

Cheshire Prize for Literature

2025/26

Including:

Poetry

Short Stories

Children's Literature

Scriptwriting

Flash Fiction



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We are inviting writers from four years of age upwards to be creative and submit an entry to this year's competition. This can either be a short story, flash fiction, a piece of poetry, script or children's literature (which is a script, story or poem for readers aged from seven to 14).

There is no theme so you can write about anything that inspires you. One entry can be submitted in two different categories where it is appropriate.

| Age Range | Poetry | Short Stories | Children's Literature | Script-writing | Flash Fiction |
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| Primary (4-11) | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Secondary (11-18) | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Over 18's | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

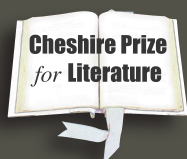
The judges will choose one winner from each category and a prize will be awarded to each category as well as the opportunity to be selected to appear in the Anthology, published by University of Chester Press.

For details of how to enter please visit
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Closing date: **January 31st 2026**



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