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Dear Parents and Carers,

Tuesday 13th October 2026

'Reading is Fun' Sponsored Read

At St. Andrew's, we are proud to be continuing to work really hard on our reading skills and our love of reading. Now it is time to show off all that we are achieving as well as raise money for us to ensure that we have a steady supply of awesome books for our lessons, in our classrooms and in our library.

On **Friday 23rd October 2026**, we will be launching our first 'Reading is Fun' sponsored event, which will take place during the week of October half term and the week after that.

On Friday 23rd October 2026, we will mark the start of the event by inviting the children to come into school dressed as a character from any Julia Donaldson book**.**

Julia Donaldson has written many children's books each with multiple characters so there are plenty of options to choose from. Here are a few of her stories with possible costume ideas:

The Gruffalo – fox, owl, mouse, snake
What the Ladybird Heard Next – ladybird, farm animals, farmer
Paper Dolls – dolls
Freddie and the Fairy – fairy
Tiddler – sea creatures
The Singing Mermaid – mermaid
Room on the Broom – cat, witch
These are only a few of her books!

The **'Reading is Fun'** sponsored read will start as soon as the children leave school on Friday 23rd October 2026 and we would love it if all children could

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have the opportunity to spend some of the fortnight reading and raising money for more school books.

Your child will be sponsored for each book that is:

Read to them
Read by them
Read with someone else

Sponsor forms are at the bottom of this letter and will also come home with children before half-term and should then be returned to school by **Friday 13th November 2026** with any sponsor money rasied. If your child doesn't find any sponsors, it doesn't matter; we would still love for them to take part in the **'Reading is Fun'** challenge. Certificates will be given to those children who take part in the sponsored read and return their form with their sponsorship monies.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Tantrum
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'Reading is Fun' Sponsorship Form

Name of child: _____

Class: _____

Please fill in this sponsorship form to help us raise money for better and more books in our school. Remember your child is being sponsored for each book that is:

- Read to them
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Book total:	_____ books

Name of sponsor	Amount sponsored per book	Total amount paid

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Total amount enclosed: _____

Please return your form and sponsorship money to school by Friday 13th November 2026.