

Terms & Conditions

Once upon a letter writing competition 2026

1st September – 12th October (5pm) 2026

- The competition opens on Tuesday 1st September 2026 and closes at 5pm on Monday 12th October 2026.
- Open to Jersey residents aged 5 years and upwards.
- Each entry in letter form will be judged on imagination, originality, use of the letter format and the ability to keep the reader engaged.
- A maximum of 850 words is permitted per entry.
- Stories must be fictional and must be the person's original work. If a story is found to be plagiarised, the entry will be void.
- Entries can be handwritten or typed.
- A competition entry form must accompany each entry and include full contact details and a signature. For under 16s this should be a parent or guardian, giving the child permission to enter, otherwise the entry will be void.
- Signature of the entrant, or parent/guardian gives Jersey Post the right to publish the entrants work (fully credited) – including (but not exclusively) on its website, social media accounts, posters, in press releases relating to the competition and in the second volume of Once Upon a Letter book (publication date TBC). Such publication may, unless expressly notified to Jersey Post, include pictures or images of the entrant.
- Jersey Post will collect and process entrants' personal data, including name, age category, contact details, entry details and, where applicable, parent/guardian details, for the purposes of administering the competition, contacting entrants and winners, verifying eligibility, awarding prizes and publishing winning or shortlisted entries as set out in these terms and conditions. Personal data will be handled in accordance with applicable data protection legislation and Jersey Post's Privacy Policy. Data will not be used for marketing purposes unless consent has been given and will only be retained for as long as necessary for the administration, publicity and record-keeping of the competition.
- Copies of the entry form can be downloaded from www.jerseypost.com/write or collected from Post Offices.
- Completed stories and competition forms should be sent in the post free of charge to: Once Upon a Letter competition, Jersey Post, Rue des Pres Trading Estate, JE1 1AA.
- There are four prizes available, each consisting of a writing and reading bundle, stamps and a certificate. There will be one prize each for the following categories: age 5-6; age 7-10; age 11-15; and age 16+. Prizes are non-transferable and there is no cash alternative.
- Entries will not be returned, unless the writer specifically requests this.
- The judges' decision is final.
- Winners will be notified by 3rd November 2026.
- More info can be found at www.jerseypost.com/write
- Please email marketing@jerseypost.com with any queries.
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