

Weekly Attendance

School Attendance up to
25th September 2026

	Last Week	This Week
Year 1 - 6	97.57%	97.79%
Reception - Year 6	97.83%	97.96%

Weekly Attendance by Team
21st - 25th September 2026

Tiny Steps	84.44%
Esk	95.14%
Nidd	98.17%
Swale	98.06%
Aire	98.94%
Wharfe	98.08%
Ouse	98.52%
Dove	98.33%
Derwent	99.29%
Foss	97.86%
Loxley	97.5%
Calder	97.3%
Humber	97.86%



A Message from Miss Towler

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another wonderful week in school! It has been a real joy visiting classrooms and seeing the children so happy and engaged in their learning.

During our Star Assembly this morning, we focused on our morning routines specifically discussing how we play together and what expected behaviour looks like even before the school day starts. As for breaktimes we discussed consent and ensuring that we use kind hands and feet at all times. Again I know our families will support with this message as well.

Class teachers have also reminded the children that morning arrival is waiting patiently and line-up time rather than playtime, helping ensure everyone transitions calmly and safely into their morning lessons. Please can our families support this by encouraging children to wait on the playground and not arrive at school too early.

Just a date for your diary that on Tuesday 13th October we will be offering an opportunity for parents and carers to join me for a coffee and a chat. This will be the first of a few opportunities for families to share what is going well in school and what you might like to see as we move forward into this school year. As I am now in my third week of term I am already pleased to say I have met a few families but this will offer me the chance to get to know even more of you.

As always, I am incredibly proud of the children and feel so fortunate to work alongside such a dedicated, caring staff team.

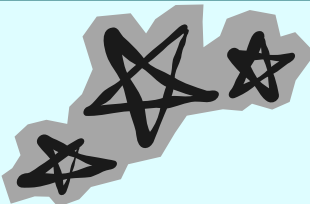
Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful, restful weekend!

Best wishes,
Caroline Towler
Headteacher





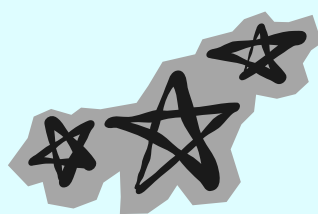
Celebration



25th September 2026

Class	Star of the Week	Pride in Presentation
Nidd	/	/
Swale	/	/
Aire	Skylar	Somaya
Wharfe	Elijah	
Ouse	Fran	Tommy
Dove	Austin	Betsy
Derwent	Isla L	Savi
Foss	Autumn	Edith
Loxley	Alora	Ariella
Calder	Yazan	Abi
Humber	Oliver	Jessica
Spanish	Arthur P – Team Ouse	
Cook School	Jack – Team Loxley	

WELL DONE



Clothes Recycling

New Clothes Recycling Bin – Support Our School!

We're excited to share that a new clothes recycling bin has been installed on the school grounds! This is a fantastic opportunity for our community to come together, reduce waste, and support the school at the same time.

We encourage families to donate any unwanted clothing and shoes. Every item collected helps to raise valuable funds that go directly back into supporting school activities, resources, and opportunities for our children.

By using the recycling bin, you're not only helping the environment by giving items a second life, but also contributing to the continued growth and success of our school.



Thank you for your ongoing support – every bag makes a difference!

Allergy Aware School

We are an allergy aware school.

Nuts are prohibited on school site, and should not be put in children's packed lunches or brought in as a playtime snack.

Including school trips and events.



Thank you

Medical Appointments

We know that arranging appointments isn't always easy, but where possible, please try to book routine medical, dental and optician appointments outside of school hours.

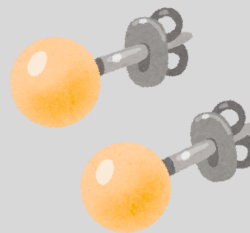
If an appointment during the school day is unavoidable, please let us know as soon as possible.



We really appreciate your support in helping your child make the most of every school day.

Jewellery Update

Just a reminder that children should wear stud earrings only.



Please can we ask that you make sure that your child doesn't wear hoop or dangly earrings for school.

We also ask that children don't wear any other jewellery to school including bracelets, necklaces and rings.



Thank you for your support with this.

Morning Expectations

We have noticed that lots of children are arriving at school quite early and enjoying time together on the field, including playing football and using the areas around the trees and mounts. It is lovely to see the children enjoying being active and spending time with their friends, but we do need to make sure that they are safe while they are waiting for the school day to begin.

