

# Margaret Wix Primary School & Nursery

"Respect, Self-Belief, Curiosity, Kindness and Resilience"



Tuesday 14th October 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

We want to inspire a love of writing at Margaret Wix and so have chosen to get involved in the BBC's 500 words competition, which is all about creative writing. Children in years 3-6 are being encouraged to write an original story that they would love to read themselves. Once they are complete, we will type them up and enter them in the BBC competition where they will be judged on characterisation, plot, originality, language and enjoyment. There are lots of prizes to be won:

- 50 finalists will be invited to a glamorous grand final at Windsor Castle in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities
- gold winners will receive the height of Sir Lenny Henry in books as well as 500 books for their school library
- silver winners will win the height of Her Majesty The Queen in books
- bronze winners will receive the average height of a child in their age group in books
- the winners' stories will also be illustrated by one of the best illustrators in the UK and read out on the One Show by a celebrity.

Every story submitted (excluding the winners) will also be entered into a random prize draw and one child will be invited along to the final at Windsor Castle with their parent/carer. They will also receive a bundle of books and their school will receive 500 books and literacy wall art.

**If your child were to win, a parent/carer would need to accompany them to Windsor Castle in February. If you do not want your child's story to be entered, please let your child's class teacher know.**

*Whilst children in Key Stage One will not be completing this task at school, there is a 5-7 age category and, if your child is interested, you can enter their story yourself using the following link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zqc8mbk> Submissions are open until 7<sup>th</sup> November.*

Kind regards,

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