ISA Young Storytellers Competition 2026 – Results

Judged by Alex Atkinson

EYFS (*in no particular order*):

Perfect party planning trophy: for the excellent birthday celebration –

Gatehouse School, RC Class

Best teacher transformations: for the unicorn teaching maths and the cheetah teacing phonics –

Thornton College, Reception

Most fabulous location: for their rainforest adventure –

Parsons Green Prep School, Reception

Best robotic helper: for helping defeat Nian and assisting with homework –

Steephill School, Sienna H, Reception

Great use of dialogue: for advancing the plot –

The Gower School, Les Hiboux

Fantastic descriptive language: loved the purring stripy grey cat called Thomas –

Thorpe Hall School, Reception

Most creative way to make tea: for drawing hot dogs and chips and then magically making them real –

Wilmslow Prep School, Reception

Key Stage 1 (*in no particular order):*

Laugh out loud award: for hilarious and ghoulish test avoidance –

Demetae Academy Novantee

Best baddie: love the idea of evil felt tips –

Gatehouse School, 1L

Story shape award: a lovely tight, story structure –

Old Vicarage School, Year 1

Best cliffhanger ending: will the pencils continue to behave? –

Old Vicarage School, Year 2 - Group 1

Most adventurous: for transporting the reader to Stone Land and a jungle –

Parsons Green Prep School, Year 1B

Best character: for creating the fabulous and very wise Pencil Elf –

Salterford House, Year 1

Pet creation: for Nibbles –

The Gower School, Les Etoiles de Mer - Year 1

Imagination award: for taking magic pencils in a new and original direction –

Thorpe Hall, Class 2V

Wackiest animal creations: for the elephant with monkey arms and the strange phone animal –

Wilmslow Prep School, Prep 2

Vivid writing trophy: for lovely descriptive writing –

St Wystan School, Form 2

Key Stage 2 *(in no particular order):*

Voice masters award: for giving funny and unique points of view for differently coloured pencils –

Copthill School, Y6 G – C

Heartwarming tale: for showing how stories and writing can connect people –

Copthill School, Y6 L – N

Pencil pals prize: for creating a lovely friendship between a boy and his pencil –

Gatehouse School, Y3 - 1 (Ethan & Teddy)

Cliffhanger ending: will Gerald save the world? –

Gatehouse School, Y4 - 2 (Griffin & Dash)

Imagery accolade: for beautiful descriptive writing –

Gatehouse School, Y6- 3 (Salome 6F)

Best story written in first person –

Old Vicarage School, Y3

Embracing difference trophy: for a great story with a positive message –

Old Vicarage School, Y5&6

Most believable character: for skilfully showing Joey's emotions –

Parsons Green Prep School, Y6

Adrenaline Award: for starting with a plane crash in a jungle. I want to read more! –

The Gower School, Les Aigles Imperiaux, Group 1 Form 3

Best Battle: for showing that the pen(cil) is mightier than the sword –

The Gower School, Les Rennes, Group 1 Y5