

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Hester's Way Primary School - wins reading for pleasure award from visiting author

**Author Beth Webb has nominated Hester's Way Primary School for a Reading for Pleasure Award, signed by Sir Philip Pullman, for promoting a love of reading.**

The award was established by the Society of Authors (SoA) to recognise the schools and individuals who are dedicated to promoting a love of reading.

Beth Webb's nomination read: *'Hester's Way Primary School faces many problems, but the teachers' sparkling enthusiasm for reading is infectious. The library is cosy and warm, full of life and colour, enabling children to catch the "book bug".'*

The SoA is a trade union for professional authors of over 10,500 members, of which Sir Philip is President. Around 11% belong to the Children's Writers and Illustrators Group (CWIG), including Beth Webb, and these authors regularly visit schools across the country delivering talks and workshops.

The SoA's Children's Writers and Illustrators Group (CWIG) is a professional community of writers and illustrators who create content for the children's publishing market, who campaign on issues related to children's literature and aim to raise the profile of children's books more generally.

#### **About the Reading for Pleasure Award:**

The Reading for Pleasure Award recognises schools and individuals up and down the country who are dedicated to promoting a love of reading amongst children. Find out more: [www.societyofauthors.org/Groups/Childrens-Writers-and-Illustrators/Reading-for-Pleasure-Award](http://www.societyofauthors.org/Groups/Childrens-Writers-and-Illustrators/Reading-for-Pleasure-Award)

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#### **About the Society of Authors:**

The Society of Authors is the UK trade union for more than 10,000 writers, illustrators and literary translators, at all stages of their careers. It has been advising individuals and speaking out for the profession since 1884. Find out more: [www.societyofauthors.org](http://www.societyofauthors.org)

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