This is particularly important for some of our KS2 children who walk to school independently and may arrive without an adult.

We have also noticed that, when the school doors open, some children are taking a little longer to make their way in from the field. This has meant that a few children have been arriving at their classrooms after the start of the school day.

We would really appreciate it if you could remind your child that, when they arrive at school, they should wait on the playground or outside their classroom and be ready to come into school when the doors open.

Thank you, as always, for your support and for helping us to give all of our children a happy and positive start to their school day.

Important Dates



What's Cooking?

This week I have been working with Team Loxley making Vegetable Paella. The children have used several skills in the making of this dish, including cutting, weighing, measuring and had the opportunity to use the hob to cook (boil and simmer) their Paella.



They were able to answer questions relating to seasonality and where their ingredients may have come from (primarily rice, peppers and chickpeas) and identified where the particular ingredients belonged on the EatWell Guide. The children also enjoyed using globes to locate the countries where rice and peppers grow.



Well done to all the children that have visited cook school this week, your Paella looked amazing and I hope you were able to share it at home.

I will continue to work with Team Loxley next week.

Young Voices News

What an Amazing Choir We Have!

Our rehearsal sounded incredible – it was pure joy to hear our first song being performed by our YV Choir; which they had learnt by heart and didn't need any prompts to sing it.

Miss Smith has chosen our next song: the first two verses of "Don't Be Anything Less Than Everything You Can Be".

It is fast. It is upbeat. It is lots of fun!

We would be very grateful if you could encourage your YV Choir member to learn the words by heart ready for Tuesday.

Can all parents of our choir members please ensure you are logged on to the YV Music Room. This gives access to all the songs, dance moves, T-shirt orders and ticket orders.

Thank you all for your continued support.
Miss Schofield & Miss Smith



Nursery – Team Esk



We have another exciting week of learning ahead in Team Esk!

We will be busy exploring sounds, numbers, songs and, most importantly, learning more about what makes each of us special.

Phonics – Rhyme Time

This week, as part of Little Wandle Rhyme Time, our focus rhyme is “Hey Diddle Diddle.” Through our sessions, we will:

- Listen carefully to different sounds and try to identify what they are.
- Have fun making different sound patterns using our voices.
- Work together to explore the different syllables we can hear in words.
- Develop our listening and attention skills through rhyme, rhythm and sound.

Maths – Number Songs

In Maths, we will be focusing on numbers 1-5 through fun and familiar number songs. Our songs this week are:

- Five green bottles
- Five currant buns

Singing these songs helps us develop our understanding of numbers, counting and number sequences in a fun and memorable way.

Topic – Who Am I?

Our Topic this half term is “Who Am I?” We will be thinking about what makes us special and unique.

We will have opportunities to talk about ourselves, celebrate the things we enjoy and are good at, and recognise that everyone is different and special in their own way. We will encourage the children to share their ideas, listen to others and celebrate what makes each member of Team Esk unique.

We are looking forward to another fun-filled week of learning, exploring and discovering together!

Reception – Nidd & Swale

What a wonderful week we've had in Reception!

We have now moved onto our new morning routine, using our whiteboards and pens on the carpet to practise our handwriting. The children have been working hard on forming our latest phonics sounds and are becoming increasingly confident with their letter formation.



Tapestry Update

First, we want to say a huge thank you for your continued patience and understanding while we finalise the technical and administrative setups for our Tapestry online journals. Once it is up and running, we will use Tapestry each week to upload the letters and sounds we have been learning in class, along with ideas on how you can support your child at home.

Our Phonics Journey

We are thrilled to share that we have officially started our daily phonics sessions using Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. This is a wonderful, structured programme designed to help children build strong foundational reading and spelling skills.

To help you support your child's learning, Little Wandle provides fantastic online resources, including videos that show you exactly how we say the sounds in class:

- Saying sounds correctly: Children learn to pronounce "pure" sounds so they can blend them easily later on. You can watch short videos modelling these pronunciations on the Little Wandle For Parents Section.

Bringing Home Books Next Week

Next week, the children will begin bringing home two books:

1. A Sharing Storybook: This is a book chosen from our class library to enjoy together at home. When we share stories at school, we call them "snuggle stories," so we hope you enjoy snuggling up and sharing them at home too!
2. A Wordless Book: This second book has no text. Parents sometimes worry that their child isn't "really reading" with these, but in the Little Wandle approach, wordless books (sometimes called Lilac band books) are a crucial first step.



