



Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Friends of Thomas Jones Association is hosting a readathon in celebration of World Book Day, and we'd love for your child to participate.

It's been proven that children who have participated in a readathon enjoy reading more, are more likely to read something in their free time, and are more likely to have positive attitudes towards reading.¹

Our goal in hosting a readathon is to foster a love of reading, and to raise funds for PE equipment and improvements to the Juniper room for Thomas Jones Primary School.

We would love and appreciate your support in our goals.

All you have to do is:

1. Help your child keep track of the minutes they read or are read to 13 February through 4 March on their reading logs. (Reading logs will be sent home later this week.)
2. Support your child in finding sponsors within their family and friend network. Sponsors can choose to give a one-time donation or pledge an amount per minute read.
3. Help your child to collect the donations and return them to school no later than Friday 13 March.

The readathon will run from Friday 13 February to Wednesday 4 March, any time spent reading by your child or reading to your child should be recorded.

The readathon ends on world book day, which we will be celebrating as a school.

At the end of the readathon, we will be totalling each class's reading time, and awarding a prize to the class with the most minutes read.

We are excited for this fun event and the memories it will create children at Thomas Jones. We truly appreciate your help in this - it cannot be successful without you all!

Thank you for your support!

The Friends of Thomas Jones School Association

¹ Clark, Christina. *Readathon: How Children and Young People Are Engaged and the Benefits to Reading--Findings from Our Annual Literacy Survey. National Literacy Trust Research Report.* 1 May 2018. Accessed 6 Feb. 2026.