

# THE YOUNG MATHEMATICAL STORY AUTHORS

## COMPETITION - 2026

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**The Young Mathematical Story Authors (YMSA) competition** is the world's first annual international competition set up to encourage young mathematics learners (4-16 years old) globally to creatively embed their mathematics learning in a meaningful and engaging context through creating short mathematical story picture books.

This competition is organised by the non-profit research-based international initiative, called **MathsThroughStories.org**. Since its launch in 2019, the competition has received entries from more than 5,000 students across nearly 30 countries.

### Awards

The **Kersti Worsley Award** (4-7 years old entry category), the **Stuart J. Murphy Award** (the 8-11 years old entry category) and the **Cindy Neuschwander Award** (the 12-16 years old entry category) are generously sponsored by Oxford University Press, HarperCollins and Charlesbridge respectively. The winner in each of the three entry categories will receive an award of £100, and their school will also receive £100.

### Key Dates

- Entries open – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Submission deadline – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026



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**Kersti Worsley**

Author,  
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**Stuart J. Murphy**

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