



The Federation of St Elphege's Catholic Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may be aware, our school runs termly reading challenges with the aim encouraging a love for books amongst the children in our community. Over the past two years, we have had hundreds of children take part in each challenge with parents and guardians supporting them behind the scenes. For this, we are very grateful.

This term, our school will be running a sponsored reading event in the hope of raising money for high quality reading books in our school. You may remember, our previous sponsored read in autumn 2023 raised over £1,200; and since then, this money has been used to purchase high quality books for our EYFS, giving the youngest in our school more opportunities to read for pleasure (we were blown away by the community's generosity).

This term's reading challenge will run from Monday 24th February to Monday 10th March 2025; and we are kindly asking for parents, relatives and close family friends to sponsor your child to read as much as possible throughout this time.

On the first day back after half term, your child will learn of this sponsored read in the launch assembly for our school's annual book week. In keeping with our book week focus of Shakespeare, the sponsored reading challenge is themed around classic texts and the sponsorship passport will include some suggestions of what to read. Please note, that while it is good to encourage children to read these classic texts, the challenge is not limited to them; your child can read any high quality text that they enjoy (a good place to start looking is the recommended reading lists for each year group which are available on the school's website).

If you are able to sponsor your child, please send **all sponsorship money to your child's class teacher or to the school office** in an envelope labelled '**Sponsored Reading Challenge**' attached with the **reading log and sponsorship** form by or on Monday 10th March 2025. **Please ensure this envelope also has your child's name on it.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Jones (Y5) and Miss Dall (Y1)