



The Charles Causley Trust
Young Person's Poetry Competition 2026



1. The Charles Causley Young Person's Poetry Competition 2026 is free to enter and open to all young people **aged between 5 and 18 years old who live in the UK.**
2. Your poem must be written **in English** and be related to the theme of **'Family'**.
3. The competition closes at midnight (UK time) on **Sunday 4th January 2026.**
4. There will be 3 prizes awarded for each age category – each receiving **a book token and a copy of a Charles Causley poetry book. The winners of the 16-18 year old category will also receive a Launceston Poetry Festival pass**, giving them free access to all events. There will also be a **prize for the best poem from a young person based in Cornwall.**
5. Winners will be notified in **March 2026** and **invited to an award ceremony at the Launceston Poetry Festival on Friday 1st May**, where winners will be able to read their successful poems.
6. The **age categories** are: 5 - 10, 11 - 15 and 16 – 18.
7. There is no limit to the number of entries you can make.
8. Your poem should be up to **40 lines long**. The title and lines between verses aren't included in the 40-line limit.
9. Please **scan your poem** and send it to **rita.camposteixeira@causleytrust.org** !
10. If you really can't make an online entry, you can post your poem(s) to:
The Charles Causley Trust, Young Person's Poetry Competition 2025: 2, Cyprus Well, Ridgemoor Hill, Launceston, Cornwall, PL15 8BT
11. **Be sure to add a completed entry form with your poem(s). One entry form can be used to cover multiple entries.**
12. We can't return entries, so do keep a copy of your entry.
13. The copyright of the winning poems remains with you; however, we'd love to share winning poems online and in print.
14. The winners will be posted on the Charles Causley Trust website:
www.causleytrust.org.