



## THE ROTARY CLUB OF TRURO BOSCAWEN

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### Summary of the 2025 - 26 ROTARY YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION

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**The competition theme** this year is **Happiness in Nature**, which can be interpreted as broadly as the young writer wishes and does not need to conform to a dictionary definition. Young people are encouraged to use their creativity to show what this theme means to them.

Pieces can be fictional or factual, prose (max. **550** words) or poetry (max. **40** lines)

#### **The three age groups of the competition:** (Ages on 31 August 2025)

- **Junior:** up to and including 10 years old.
- **Intermediate:** 11 to 13 years old.
- **Senior:** 14 to 17 years old.

#### **The three Stages of the Competition:**

- This is the competition for Truro Area schools and colleges. The closing date for entries is **Fri 30 Jan 2026** and judging will be completed by **Fri 13 March** and the results announced shortly after. For each age group there will be a winner, runners-up and highly commended awards.
- The 3 winning pieces will then be entered into the **District Competition** - against all the other Area winners in Cornwall and Devon. Judging for this will be completed by **mid April** and the results announced shortly after.
- The 3 District winning pieces will then be entered by the District judges into the **National Final** of the Competition, (we understand the last date for that submission is **30 April**) and the results will be announced shortly after that.

#### **Judging:**

- In this first round competition each piece will be read and marked by at least two experienced judges. Shortlisted pieces will then be marked by 4 different judges to give the final results.
- Judges will be looking for imagination and creativity in the writing and its relevance to the theme, as well as the ability to engage interest, consistency in argument, and the neatness of presentation.

#### **To Enter:**

- We ask that entries be sent in electronic form (not paper) as **individual text files or pdfs**. Handwritten pieces will therefore need to be scanned before submission.
- The entry form is attached here as a pdf and should be completed by hand by a parent or guardian, scanned and returned with the piece. There is a file size limit of 15mb.
- The deadline for entries is **Friday, 30 January 2026**

#### **Prizes**

- All Area entrants receive a certificate of participation. Winners runners up and Highly Commendeds also receive a prize - usually of book tokens. A prize is also given to the District winner and the National winner receives a trophy.