

SECONDARY SCHOOLS



Interfaith Week 2025 Poetry Competition



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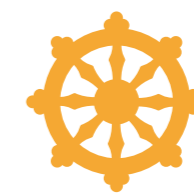
Theme:

Community: Together We Serve

Does community mean the same to all of us?

Deadline for submissions:

Friday 28 November 2025



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This is a chance for YOU to write a poem for Interfaith Week!

- Theme: **Does community mean the same to us all?**
- 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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Examples of service include:

- Volunteering at food banks
- Helping neighbours or friends
- Picking up litter
- Fundraising for a cause
- Donating clothes or food

Think about your own experiences and what matters to you.

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- A time when you helped someone
- A person or group that inspires you
- A belief or teaching that encourages service
- A community coming together during hard times
- A vision of a better, kinder future

Use the Interfaith Week website (www.ifw4schools.co.uk) for resources and inspiration

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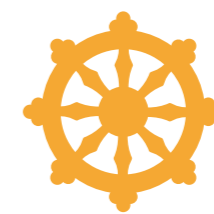
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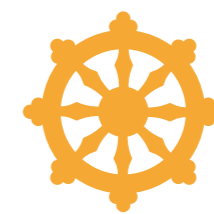


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Does your poem connect to any of these ideas?



Family, Culture and Beliefs

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Think about your own experiences:

- Have your family influenced how you view service?
- Do you volunteer, give, or support others?
- Is helping others linked to your culture, belief or tradition?

Use your voice – your background matters!

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- It connects us to others
- It improves our mental wellbeing
- It gives us purpose and perspective

Think about how you felt after helping someone

Poetry, Style & Freedom

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You can write in any style:

- Free verse
- Rhymed poetry
- Spoke or slam
- Narrative or reflective

Max length: 30 lines

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- What does community mean to you?
- Who inspires you to help others?
- How do different beliefs teach service?
- What emotions come with helping or being helped?

Your Checklist!

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Before you send the poem, check:

- ✓ 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 30 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:
 - KS3 (years 7–9)
 - KS4 (Years 10–11)
- Deadline: **Friday 28th November**

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

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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

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This is your chance to:

- Share your story
- Reflect on your beliefs
- Make your voice heard

We can't wait to read your poems!