

# Interfaith Week 2025 Poetry Competition

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All UK schools are invited to take part in the Interfaith Week National Pupil Poetry Competition.

The theme this year is 'Community: Together We Serve'

1. We hope your pupils will be able to show understanding of at least one of the key concepts (Community, Togetherness, Service) from their own and another's perspective in their poem, following reflection of at least one activity from the learning journey during the Interfaith Week: [www.ifw4schools.co.uk/resources](http://www.ifw4schools.co.uk/resources)
2. Poems could be written as a response to the question: 'Does community mean the same to all of us?'

*Prizes to be won!*

3. The competition is free to enter, and we have prizes for the winning pupils and their school for each of the categories below:

KS1	KS2	KS3	KS4
Up to 10 worded lines	Up to 10 worded lines	Up to 30 worded lines	Up to 30 worded lines

4. Each school can submit one poem only per category, so you may wish to hold an 'in-school' competition before sending us your entries, which once submitted can't be returned.
5. We want them to have fun with their poems, so there are no restrictions on the format. Some / younger pupils may find it helpful to select their own word to create an acrostic poem, while other / older pupils may wish to write their entries in the form of lyrics. However, the words must be their own creation with no use of AI.
6. All poems should be written in English and must be sent to [IFWpoetry@faithbeliefforum.org](mailto:IFWpoetry@faithbeliefforum.org) before the competition closes at midnight (UK time) on Friday 28th November 2025.
7. Winning schools will be notified in January 2026, and winning poems published on the Interfaith Week website [www.ifw4schools.co.uk](http://www.ifw4schools.co.uk).