


## Creative writing class information


See also double-sided leaflet for consideration for inclusion as a download.

Entry is free and there are prizes in each class and for all sorts of writing that the judge likes – and your writing can be as short as you wish.

The 2023 theme is Agriculture and Food Production – historical, futuristic, farming and our community, life on the farm, farming and countryside issues, growing your own food, food retailing, or simply a great yarn (with a picture class for younger creatives).

Open to everyone – individuals, schools, and other groups – and closes on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Winners will be announced on 13 August 2023 and entries will be displayed in the main marquee at the show on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023, and elsewhere.

 **£10 book vouchers from Through the Wardrobe Bookshop, Mirfield, for the winners of each class, most atmospheric, best science-related and interesting community-related writing, the best class 4 or 5 picture and special awards.**

 **School Prizes – £50 of vouchers to spend at Through the Wardrobe Bookshop for the school or nursery that submits the best school entry in classes 2 to 6 (with age taken into account) and a reserve prize of £25 of vouchers.**

★ **Class 1** – Adults and young people from the age 15 – story of up to 2800 words or poem of up to 40 lines.

★ **Class 2** – writers 13 to 14 years of age – a story of up to 1600 words or a poem of up to 30 lines.

★ **Class 3** – writers 11 to 12 years of age – a story of up to 1200 words or a poem of up to 25 lines.

★ **Class 4** – writers 9 to 10 years of age – a story of up to 800 words or a poem of up to 20 lines. This may include a picture that helps to tell the story, which will be considered as part of the story.

★ **Class 5** – writers up to 8 years of age – a story of up to 600 words or a poem of up to 16 lines. This may include a picture that helps to tell the story, which will be considered as part of the store.

★ **Class 6** – creatives up to 6 years of age – a picture that tells a theme-related story – words are not essential.

The competition terms and conditions are simple;

1. Legibly write or type on one side of as many sheets of paper you need. Contact details must be on a securely attached separate piece of paper – your name and telephone/mobile number (an address is helpful (your school is OK) and – if you are under 15 – your age category. If you are under 18, please provide a responsible adult's confirmation that they agree the competition terms.
2. All stories and poems must be submitted for judging by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 (Acknowledgement of receipt on request).
3. Pictures for classes 4, 5 and 6 can be any size up to A3 (30 cm x 42cm).
4. If there are fewer than five entries in a class, we reserve the right to amalgamate classes, and re-award the prizes.
5. Entries should be e-mailed to [writers@mirfieldshow.com](mailto:writers@mirfieldshow.com) or posted or delivered to Mirfield Show Story and Poem Competition, 51 Springfield Park, Mirfield WF14 9PE or delivered to Ramsden's Butchers, 128 Huddersfield Road, Mirfield WF14 8AB (during opening hours).
6. The judge's decision will be final.
7. Your story or poem may be displayed or reproduced at the show and at Through the Wardrobe and/or included on our website unless you let us know that you do not want this when you send in your entry.