



ISA

Young
Storytellers
Competition



Open to EYFS - KS2

Students are invited to write a story
on the theme: My Magic Pencils

DEADLINE

Tuesday 21 April 2026

Competition open to ISA Members' schools only
Visit the ISA website for more information

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ISA Arts invites EYFS and KS2 students to use their imagination and write a short story together. The most creative and exciting stories will be selected as winners. Each of the winners will have their stories published in a book. This competition provides an opportunity for ISA Member schools to encourage young children to work together on a creative project. The skills that they might use/develop include listening, generating and sharing ideas, planning a story, using new vocabulary, group decision making and working as a team.

Eligibility

Only schools whose Head is a Member with ISA are eligible to enter ISA competitions. Any pupils competing must be on the main school's admissions register, on the date of the event.

Open to EYFS to Year 6. Our year groups are based on the UK national curriculum, for more information and to check the correct year group for your students see [here](#). Please ensure you enter pupils according to the UK system, even if your own school's age group system differs.

Stories must be a collaborative endeavour by a class or smaller group of pupils (minimum of two) and typed up by a teacher/staff member. The same pupil cannot be entered in more than one group. We encourage schools to run their own competition in house and submit their successful entries in the competition.

At ISA, we are committed to making our opportunities accessible, we welcome applications from all pupils, including those with learning difficulties or disabilities. If your pupil(s), those with an EHCP or on the school's SEND register, are working at a level that differs from their age group's key stage, or if your school or student focuses on development and skills rather than year groups, please contact us.

Alternative formats of these guidelines are available on request. Please notify us at the earliest opportunity so we can provide the document accordingly, if required.

Year Groups

Schools can submit a maximum four entries per year group. Schools are invited to create a story of no more than 250 words long under the theme 'My Magic Pencils'.
(Please note that some year groups might be combined for the judging process).

- EYFS
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6

Schools must submit one piece of artwork to illustrate their story. The artwork must be produced by pupils in the same age category as the rest of the group and it must fit on one A4 page. Please ensure the image is high quality as successful entries will be published in a book.

How to enter

Submit your entry via the form [here](#) by **Tuesday 21 April 2026** at the latest.

- Organise one or two sessions for your class or group to write their story. Encourage your students to discuss what will happen in each line of the story and write down their ideas.
- Each story must have a title and not exceed 250 words.
- Stories can be written in any language, provided an English translation is given.
- Your story must be attached as a Word doc or PDF (must be typed, not handwritten and fit on one A4 side)
- Please name your file with the school name followed by the group name e.g. SchoolName - Class1

If you have any questions, please contact isaarts@isaschools.org.uk