

KH/TM/YoungGeographer

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Dear Parent/Carer



RGS Young Geographer of the Year Competition 2026

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We are delighted to offer pupils the opportunity to take part in the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) Young Geographer of the Year competition. This is an exciting national geography competition which gives pupils the opportunity to showcase their creativity, geographical knowledge and understanding. Pupils from across the country take part each year, with entries judged in different age categories.

This year's theme: "From Source to Sea" is focusing on the world's river systems. Pupils are invited to create an eye-catching, creative and informative poster exploring rivers and the important role they play in our world. The competition encourages pupils to consider both physical and human geography and demonstrate why rivers are so important. Their work could explore areas such as:

- How rivers shape the landscape
- River processes and landforms
- How people use rivers
- Rivers and ecosystems
- Hydroelectric power and energy
- Flooding and river management
- Pollution and sustainability
- Conflict over water
- The importance of rivers to people and the environment

Pupils are asked to create a creative, informative and eye-catching handwritten and hand-drawn poster based on this year's theme, "From Source to Sea". The poster should be the pupil's own independent work, although pupils are encouraged to carry out research at home and use their geographical knowledge to develop their ideas. Pupils are welcome to research the topic at home and use their Geography knowledge to help develop their ideas. **All entries must be handed to Miss Milner by Monday 28th September.** The Geography Department will then select entries to be submitted to the Royal Geographical Society competition. The overall RGS competition winners will be invited to attend an awards ceremony in London on Friday 27 November 2026. In addition, we will be awarding some in-school prizes to recognise and celebrate some of the fantastic entries submitted by our pupils. This is a brilliant opportunity for pupils who enjoy Geography to develop their knowledge, be creative and have their work recognised both within school and nationally. We would be delighted to see as many pupils as possible getting involved!

Further information about the competition can be found on the Royal Geographical Society website: [RGS Young Geographer of the Year competition](https://www.rgs.org/competitions/young-geographer-of-the-year) Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing some fantastic geographical posters!

Yours sincerely

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