



# The Seventh Ripon Poetry Festival Under-11s Poetry competition 2024

You are invited to submit your poems to the seventh annual Ripon Poetry Festival competition. They can be serious or funny, solemn or silly. And they can be on any subject you like. But if you are looking for inspiration – how about writing about Hope? The wars in Gaza and Ukraine, climate change, the cost of living, polluted rivers, the refugee crisis, plastic in the oceans – at the moment we could all do with a bit of Hope...

The best of the entries will be collected in a book published during the festival. Everyone who has a poem in the book will receive a free copy of the book and be invited to read at the launch on Saturday 21 September.

**£2 entry fee per poem**  
**Schools can enter up to 30 poems for just £20**

You can submit as many poems as you want.  
Maximum length for each poem is 45 lines. Poems must be your own work and should not have been previously published. All entries are judged anonymously, so please do not include your name on the same page as the poem.

**Closing date: 31 July 2024**



Name .....

Address .....

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Telephone .....

Email .....

Title(s) of poems submitted .....

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## How To Enter

You can send your entry by post (enclosing a cheque) to Ripon Poetry Festival, c/o 21 Wellington Street, Ripon HG4 1PH. Please make cheques payable to 'Ripon Poetry Festival'. You can e-mail your entry to [submissions@riponpoetryfestival.co.uk](mailto:submissions@riponpoetryfestival.co.uk). Or you can hand in your entry at the Little Ripon Bookshop and pay by cash, cheque, debit or credit-card.

## The Judges

**Olivia Mulligan** has published three books of poetry, *Poems on the Gate Post*, *Advice from a Stranger* and *10:37*. She lives in Thirsk. **Ruby Fielding's** poems have been published in several national schools' anthologies and in two of the festival anthologies. She is a student at Outwood Academy. **Molly Hall's** poems have been published in every festival anthology since 2017; she won first prize in 2019. She is a student at Ripon Grammar School.