



Royal Mint Museum short story competition

Competition Terms and Conditions

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The promoter of this competition is The Royal Mint Museum of The Royal Mint, Llantrisant, Pontyclun, United Kingdom CF72 8YT (**The Royal Mint Museum**).
2. This competition is in no way sponsored, endorsed, or administered by, or associated with Facebook, X, Instagram, or any other social media platform used by The Royal Mint Museum as part of the Competition.
3. The competition opens on 16th February 2026 at 00:00hrs GMT and closes on 17th April 2026 at 23:59hrs GMT. Any entries received before the opening or after the closing dates/times will not be included and no correspondence will be entered into.
4. Entries will be judged using the following criteria
 - Concept
 - Originality
 - Relevance to subject
 - Enjoyment
5. The first round will be judged by the staff of the Royal Mint Museum who will each receive an anonymised selection of stories. From these they will select a shortlist of 18 entries.
6. The final round of the competition will be carried out by a competition judge. In this round the judge will be sent the 18 shortlisted entries, from which they will choose the winning story.
7. Winners will be notified via their school unless on entry it is specified that contact be made differently.
8. The overall winner will receive a 2026 half-sovereign gold proof coin, £5,000 worth of vouchers for equipment and books for their school or local library and a framed copy of their winning entry illustrated by a professional artist. There will be a second prize of a 2026 silver sovereign, £2,000 worth of vouchers for equipment and books for a school or local library. Third prize is a 2026 silver sovereign, £1,000 worth of vouchers for equipment and books for their school or local library. There will be a further 5x runners up prizes of brilliant uncirculated colour coins and 10x highly commended prizes of brilliant uncirculated coins. All schools must be an Ofsted, Education Inspectorate, Estyn or HMIe registered school to qualify for the award. If the winner is home schooled, then prize vouchers will be donated to a public library of their choice.
9. Once the winner, runners-up and highly commended entrants have been notified, they will have one week from the time of the first contact with the Royal Mint Museum to respond claiming their prize and confirming their address for delivery. If the winner fails to claim the

prize, or chooses not to claim it, the prize will be forfeited, and a new winner drawn from the final four runner-up entries. If a runner-up entrant fails to claim their prize, or chooses not to claim it, their prize will be forfeited, and a new highly commended entrant will be chosen to receive the prize. If a highly commended entry fails to claim their prize or chooses not to claim it then no new highly commended entry will be chosen.

10. Due to the volume of entries it is not possible to acknowledge receipt of entries or to notify all entrants regarding the results of the competition. Only prize-winning entries will be contacted.
11. To enter this competition, you must write a short story of no more than 500 words on the specified topic. You must submit your entry on our website or post it to: Short Story Competition, The Royal Mint Museum, The Royal Mint, Llantrisant, Pontyclun, United Kingdom CF72 8YT, along with a signed paper copy of these terms and conditions.
12. Entries may be submitted in any language; however, entries will be translated into English for the purposes of judging.
13. The adult submitting the entrant's story, will be required to approve the entry and agree to these Rules (including the Royal Mint Museum's use of the story submitted and the fictional nature of the story) on behalf of the entrant, by way of a checkbox in our online form. The adult may be the child's parent, guardian, or teacher. The adult must provide their own contact and personal details (not the child's). Teachers submitting stories on behalf of pupils should seek parental permission and if requested by the Royal Mint Museum, provide evidence of permission in the event of an enquiry or complaint.
14. By agreeing to these terms and conditions the adult responsible for the entrant agrees that the name, age, school, and photographs of the winner, 'highly commended,' and 'runners- up' can be shared publicly with media, on The Royal Mint Museum website and on the Royal Mint Museum social media channels.
15. The winner may be asked to participate in any related publicity to the prize and/or asked to write a review of the prize.
16. The Royal Mint Museum takes no responsibility for entries that are lost, delayed, misdirected or incomplete or cannot be delivered or entered for any technical or other reason. Proof of posting or delivery of the entry is not proof of receipt.
17. Each entry submitted will be retained by The Royal Mint Museum and entrants will not have any right of return. The winning story will be published, and the entry will become part of The Royal Mint Museum collection.
18. Entries must be the author's own work, must not be copied from someone else and must not contain any third-party materials, AI and/or content that you do not have permission to use. Entrants warrant that they own the copyright as its author. If another person has assisted in preparing their story, they warrant that they have received an assignment of all associated intellectual property rights from that person. We may ask to see evidence of that assignment at any time.
19. Entrants hereby grant The Royal Mint Museum a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide right and licence to use, reproduce, modify, adapt and publish their story in electronic format or hard copy and for purposes connected with the competition, and to adapt the story to enable such publication (including to edit it for such purposes), and entrants hereby irrevocably waive, for the benefit of The Royal Mint Museum, all moral rights in the entry to which the entrant maybe entitled. Entrants retain the copyright in their entries but their parent or guardian grants to the Royal Mint Museum a perpetual non-exclusive royalty-free licence to publish, broadcast (across all media) and post the entry online and on any other platforms yet to be envisaged. This licence will be deemed to include all the necessary rights and permissions to enable such use by the Royal Mint Museum, to fulfil the prizes and to complete the administration of this competition.

19. The competition is only open to residents of the United Kingdom and Channel Islands who are also schooled in an Ofsted, Education Inspectorate, Estyn or HMLe registered school or are home schooled in the United Kingdom and who are aged between eight and eleven years, inclusive.
20. Each school may submit an unlimited number of stories. Entries are limited to one per child.
21. There is no cash alternative, and the prize is non-refundable, non-negotiable, and non-transferable.
22. The Royal Mint Museum reserves the right to replace the prize with an alternative prize of equal or higher value if circumstances beyond The Royal Mint Museum's control makes it necessary to do so.
23. Competition entry is not conditional to consenting to marketing.
24. Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions and agreed to be bound by them when they are entered into the competition.
25. All decisions made by The Royal Mint Museum relating to this competition are final and binding.
26. Under no circumstances will The Royal Mint Museum be responsible for any loss, damages, costs, or expenses arising from or in any way connected with any errors, defects, interruptions, malfunctions, or delays in the promotion of the competition or acceptance of the prize.
27. The Royal Mint Museum will not be responsible, unless required by law, for any loss, changes, costs, or expenses which may arise in connection with this competition.
28. The Royal Mint Museum can cancel or alter the competition at any stage.
29. The information submitted in the competition entry are for the following purposes: to enter the competition; so that we can contact you to inform you of the outcome of the competition; so that we can contact you regarding any publicity requests; so that we may reach you via social media platforms; and as a method of contact for any future promotions relating to the competition.
30. Personal data supplied during this promotion will only be processed as set out in The Royal Mint Museum's [Privacy Policy](#).
31. The competition will be governed by English and Welsh law and entrants to the competition submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English and Welsh courts.

Declaration – This form must accompany your entry if submitting by post only.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agreed to abide by the terms and conditions of the Royal Mint Museum short story competition. I confirm that if a story is chosen as the winner, runner up or highly commended, I will provide a photograph of the winner and their prize for use on the Royal Mint Museum website, socials, and press release. I confirm that permission is granted to use the child's name, age and school in public content celebrating the winning entries.

Entrant's name(s):

Entrant's school name and address:

Name of adult responsible for the entrant/s (printed):

Signature of adult responsible for the entrant/s:

Number of stories entered:

Contact email address:

Contact telephone number:
