - such as saxophone and clarinet. He also spoke about the voice, and that we shouldn't forget it is an important instrument. Mrs Crompton then played the accordion, with a theme from 'Pirates of the Caribbean', followed by a demo on the trumpet, illustrating that this instrument was really the first alarm clock as it woke up the soldiers on the military camp with its Reveille calls. Finally, we heard Mr Cross play his electric guitar, showing pitch bends on the instrument. 'Low Tide' (the Year 7/8 band) finished off proceedings by playing '7 Nations Army' and 'Small Things', illustrating how much music is an incredibly social activity. If any pupil would like to learn an instrument, please contact Mrs. Crompton for more details: crompton@readschool.co.uk



The Skyes House Farm Trip

Upon arrival, we were greeted with a very warm welcome by Gregg along with delicious sausage sandwiches. Some even say the sandwiches were the best they've eaten! Shortly afterwards, we looked at full lamb, which was larger than we expected. We were shown the different cuts of the lamb, the kidneys and were taught about the science behind cooking them. We then learnt that muscles more frequently used, benefit from slow cooking, whilst more tender cuts can be cooked more quickly. Then we were shown the parts of the beef, having similar demonstrations before beginning our factory tour.

The factory was in many sections, each meat having its own area, and each area divided into the foods they would be made into. We started off learning about bacon, and what days it is made on. We then got taught how the codes on their produce work; they're broken down into the day of the year, and on the tags the information about the animal is written down. This is essential for tracking products if there is an issue so they are all traceable. We then walked around the rest of the factory, going through very cold fridges!

We went back to the restaurant area and were shown how to portion a chicken, along with all the different cuts. We were then told how cuts can be used and the carcass can be put into stock. Then we all made our own burger blends, and were told about the difference in the Visible Lean. We took our burgers home and sat down for a delicious lunch of burger, salad and chips. Overall we learnt a lot and really enjoyed it.

Report by Matilda Martin 8JB



Sport Information

Senior School Boys' Rugby Fixtures – Saturday 3rd October

Fixtures vs Tranby @ Read School for the U12/13 and U14/15's

Meet Time: 9:15 AM on the front field

Kick-Off: 10:00 AM

Finish Time: Approx. 11:30 AM

School rugby kit required (including gum shields) and NO school uniform required

Senior School Girls Hockey– Saturday 3rd October

Training @ Read School for U12/13/14's

Meet Time: 9:30 AM on the Astro

Finish Time: Approx. 10:45 AM

School kit required (including gum shields and shin guards) and NO school uniform required

Win Six Nations Rugby Tickets at Allianz Stadium, Twickenham!

We are delighted to announce an exciting raffle with the chance to win tickets to two international rugby fixtures at Allianz Stadium, Twickenham.

Prizes:

England v Japan

Saturday 14 November 2026

Kick-off: 4:40pm

2 tickets

Autumn Nations Series Finals

Saturday 28 November 2026

Kick-off: 1:10pm

2 tickets

Raffle tickets cost £5 each and can be purchased Via ParentMail

The winning tickets will be drawn during assembly on Friday 16 October.

Good luck, and thank you for your support!

Additional Info:

- It is Open Morning at school, so expect various activities taking place on site including Trampolining/Badminton from 11.30am
- Some pupils may be helping with school tours straight after matches.

That concludes this Week's Newsletter, Signed;

Isabelle Jiang

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