

PRIMARY SCHOOLS



Interfaith Week 2025 Poetry Competition



9-16 NOVEMBER 2025

Theme:

Community: Together We Serve

Does community mean the same to all of us?

Deadline for submissions:

Friday 28 November 2025



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- Theme: **Does community mean the same to us all?**
- Your thoughts: Does community mean the same to us all?
What are the different ways that people can serve others?
- We want you to demonstrate an understanding of at least one of the key concepts (community, togetherness, service) from your own and one other perspective in your poem, following reflection of the activities you have completed as part of the Interfaith Week learning journey.

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- Any type you choose!
- You might choose:
 - a rhyming poem
 - a free verse poem (which does not rhyme)
 - an acrostic, a kenning, a shape poem or another type of poem

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- Use the Interfaith Week website (www.ifw4schools.co.uk) for resources and inspiration
- Consider the activities on the key concepts of community, togetherness and service that you have looked at as part of your Interfaith Week journey

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- Many Humanists support charities for a better world





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- Do you or your family help others?
- Why do you do it?
- Is it part of your culture or belief?
- How does it make you feel?

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Helping others can:

- Make you feel proud and happy
- Bring people together
- Give you a sense of purpose
- Help you to learn about others

Include your feelings in the poem!

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✓ It is a response to the question:

Does community mean the same to us all?

✓ You consider your own perspective and at least one other

✓ You reflect an activity from the learning journey

✓ It is creative and easy to understand

✓ It is no more than 10 lines

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- Check out the Interfaith Week website (www.ifw4schools.co.uk) for inspiration and resources
- Write your poem and give it to your teacher
- You can decorate your page, handwrite or complete on a computer
- Your school will choose one winner from:
 - KS1 (Years 1–2)
 - KS2 (Years 3–6)
- Deadline: **Friday 28th November**

Your teacher will email the one winning entry and complete an online entry form.

Judges and prizes

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- We have a brilliant team of judges from our team of partners who will judge the poems, alongside the Faith & Belief Forum team
- There will be certificates, individual prizes and prizes for the schools
- Prize winners will be contacted in January 2026

Good luck, Poets!

- Together, we can make the world a better place!
- Use your words to show the power of community

We can't wait to read your poems!