CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN RULES 2027
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.
- ✓ There are two separate competitions in each age category: Poem and Short Story.
- ✓ **Entries must be the original work of the entrant**. AI-generated content, whether wholly or partially created using artificial intelligence tools, will not be accepted.
- ✓ 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) or by post to Children's Competition, Listowel Writers' Week, 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.
- ✓ 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 28th February 2027**

- ✓ For further information please contact competitionslistowel@gmail.com or by post to Listowel Writers Week Office, 24 The Square, Listowel, Co. Kerry V31RD93.

Age Categories & Word Limits

Age Group	Short Story	Poem
Juniors – 1st Class	Max 500 words	Max 70 lines
2nd – 4th Class	Max 500 words	Max 70 lines
5th – 6th Class	Max 1,000 words	Max 70 lines
1st Year – 3rd Year	Max 1,000 words	Max 70 lines
4th –6th Year	Max 1,000 words	Max 70 lines

Prizes will be awarded in each age category for short story and poem

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!