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BBC 500 Words Competition

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the next few weeks, the Year 6 children will be 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 Monday 2nd November, 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:

The grand final will take place in March 2027 and finalists will be invited, along with a parent or carer. Each winner in both age categories will take home **National Book Token** to spend on books of their choice:

- Gold winners - £75 voucher plus 500 books for their school library
- Silver winners - £50 voucher
- Bronze winners - £25 voucher

The top 50 entrants (25 from each category) will have their story **recorded** and **published** on the 500 Words website.

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

Good luck everyone who is taking part!

Mrs Smith

English Lead

