

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN RULES 2026
LISTOWEL WRITERS' WEEK

- ✓ **NO ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED FOR OUR COMPETITIONS**
- ✓ **All Entries must be typed.** Please retain a copy, as entries submitted will NOT be returned.
- ✓ Entries submitted can be in the form of **a poem, a short story or a report on a real or fictional sporting event**
- ✓ No critique of entries shall be given due to the high volume of entries received.
- ✓ Acknowledgement of receipt of entries cannot be sent out due to the high volume of entries received.
- ✓ Submissions can be made online at [Listowel Writers' Week | Competitions \(writersweek.ie\)](https://writersweek.ie) or by post to Children's Competition, 24 The Square, Listowel, Co. Kerry V31RD93.
- ✓ When submitting online please upload the document in a pdf or word document format. When submitting your file please include a sheet with your name, date of birth, school, class or year and contact details.
- ✓ Please submit your name, date of birth, school, class or year, and contact details on a separate sheet when submitting by post.
- ✓ Entry is **free of charge**.
- ✓ **One entry per category per person** may be submitted for the competitions.
- ✓ Entries may be on public display during Writers' Week 2026.
- ✓ The adjudicators' verdict is final, and no correspondence shall be entered into regarding individual competition entries. Winners **only** will be notified due to the high volume of entries received.
- ✓ We emphasise that we are **looking for content rather than grammar and punctuation**.
- ✓ You do not need to meet the total word count/line count.
- ✓ Entries will be **accepted in all languages** but **must be accompanied by an English translation**.
- ✓ **Closing date is the 30th April 2026.**
- ✓ For further information please contact competitionslistowel@gmail.com or by post to Listowel Writers Week Office, 24 The Square, Listowel, Co. Kerry V31RD93.

Word Count Limits

Age Group	Short Story	Poem	Report on a real or fictional sporting event. Secondary School entries only.
Juniors – 1 st Class	Max 500 words	Max 70 lines	n/a
2 nd – 4 th Class	Max 500 words	Max 70 lines	n/a
5 th – 6 th Class	Max 1,000 words	Max 70 lines	n/a
1 st Year – 3 rd Year	Max 1,000 words	Max 70 lines	Max 1,000 words
4 th – 6 th Year	Max 1,000 words	Max 70 lines	Max 1,000 words

Prizes will be awarded in each age category for short story, poem and report on a sporting event.

Primary School Prizes: Winner €25 2 runners up €15 each

Secondary School Prizes: Winner €50 2 runners up €25 each

Best of luck from all the team at Writers' Week!