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Dear parents and carers,

As your child's first year at Reading School enters its final term, we very much hope that you feel proud of their progress and development. Further, we really hope that you feel a part of the extended Reading School family.

As we continue our journey, we will soon be celebrating our 900-year anniversary in 2025 and we extend an invitation to be part of our history, heritage and culture by attending our annual 'Grandparents and Relatives Day' on Tuesday 4 July.

The event was introduced to Reading School, after a Year 10 school trip to Hutchins School in Tasmania, Australia during October 2017. When asking the Year 10s what impressed them about the culture of Hutchins School, they talked about 'Grandparents Day' - an occasion when students were allowed to invite a relative of their extended family to come and learn about the life of the School. We credit Hutchins School for inspiration to start our own tradition and, since its launch, our own Grandparents and Relatives Day' has become part of the annual school calendar and created lasting positive memories for both generations.

Our students thrive on being given opportunities to share their school lives with their family and relatives, who get the opportunity to share a sense of pride and nostalgia, being able to re-live their own school days alongside their grandchildren. In bridging the generation gap, the day provides an opportunity for different generations to interact and understand each other better along with fostering intergenerational connections.

We are therefore offering you the opportunity to invite a maximum of two of your child's grandparents or other relatives to visit the School on Tuesday 4 July to observe and participate in lessons, to enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by our Catering Team and to meet the Headmaster, Mr Ashley Robson.

Through this event, family values and our own sense of community can be shared and extended, and that the pride your child takes in his school, his relationships, his learning and his progress will be further enhanced. This sense of community can have a positive impact on the overall school environment and boost the self-esteem of students when they see their families taking an active interest in their education and school life.

We understand that attendance may not be possible for all families, but hope that a majority will benefit from this wonderful cross-generational occasion. If your family members are able to attend, please complete the registration form by [clicking here](#).

If you have any questions, please do contact Ms Lizzie Ayres by email at layres@reading-school.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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