



# Wath Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Readathon - March 2026**

Developing a love of reading continues to be a key aspect of our curriculum intent at Wath Academy, and we are always keen to develop new strategies to support students' reading. In celebration of World Book Day on Thursday 5 March, we are running a sponsored **Read for Good Readathon** to raise money for local children's hospitals, such as Sheffield Children's Hospital, and our school library and we would love your child to join in.

This event will start on Monday 16 March 2026 for one week. Students will be encouraged to read as much as possible within the academy day and at home. The sponsorship will help to provide a regular supply of brand-new books to major children's hospitals in the UK and school will also receive 20% of any money raised to invest in books for our school library. Further information can be found using the following link:

[Readathon - find out why you should run Readathon, and order a kit to join the fun](#)

To date, Wath Academy has raised £1,574.00 through this scheme, which has bought books for local children's hospitals.

All you have to do is:

- Take a look at what your child plans to read or help them complete their list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, audiobooks, comics, magazines, or articles. Students can also read on the new software; Sparx Reader that all students have access to and complete reading on a weekly basis.
- Help your child find sponsors among family and friends.

Students will receive a sponsor form and reading log from their form tutor. Sponsorship money can then be paid by one of the following two ways:

- Pay all sponsorship money in by ParentPay.
- Return the sponsor card with cash to school in a sealed envelope with your child's full name written on the front and hand this into reception.

All students who participate will receive a certificate, positive points towards the Golden ticket events and be entered in a prize draw within the Academy to receive National Book Tokens.

We are grateful for your support and are very excited about this opportunity to further develop students' reading skills, and enable them to become more confident, fluent readers, whilst helping other children. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [araiathatha@wathacademy.com](mailto:araiathatha@wathacademy.com) or [kboyd@wathacademy.com](mailto:kboyd@wathacademy.com)

Yours faithfully

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