

The Gilbert School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 7-9 Readathon sponsored read

Please find attached a letter with details of the Readathon sponsored read that we are running between Monday 10th February and Friday 7th March 2025.

This is part of the run up to our World Book Day celebrations on Thursday 6th March 2025.

All money raised will support the charity Read for Good, which provides books and storytellers to children in hospital.

The Gilbert School library has over 10,000 books available for our students to reserve and borrow, and the catalogue can be viewed using [Accessit Library](#).

Sponsorship forms will be distributed to students this week and I very much hope that your child will enjoy taking part. If you have any questions, please contact cjn@gilberd.com.

Yours faithfully

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*'The more that you read, the more things you'll know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.'*
- Dr. Seuss



Motivating kids to read

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are running a **Read for Good Readathon** and we'd love your child to join in.

It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD, 2002).

The charity **Read for Good** encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach that inspires reluctant readers to give reading a go and keen readers to read more widely. Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audiobooks to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun! And, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

The evidence from other schools is clear: teachers, parents and pupils all say that the freedom to choose what to read, combined with the knowledge that they are directly helping children in hospital, makes participation easy and compelling.

All you have to do is:

1. **Take a look at what they plan to read**, or help them complete their list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics - anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books.
2. **Help your child find sponsors among family and friends.** The easiest way to sponsor a child is at <https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor> (which family and friends can use too) or return the sponsor card with a cheque(s) or cash sent to school.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They'll be helping kids in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves, and our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total, so there really is something in it for everyone.

For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit www.readforgood.org.

Thank you for your support – helping your child to keep reading, raising and being amazing!



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