



Stannington Story Festival: **MAGIC WORDS** Story Competition

Open to all children in the age range 5 to 11 years

Closing date: Sat 25th Sep 2018. Competition theme: **MAGIC**

ENTRY FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY AN ADULT WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR NAMED ENTRANT

Name (writer of story):

Home address:

POST CODE:

Date of birth:

Word count:

Title of story:

Name of adult completing form:

Relationship to named entrant:

Signature of adult:

Telephone number of adult:

Email address of adult:

Please tick this box* to indicate you understand and accept that the story submitted with this entry form may be included in an anthology published by Stannington Library after the competition closes.

**Entries where the above box is left empty will not be considered for the competition.*

Completed entry forms should be returned together with a completed story to Stannington Library, Uppergate Road, Stannington S6 6BX, either by hand or by post, or by email to stanningtonstoryfestival@gmail.com

Posted or hand-delivered entries should be placed in sealed envelopes with **MAGIC WORDS** clearly visible on the outside. Email submissions should state **MAGIC WORDS** in the subject line. In the case of email submissions, hand-written stories should be scanned and submitted either in PDF, JPG or PNG format.

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Terms and Conditions

- A** Submissions must be no longer than 500 words. There is no minimum length. The title is not to be included in the word count.
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- B** All stories submitted must address the competition theme MAGIC. Beyond that, there are no restrictions.
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- C** The competition is specifically a story competition. Stories submitted with accompanying pictures will be considered as part of the competition. *Pictures will form no part of the judging criteria or process.*
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- D** All submissions must be predominantly in English.
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- E** All submissions must be the original work of the writer, must not have been published elsewhere before the closing date of the competition and must be accompanied by a completed copy of this entry form. *Entries accompanied by an incomplete entry form will not be considered in the competition.*
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- F** Submissions must not contain anything defamatory, obscene, illegal or otherwise inappropriate.
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- G** All submissions will be judged anonymously. *To achieve this, it is important that the name of the writer should not be included in the entry in anyway, either on the document or in the story. Stories in which the writer can be clearly identified will not be considered.*
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- H** Deadline for submissions is 9.30 am on Monday 20th August 2018. Submissions received after the closing date/time will not be considered.
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- I** The age of entrants must fall within the following range – born on or before 31st August 2013 and no earlier than 1st September 2007. Stories from children who in Academic Year 2017/18 were in Y1 or Y2 classes will be entered in the PRIMARY competition. Children in Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6 during 2017/18 will be entered in the JUNIOR competition.
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- J** All stories submitted will be considered by a preliminary panel before inclusion on the shortlists submitted to judges. All stories will be read by at least two people selected from amongst Stannington Library's volunteers.
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- K** All shortlisted stories will be read by the judging panel according to a set of criteria which will be available in Stannington Library or on www.stanningtonlibrary.com.
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- L** Any attempt to lobby or influence library volunteers and/or competition judges in respect of any entry will result in disqualification.
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- M** The judges' decision is final and no individual correspondence can be entered into.
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- N** Prizes will be awarded to winners in each age category (PRIMARY and JUNIOR) as follows: First Place – £25 Waterstones voucher (one in each category, sponsored by Stannington tenants & Residents Association), Second Place - £15 Waterstones voucher (one in each category), Third Place - £10 Waterstones voucher (one in each category)
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- O** All shortlisted stories will be included in an anthology published after the competition. *It is therefore a condition of entry in the competition that permission to include any story submitted is given.*
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- P** Details of this anthology will be circulated on publication to the families of all writers included, and to the general public.
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- Q** Copyright in all stories submitted will nevertheless remain with the writer.
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- R** Stories entered in the competition cannot be returned, so entrants are encouraged to keep a copy for their own use.
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- S** Only one submission per person will be accepted. *If multiple submissions are received from the same individual, only the first one received will be considered.*
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- T** SUBMISSION OF AN ENTRY WILL BE TAKEN TO INDICATE ACCEPTANCE OF ALL THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE RULES MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.