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Rotary Young Writer Competition

Please forgive the rather impersonal nature of this letter but along with other members of the Rotary Club of Ashby Castle we are all busy with events such as the Santa Sleigh and our annual Santa Fun Run (as well as all our other service and charity fund raising activities!)

I'm sure that you and your staff are all equally busy in the run-up to Christmas! I used to be a teacher myself and later worked as Clerk to Governors in two local primary schools

Despite this I hope you will be able to find a few moments to consider encouraging your pupils to enter this competition. In recent years local schools have progressed to the district and national levels of the competition

The details of the 2026-27 Young Writer competition are as follows:

- Participants can choose to write a fiction or non-fiction story or poem on the theme of 'Friendship'
- A story should be a maximum of 550 words, typed or legibly written but without pictures
- Poems should be a maximum of 40 lines
- All entries will receive certificates and pens
- The top three entries in each category will also receive generous prizes of book tokens or Amazon Vouchers
- The winning entries will go forward to the district level of the competition, where further prizes will be awarded to the winning entries. In recent years schools from the Ashby area have progressed to the District and National rounds of the competition
- The closing date for entries is Friday 28th February 2027. Entries will be collected week commencing 1st March 202

I have attached an individual entry form for you to copy. Perhaps you might like to suggest this as a holiday task

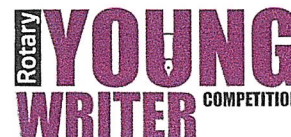
If you require any further information please to not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

M Smith

Michael Smith
Ashby Castle Rotary Club

Rotary GB&I Official Entry Form 2026-27



Entry Form 2026-27

Please read the Rotary Young Writer Information Pack before completing this form. By signing this form, you confirm you have read, understood and agreed to the contents of the Information Pack and Privacy Notice overleaf. **Please note, this official entry form, once completed, will be used for all stages of the competition.** Please return this form to the **competition organiser** you received it from and by the date they have specified.

Entrant's Name: (please type or use CAPITAL letters)	Age on 31 st Aug 2026:
Phonetic Pronunciation of Name:	*Preferred pronouns: she/her he/him they/them
*School/College/Community Organisation/Private Entry:	Contact Name:
	Email:
IMPORTANT Contact details for outside school term time (if different) from above	Contact Name:
	Email:
Please tick category being entered:	
Junior ☐ Intermediate ☐ Senior ☐	
To be completed by Entrant only: ☐ I, the named Entrant, confirm that this entry is entirely my own original work. I have not copied it, and I have not used AI or any app, tool or platform to create, edit, enhance or generate any part of it. I understand that copied or AI generated entries will be disqualified.	

Please provide a brief sentence below describing the relationship of the writing to the theme. This is required for an entry to be considered

Theme: Friendship

Entrant's Contact Details

(only to be completed by Entrant if they are 18 years of age at the time of signing this form and legally eligible to give consent)

Entrant's Email:	Entrant's Tel No:
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Rotary Details

Sponsored by Rotary Club of: Ashby de la Zouch Castle	District Number: 1070
Rotarian Contact Name: Mike Smith	Email: westhallsmith@yahoo.co.uk
	Tel No: 01530 411862

Note that copyright remains with the writer but submission authorises Rotary to use it for promotional purposes.

Entrants under the age of 18 when this form is completed or who are 18 years of age and over but not legally eligible to give consent, must get a parent/guardian signature to give permission for the following. If the Entrant is 18 years of age, and legally eligible to give consent, when this form is completed, they are giving permission themselves:-

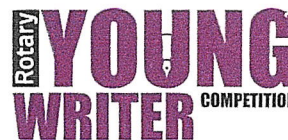
- for the named Entrant to take part and be identified in the competition.
- for the information on this form to be used for all stages of the competition (should the Entrant progress) and shared in accordance with the Privacy Notice with appropriate competition organisers at each stage.

By signing this form, you are also acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Privacy Notices referred to on the reverse of this form in respect of the use of personal information.

