

Short Story Competition – Terms and Conditions

1. Organiser

The competition is organised by Great Massingham Parish Council and promoted in *The Mallard* newsletter.

2. Eligibility

- The competition is open to children **aged 5 to 11** who are residents or attend primary school within Great Massingham.
- Only one entry per child is permitted.
- Entries must be submitted by a parent or legal guardian on behalf of the child.

3. Entry Requirements

- The story must be an original work of fiction, written by the entrant, and must not exceed **500 words**.
- Entries must be submitted by **Friday 19th December 2025**, either:
 - Online via the official entry form: <https://tally.so/r/mKbK9K> (accessible by also scanning the QR code).
 - by email to: themallardeditor@gmail.com, or
 - by post to: 6 Abbeyfields, Abbey Road, Great Massingham, PE32 2JE.
- The child's **first name, age, and school** should be included, along with the **parent/guardian's full name and contact details**.

4. Parental Consent & Data Protection

- In compliance with **UK GDPR**, all entries must be accompanied by a signed **Parental Consent Form** authorising:
 - the child's participation,
 - the storage and processing of personal data solely for the purpose of the competition,
 - and the possible publication of the child's first name, age, and story in *The Mallard* if selected as a winner.
- No personal data of children under 12 will be published or shared without **explicit consent** from the parent or guardian.
- Personal data will be held securely and only used in relation to this competition. All data will be deleted within **30 days after the competition concludes**, except where parental consent is given to retain and publish winning stories.
- A downloadable **Parental Consent Form** will be made available via www.greatmassingham.net

5. Judging and Prize

- Entries will be judged by a panel appointed by the Parish Council.
- The winner will receive a **£25 Amazon Gift Voucher**, and their story may be published in a future issue of *The Mallard*.
- The decision of the judges is final. No correspondence will be entered into.
- The winning entrant will be contacted by 28th February 2026.

6. Rights

- Copyright remains with the author, but by entering, permission is granted (with parental consent) for the Parish Council to publish the winning story and use it for promotional purposes.

7. Miscellaneous

- The Council reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet the criteria.
- Entries received after the deadline will not be considered.