



Open to EYFS - KS2

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Competition open to ISA Members' schools only
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ISA Minibeast Competition 2026 Rules and Guidelines



This competition encourage curiosity about nature and biodiversity, observation, creativity, and teamwork. It gives children the chance to explore and learn about minibeasts such as insects, spiders, worms, and snails.

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 KS2. 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.

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 of four entries per year group category. Artworks can be made by individuals or groups. We encourage schools to run a competition in house first and submit their best entries. 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

How to enter

Entries must be submitted via the online entry form on the ISA website here by Wednesday 20 May 2026

- You must submit a JPEG photograph of your entries
- All files must be named in the following format: school name followed by the pupil or group name e.g. SchoolName JohnSmith

Rules

- Artwork must represent a real creature (any animals are welcome) made from any material.
- Artworks can be created in any 2D or 3D medium.
- Entries must include a fact sheet (template provided on our website).

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- Each piece must be the children's own work. Supervision and assistance, for younger children, is allowed.
- Artwork must have been produced within 12 months of the competition deadline. All entries must be submitted based on the pupil's age and year group at the time of creation.

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