



# The Astley Cooper School

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Dear Parent/Carer

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.

Our Readathon will start on **Monday 23rd February 2026** and end on **Monday 13th April 2026**.

All Readathon sponsor cards must be returned to your child's English teacher or tutor by **Friday 17th April 2026**.

The top three sponsor cards that raise the most money will be given prizes. All participants will be given certificates for taking part in the Readathon.

For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit [www.readforgood.org](http://www.readforgood.org).

Alternatively, if you have any further questions about the Readathon, please contact me at school via email: [l.footman@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk](mailto:l.footman@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk)

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