



2026 Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust Schools Art Competition -RULES

Create a piece of art illustrating a 'game or wildlife species from the British Isles in its natural habitat'

Rules and conditions of entry:

1. The Competition is open to all Primary and Secondary School aged pupils across Aberdeenshire, Angus and Perth and Kinross, this includes those who are home schooled.
2. There are three categories, Primary 1-4; 5-7; and Secondary (S1-6).
3. We welcome entries from pupils with Additional Support Needs into each category
 - All ASN entries will be competing against other ASN students in their age category across all 3 regions.
 - Pupils must be in a dedicated ASN unit either at a specific ASN school or within a school who provide enhanced and specialist provision.
 - ASN entries must highlight which school and note ASN provision when entering.
4. Entrants may only submit one piece of art into the competition.
5. **To enter**, please take a photo of the artwork and either:
 - Use our upload facility designed for those entering a small number of entries at <https://www.gwct.org.uk/schoolartentry>
 - Or for those entering larger numbers of entries, please email these to your specific regions email address-please label each image with the artists name, age category and school:
 - Aberdeenshire: aberdeenshireartcomp@gwct.org.uk
 - Angus: angusartcomp@gwct.org.uk
 - Perth and Kinross: perthartcomp@gwct.org.uk
6. **Please make sure you include artist name, age category, and school along with contact details in your email.**
7. Tips from the Judges/Artists:
 - Ponies and Highland cows do not count as either Game or Wildlife!
 - JPEG files are easier for us to handle.
 - Please don't stick anything on the front of the artwork e.g. Childs name
 - Please make sure all images sent are in focus and are in fairly high digital quality.
8. The closing date by which all entries must be submitted is 20th October 2026
9. The entries will be judged by a panel of judges selected by GWCT. One winner, one runner-up and 2 commended entries will be chosen from each category. Within the category there will also be an ASN prize.
10. There will be an overall winner chosen from the Primary category and another from the Secondary category.

11. A participant can only win the overall prize once in each competition (Primary and Secondary), they are welcome to enter and win individual prizes multiple times over the years but will only be overall winner once in their career!
12. The judges' decision is final
13. All winners, runners-up and commended entries will be invited to a day of celebration at Findgask Castle on 6th December 2026, timings to be confirmed, approximately 10am to 3.30pm. Parents and teachers are of course very welcome. Enjoy a day of rural activities such as working dog demonstrations, falconry, art workshops and more. Each pupil will also receive individual prizes and a certificate in addition:
 - The overall Primary winner will claim a farm visit for their entire class.
 - The overall Secondary winner will win a private art workshop or similar.
 - No alternative prizes available
 - All farm visits and art workshops will be arranged on a mutual date to suit all parties where possible.
 - All entries will be the property of GWCT and may be used for their own promotional purposes in GWCT publications, website, and on merchandise which may be sold in aid of GWCT
14. Press photographers will be invited to all events, if the young person's image is not to be publicised, please let GWCT know by contacting Iona on ilaing@gwct.org.uk.
15. Details of the prize giving event will be confirmed nearer the time as invitations will be issued, parents and teachers will be included.

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