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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Oxfordshire Libraries are delighted to announce that the 'Oxfordshire Libraries Short Story Competition', which some of you may recognise from previous years, will relaunch on **Monday 14 September 2026**.

The competition provides a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their creative writing skills, which they practise in school, while exploring their imagination at home and in their own time.

It encourages pupils to tell their own stories, write for enjoyment, and share their creativity. They could even become a published author as the winning entries in each category will be published as an **eBook**, available for Oxfordshire Libraries members to borrow during 2027! What an achievement!



All the family can get involved as there are three age categories for the competition. They are as follows:

Children: 7 – 11 years old

Young adult: 12 – 17 years old

Adult: 18 years old and above

Children's stories can be up to 1000 words. Stories by young adults and adults can be up to 3000 words. The competition is free to enter, and entries can be submitted **from Monday 14 September 2026**. The closing date is **Sunday 15 November 2026**. To enter your story, complete the online form before the competition's closing date. The entry form will be available on this webpage from Monday 14 September 2026. Entries from children and young adults, up to and including 17-year-olds, will need parent or carer consent to accompany their entry.

Full terms and conditions, together with instructions on how to submit entries, as well as entry requirements can be found on the Oxfordshire Libraries website:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition

We would be so proud of every Chesterton entry, and we would love to hear from your children if they participate so that we can recognise their efforts during one of our Celebration Worship.

Kind Regards,

Miss Baxter and Mrs Salter

English Curriculum Leads