Book Bags:

If you have purchased a blue school book bag, now is the time to start bringing it to school every day. If you would like the school to provide a reading bag for you, please just let us know and we can arrange this.

Reception – Nidd & Swale

Why Wordless Books are so Valuable:

- **Getting ready for phonics:** Before children blend letters, they need to develop strong listening and looking skills. These books train them to focus deeply on visual clues.
- **Building vocabulary:** Without text, children talk more about what they see, ask questions, and use richer language to describe the pictures.
- **Understanding stories:** Children learn how books work (turning pages left to right) and how a story is built (beginnings, endings, and how characters feel).
- **Fostering confidence:** There is no "wrong" way to read a wordless book! Every child can succeed immediately, building a wonderfully positive attitude toward reading from week one.

Maths

In Maths this week, we have been learning about counting with 1:1 correspondence. We have been practising counting objects carefully, making sure we count each object just once.

We have also been learning that the last number we say when counting a set tells us how many objects there are altogether. The children have enjoyed putting this into practice with lots of practical counting activities.

Literacy

This week, we have been reading The Colour Monster and talking about the different emotions the character experiences.

We have also been applying our phonics knowledge to our writing. The children have been practising writing the letter 's' for sad and are doing a fantastic job of using the sounds they know to support their early writing.

Well done, Team Nidd and Swale! Have a wonderful weekend!

Key Stage 1 – Aire, Wharfe & Ouse



The children are still so enthusiastic and are really enjoying our topic!

This week, we have been learning all about how toys and play have changed over time. We have also been looking at how technology has developed and talking about the ways it has changed how we play, learn and have fun. The children have loved sharing their ideas and experiences!

A big thank you for continuing to read with your child at home three times a week. We really appreciate your support and it is lovely to see how much the children are enjoying their books and growing in confidence as readers.



Next week, Year 1 will be starting Phase 5 phonics! Every Friday, we will send home a phonics sheet with some fun activities for the children to complete at home. These will help to reinforce the sounds and skills we have been learning in school and give the children some extra opportunities to practise at home.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We really appreciate everything you do to support your child's learning at home.

Lower Key Stage 2 – Dove, Derwent & Foss

We have had another busy week in LKS2 this week!

This week the children worked hard to write their first independent write of the year! They wrote a setting description showing off their knowledge of adjectives, expanded noun phrases and prepositions as well as practicing their best handwriting. In History, we designed a map and key to show what physical features a prehistoric settlement would be built near. In Science, we presented data in a different way; creating pictograms to show the saturated fat content of different foods.

Coming up next week:

Creative Curriculum: We will be looking at the question: 'What was life and society like in Prehistoric Britain and how is this different to today?'

English: We will be starting a new genre of writing and writing a short story inspired by an image.

Maths: We look at 1 more or less than a given number (3 digit numbers), partitioning 3 digit numbers and applying our knowledge of addition and subtraction sentences to solve problems (eg. $456 = 400 + __ + 6$), placing 3 digit numbers on a numberline and comparing numbers (3 digits)

Y3 & Y4 PSHE: How do I stay safe on my devices?

Homework:

Children have had the opportunity to change their reading books today and should have a new book.

Reading records will be checked on a Friday but please can children bring their reading book and reading record into school with them each day (their reading records have their logins in so they might need to use them in the classroom).

A message will be sent out at a later date about spelling and maths homework.



Upper Key Stage 2 – Loxley , Calder & Humber



The children have had a productive week and are showing us what super learners they are!

Next week:

English: We will be completing our independent narratives based on the evacuation of Dunkirk.

Maths: Y5 we are continuing our learning on decimal. Y6 we are looking at properties of numbers

Curriculum: We will be finding out who were the allied and the axis forces in WW2

Science: We will be investigating the effects of friction

PSHE: Y5 We will be finding out about where to get advice and report concerns if worried about their own or someone else's personal safety (including online)

Y6 We will be learning how to seek, give, not give and withdraw consent (in all contexts, including online) and thinking about where to get advice and report concerns if worried about their own or someone else's personal safety

P.E is on Thursday and Friday.

Children need to come dressed in PE kit for the whole day.

Children need to wear a pair of plain black or navy blue jogging bottoms or shorts, a plain white t-shirt and a plain black or navy blue hoodie. Children need to wear suitable shoes for PE (trainers or plimsolls).

There will be no homework set this week.

Please encourage your child to read at least three times each week and sign their reading record. Books will be changed and reading records will be signed every Friday.



