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## BBC 500 Words Competition

Dear Parents/Carers

The Year 6 children have been writing some short stories that we would like to submit to the BBC 500 words competition. Entry is via an online form on the BBC website in which I will be submitting the story on behalf of the entrant and will be asked to provide the entrant's name, gender, region and their age.

**In order to submit their entries, we must have parental consent. You can provide this via Arbor (notices section > BBC 500 words) or contact the school office in writing (email or letter) as we may be asked to prove consent if your child is successful. If we do not receive consent by Friday 24th October, or you decline consent, your child's entry will not be submitted.**

There are two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11 year-olds**. All children need to do is write a fictional story they would love to read in 500 Words or less. You can find out more about the competition on their website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

### Prizes:

Supported by Her Majesty The Queen, the grand final will take place in February 2026 and 50 finalists will be invited, along with a parent or carer. Each winner in both age categories will take home a bundle of books:

- Gold winning stories win the height of Sir Lenny Henry in books
- Silver win the height of Her Majesty The Queen in books
- Bronze winners win the average height of a child relevant to their age category in books
- The gold winners in both categories will win 500 books for their school library.
- The six winning stories will also receive an illustration from one of the best children's illustrators in the UK.

We hope to put forward lots of entries, so we can share our amazing writing talents!

Good luck everyone who is taking part!

Miss Brown

English Coordinator

