

Wheatley Windmill Preservation Society Competition Rules.

2026 will be the 50th year since the launch of the idea to save our windmill. In order to mark the occasion, the society is holding a competition for pupils in Wheatley Park School, the John Watson School and Wheatley Church of England Primary School to submit either a photograph or an art work showing the windmill or an aspect of it.

Here are the competition rules.

- 1 In order to enter, you must be a pupil at one of the schools.
- 2 From each school, we will accept entries from older or younger pupils. The dividing age groups will be 4-7 or 8-11 in the primary school and 11-14 or 15-19 in the senior school.
- 3 You may only enter one art work or photograph, which must be all your own work.
- 4 We will offer a first or second prize in each class and category.
- 5 The closing date for competition entries will be 30th April 2026.
- 6 Entries should be sent or delivered to Secretary, WWPS, 34, Westfield Road, Wheatley, OX33 1NG, with the name, school and age of the artist or photographer and their contact details on the back to preserve confidentiality.
- 7 The first and second entries in each age group will be shown at an exhibition to take place in St Mary's church, from 1st to 14th June 2026.
- 8 The prizes will be awarded at the open afternoon at the windmill on 14th June 2026.

A note on access: the mill and paddock are privately owned and are normally closed to the public. During April 2026, we will arrange to have a steward on site on Saturdays 4th and 18th April from 10 a.m. until 12.30, so that competitors can come to gain inspiration on site. Competitors below the age of 14 should bring an adult with them. There are already a number of photographs on social media, which aspiring artists can use for practice.