

# Easter Reading News



## Scholastic Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair last week. The money you spent makes a tremendous difference to our ability to purchase new and exciting books to get the children enthusiastic about reading. News will follow after the Easter break on the exact amount of money raised.

## Read for Good Readathon

Just a reminder that our sponsored Readathon finishes on **Friday 19th April**.

There is still lots of opportunity for the children to earn sponsorship money over the Easter holidays simply by 'Reading for Pleasure'. The pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audiobooks to blogs, it's all about reading for fun! In addition, 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. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing how much money we have raised.

## Reading Ambassador News

Congratulations to our APPS Reading Ambassadors who work very hard at school to promote a lifelong love of reading in our children at APPS.

As part of their role, and in recognition of their hard work, the children applied for a Blue Peter Book Badge. We are delighted to announce they have all received an iconic badge which they will be able to treasure for many years to come.

Congratulations to Tanishi – Osprey, Laura – Kestrel, Axel – Red Kite, Matilda – Moorhen, Leela – Robin, Alicia – Heron, Theo – Skylark, Matilda – Jo – Swift and Toby - Swallow



## Poetry Competition

There is also a poetry competition being run by Southern, Thames Link and Great Northern Railways in collaboration with Joseph Coelho, Children's Laureate, which you may want to take part in over the Easter Break [Great Northern - Poetry in motion\(greatnorthernrail.com\)](http://greatnorthernrail.com). This spring, to encourage children to step away from screens and challenge their creativity, Joseph Coelho is launching a poetry competition. This competition is in collaboration with Southern, Thameslink and Great Northern railway networks.

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To enter, he is asking people aged between 5 and 13 years old to write a poem that is between 50 to 150 words long.

It needs to be about a place you enjoy visiting on the train with Southern, Thameslink or Great Northern railway networks, and it can also be about the place you live and want others to come and visit by train.

By entering into a national draw, 10 lucky winners will have the opportunity to have their poems displayed at stations and on trains across the network over the summer. Additionally, winners will also receive complementary return rail travel for themselves and four family members, perfect for a summer's day out!

Submissions are open from 25 March 2024 and close 23:59 on 10 May 2024.

Good luck to everyone who enters!

**Happy Easter from The English Team**

## Ideas for Easter Reading

