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BBC 500 Words Writing Competition

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the half term, we would like your child to take part in the annual **BBC 500 words story writing competition**. Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves. **They can enter their stories into the 5-7 or 8–11-year-old categories.**

The rules of the competition

All 500 Words stories **must**:

- Be 500 words or less (title is not included in the number)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be a story, and not a poem or a rap.

Stories **must not**:

- Give any personal details of the child, including their name
- Recount an historical event (but they can use a real person or historical character as a source of inspiration)
- Be created, written or developed by AI

The stories will be judged on plot, character, language used, originality and how enjoyable it is to read.

Prizes

- Each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library.
- 50 finalists will be invited to a grand final at **Windsor Castle** in February 2026
- Each winner will also see their story be read aloud by a superstar celebrity on TV, which will be shown as part of a special 500 Words programme with **The One Show**.

All entries must be **submitted online** at www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words by **Friday 7th November 2025**. There is further information about the competition on attached website.

I want to wish you the best of luck with your entries. Get writing!

**Yours sincerely,
Ms To**

Headteacher: Ms Sarah L. Bolt

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