




Entry opens  
24th October 2016  
and closes on  
27th January 2017

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# poetry competition

Entrants can choose to write about any subject within the general theme of 'new beginnings'.

You might want to think about the change of the seasons, crops starting to grow, the weather getting warmer, animals waking up or returning from warmer climates. Perhaps think about what is new in your life – starting a new school, meeting new people, learning a new skill. With new beginnings, often other things come to an end. Poems can be serious or silly, funny or sad, short or long but **must not exceed 30 lines**. Illustration is welcomed but judging will be based on the quality of the poem. Illustrations from the winning entries will be used in the E-book of winners.



Open to all school pupils in two categories, primary and secondary. Winners will receive an Amazon voucher: £30 primary, £50 secondary.

**We are delighted that author Liz Kessler will judge this year's NACE poetry competition.**



Liz writes for children and young adults. She has been a full-time writer since 2003. Before that, she worked as a journalist and a teacher and has always loved writing and encouraging others to write. When she was young Liz loved writing poetry. Her first moment of fame came when she was nine and her poem Jinx's Shop was published in the local newspaper. Visit Liz's website for tips on writing and much more! [www.lizkessler.co.uk](http://www.lizkessler.co.uk)

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NACE partner Rising Stars will be publishing the winners and highly commended entries in an E-book.

## Rules

The full set of rules is available at [www.nace.co.uk/nace-poetry-competition](http://www.nace.co.uk/nace-poetry-competition)

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