High School News



Brayton Academy

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79%

Strong Pass in English and Maths (5+)

68%

Average Attainment 8

53.4

Local Authority average attainment is 46.5

Principal's Speeches

17:30

18:30

19:30



Resilience Multi Academy Trust



COFFEE MORNINGS

We are excited to offer parents and carers of Year 6 students the opportunity to visit Brayton Academy. Join us for one of our Coffee Mornings, where you will hear from the Leadership Team and see our exceptional learning environment.

WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER - 8:45AM

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER - 8:45AM

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER - 8:45AM

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER - 8:45AM

WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER - 8:45AM

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER - 8:45AM

TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER - 8:45AM

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER - 8:45AM

(each session will last around 75 minutes)



Brayton Academy

To book your place on one of the available dates, please call us on 01757 707 731



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Autumn Open Day

Saturday 3rd October 9.30 am - 1.00 pm

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School Tours / Heads Address at 11.00 am; followed by a musical recital



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12 reasons to choose Read School

- **Small class sizes** supporting individualised teaching - whether for additional support or acceleration.
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As an inclusive school, every pupil follows a pathway shaped around individual strengths, interests and ambitions. Pupils are not removed from examinations to improve headline figures. Our outcomes are authentic, meaningful and achieved through the determination of our pupils and the care, expertise and encouragement of our staff.
- **Tranquil rural location** - 17 acres of rolling fields provide a peaceful and calm setting in which to thrive.
- **Superb enrichment programme** - Read develops happy, confident young people whose achievements and contributions outside the classroom - from cooking to sports, music to performing arts, Dungeons and Dragons and school history - are valued as much as exam results.
- **Exceptional sports programme** - the core sports of rugby, football and cricket (boys) and hockey, netball, rounders/cricket (girls) are enhanced by athletics, trampolining, tennis and badminton.
- **Football Academy** - Read school has developed an exciting and unique partnership with renowned Pontefract collieries Football club. Students will benefit from studying A Levels/ BTECs at our top independent day and boarding school whilst fully immersed in the academy developing continued footballing potential and talent.
- **Creative arts excellence** - Art, Design Technology and Food are taught alongside Music, Drama and Dance, providing a broad and rich curriculum, now enhanced by Leiths Food Academy accreditation.
- **Combined Cadet Force (Army & RAF)** - For over 100 years, our cadets have benefited from the CCF adventurous activity programme and opportunities to develop skills and exercise responsibility and leadership in a disciplined environment.
- **Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Programme** - a life enhancing experience where pupils in Y9 and above develop new talents and interests, while evolving skills and confidence. Many sixth formers go on to achieve the prestigious Gold award.
- **Languages & global mindset** - Bucking the national trend for declining uptake in languages, Read School is committed to providing an international education. Pupils at Read School study French, Spanish, German, Mandarin and Latin, benefiting from overseas trips and cultural & exchange programmes.
- **Careers orientation** - strong links with the local business community and a Read Business Network provide a solid careers orientation for pupils, with regular industry talks and visits throughout the year.
- **Boarding** offers a range of different boarding options including full, weekly and flexi boarding and builds a unique sense of community for British and overseas students.



There are a myriad of reasons to choose Read School to provide the 'best possible start' for your son or daughter's education. To find out more or to book a visit please contact headsipa@readschool.co.uk



Community News



1940S WEEKEND
26TH & 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026
10AM - 5PM
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School Drop-In Session: Supporting Healthy Relationships

Early Help are offering a drop-in session for staff working in schools and Early Years settings, focused on promoting healthy relationships and reducing parental conflict.

This session will provide practical advice, guidance, and supportive strategies for families where there may be conflict within the home or between separated parents.

Contact Steph Campbell - Parentingnorthyorks.gov.uk for more details



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Barwic Parade Hub

PARENT AND CARERS COMMUNITY MORNING

We've joined forces! Our Parent Carer group has officially partnered with Selby Town PCN. Join us for a relaxed drop-in for all parents and carers.

Upcoming dates	21st April	5th May	19th May	9:00AM- 11:30AM
	16th June	30th June	14th July	

9:00-10:00AM

Health and Wellbeing team Drop-In Session

Talk informally with us, share concerns and ask questions in a safe space.

Refreshments available

10:00-11:30AM

Carers' Resource Parent Carer Group

Connect with other parent carers in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. As well as getting to talk to our wonderful Kate and Paul about any questions or queries.

Everyone welcome

A safe space for all

Barwic Parade Hub, Petre Avenue, Selby, YO8 8DJ