Official photography and videos may be made for publicity including Rotary clubs, districts, clusters and Rotary GB&I websites, social media, member magazines and may be shared with the media. Please tick the appropriate box below.	
Agree ☐	Disagree ☐

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Parent/Guardian Contact Details

(only to be completed by Parent/Guardian if Entrant is a minor, under the age of 18 years of age at the time of signing this form)

Parent/Guardian's Email:	Parent/Guardian's Tel No:
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*Parent/Guardian/Entrant (Print Name):	**Signature:	Date:
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**delete as appropriate*

***Entrant may only sign this form if they are 18 years of age on the date the Entry Form is signed*

Privacy Notice – Rotary Youth Competitions & Awards

[For the purpose of this privacy notice, Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland (Rotary GB&I) also includes Rotary clubs and districts and their members. The use of the term 'you', 'your' also means that of the Entrant/Nominee where the competition/award Nominee is a minor, i.e. under the age of 18 years or 18 years of age and over but not legally eligible to give consent].

Members of Rotary GB&I ("we") value the trust you put in us to process your personal information and will always be open and honest about the information we collect and how we will use it.

The Rotary GB&I Privacy Notice is available on our website, <https://www.rotarygbi.org/privacy-policy/>, and explains how we collect, process and share personal information. This Privacy Notice for the Rotary Youth Competitions & Awards is supplementary to the general Rotary GB&I Privacy Notice and explains in more detail how you can expect your personal information to be specifically used in relation to the Rotary Youth Competitions and Awards.

How we use your personal information for Rotary Youth Competitions & Awards

1. We are collecting your personal information (and that of the Entrant/Nominee if a minor, or not legally eligible, to give consent) for the organisation and administration of the Youth Competitions & Awards. Initially, this will be at a club or regional level, but should the nominee be identified as a winner, or in the case of the Rotary Young Citizen Awards, be endorsed by a Rotary club for submission to Rotary GB&I, the information will also be shared with relevant national organisers. Those individuals and organisations that have access to personal information are also bound by the Rotary GB&I Privacy Notice.
2. The first name and image of the entrant may be used for publicity purposes, e.g. the national final programme, the Awards Presentation Ceremony programme, press releases and Rotary GB&I websites, social media platforms and magazine. You may also be contacted by Rotary public image officers who will discuss with you any media opportunities, e.g. interviews and videos, at any stage of the competition or part of the awards process. Where the nominee is a minor, or not legally eligible to give consent, only the parent/guardian will be contacted.

Providing your personal information to others for Rotary Youth Competitions & Awards

3. Your personal information will only be shared with others that require it for their role/the services they provide for the organisation and administration of the Rotary Youth Competitions & Awards events.
4. Depending on the Rotary Youth Competition/Award, it may be necessary to share information with third parties such as providers of venue hire and catering services. Under such circumstances only the minimum amount of information for the third-party service will be provided, e.g. for caterers, only the name and allergy/special dietary requirement will be disclosed, no other information. Third parties, including providers of venue hire and catering services, are subject to the same legislation and privacy guidelines.

Retaining and deleting your personal information

5. All Rotary clubs and districts are expected to store personal information securely. Details of which are available from your local club and district. Personal data will only be shared with those who have a legitimate reason to have access to it, in relation to the organisation and administration of the competitions/awards.
6. For all Rotary Youth Competitions & Awards, personal information will be kept for three months after the date of the national final or event for that specific competition/award. After this date, the information will be securely destroyed (either by shredding, incineration or deletion from electronic devices) at club, district and national level. This timeframe is necessary to allow for any disputes to be settled before personal information is destroyed. Please note: shared images and information for press releases may still exist within news outlets. We do not have control over those external organisations.

By signing the front of this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Privacy Notices in respect of the use of personal information for yourself (or on behalf of the child or person over 18 who is not legally eligible to give their own consent, where applicable).

This form must be passed on to the organisers of the next stage of the competition for winning entries.

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Please tick below to indicate entry to each stage of the competition.

Club	☐	District Preliminary Stage	☐	District	☐	Cluster	☐	National	☐
		(if applicable)							