

Shortlisted Stories – Feedback

Annie Male – The Unwanted Puppy

Full of suspense, very funny in parts and with a good and satisfying ending, we loved this story for its memorable voice that stayed with us long after we'd read it.

Zachary Holmes – A Murderous Monster

A terrifying tale with a terrifying end that you'll never forget, this story was wonderfully written with fantastic vivid descriptions and incredibly well executed all the way through. Scoring TOP marks from one of the judges, it only narrowly missed first place.

Sophie Hotze – Cloud Village

We were impressed from the start with its great opening that parachuted us straight in. Fantastic world building with an excellent narrative curve that was exciting to read until the very last word.

Beatrice Wilde – The Snow Dragon

This story made the shortlist for its friendly narrative which scooped us up and took us along for the whole ride. There were some fabulous descriptions and a great twist!

Guy Dixon - Forgotten Hero

An original idea that was a real pleasure to read, we liked the different sentence structures and the author's lovely tone that took us in and out of the main character's feelings.

Iris Sawyer - The Deer and the Sparrow

This story stayed with us long after we'd read it. Brilliant and vivid world building, memorable characters with excellent dialogue and a clear moral. We loved it.

Nicolas Dhirani-Arcos – Mr Speed: An Olympic Game

This story was an absolute riot and definitely the funniest we read. Sophisticated with excellent word play it was engaging and incredibly readable. Well done Nicolas!

Olivia Pickett – Lucky Bella

A good story with a nice ending, we thought the writer pulled off the dog's point of view very well. The removal van was a very original touch too. A memorable read.

Freddie Male – The Curse of Rodam

A very well written story. Super atmospheric, with fantastic descriptions and excellent world building. A very accomplished writer.

Ethan Ruby-Smith & Sam Jackson – Veggies vs Fruits: The Holy Tomato

Ah, the lifelong battle of whether a tomato should be a fruit! We LOVED this tale; entertaining, funny and with illustrations to boot, this was an excellent team effort.

Henry Wilde - The Ghost of Pendower Castle

This was a very close contender for the winning story. A real hero tale with a unique premise that was very well written with excellent tension and a very satisfying and solid plot. Well done Henry!

And finally...the winner of the 2023 Pirbright Village Primary School Story competition is:

Thomas Godeseth for his Egyptian epic, The End, which quite frankly knocked our socks off. Original, humorous, compelling and engaging with fantastic vocabulary and vivid fully realised characters, it was a very clever premise brilliantly executed. Well done Thomas!

Well done to all our 2023 entrants! We loved reading all of your stories.

Aierah Burhan Malik	Mia Lomanto	Fatima Mustafa
Archie Scotson	Xavier Perry	Mylee Parker
Caleb Pratt	Hari Chotai	Gabriella Timoll Brown & Erin Parsons
Tom Betterley	Caitlyn Cox	Amy Purvis & Lucy Smither
Elsie Marsh	Rea Gurung	Alexandra Timoll Brown
Kelsey Marshall, Eva Saville & Chloe-Anne Cane	Marlee Iveson	Ethan Woollett
Sarbika Jagiali	Darcey Hamilton	Ruby Moriarty
Anna Devenish	Phoebe Brinicombe	Hayden Harvey
Ayeza Rehmat	Rosie Short	Thomas Usher
Tara Hing	Arlo Campbell Muller	Lucy Usher
Naa-Kai Charway	Victoria Salgado	Sophie Brouner
Ellis Rosser	Mukki Aravinthan	Boyce Keenan
Cosi Lowe	Joshua Brinicombe	Lavinia Cooper
	Skylar Cox	
	Martha Manser	