



Primary School Journal Competition

The aim of this competition is for individual students to create a WOW week journal documenting their journeys to school throughout the five days of WOW week, 19th – 23rd October 2026. The journal should capture the journey to school from the perspective of the Primary School student submitting their work. Ideally, some aspect of active or sustainable travel would be incorporated. Creativity in depicting or describing the journey is a key component in this competition. The journal should represent the mode of transport used, things the student noticed along the way, how they felt, who was with them, etc. The journal can take form through multiple media, for example; drawings, photos, maps, words, poems, stories, comics or anything else the student feels captures their experience. While the preference would be toward highlighting some active or sustainable travel through the week, we understand that everyone's personal situation is different. This competition is inclusive of all Green-Schools registered schools and all students from these schools are eligible to participate, regardless of the mode of travel.

Journals must include the following information:

Personal Details: All entries must include the following information clearly stated on the journal:

1. Student's name
2. Student's class (e.g. 1st Class)
3. Parent contact details, including name, phone number and email address

School's Details:

1. School's full name
2. School's full address, including county and Eircode
3. Green-Schools coordinator's details, including name, phone number and email address, if applicable

Categories:

There are two categories for entry:

1. Junior Primary (Infants - 2nd class)
2. Senior Primary (3rd - 6th class)

*Entries from special schools are very welcome and are entered into the age category the teacher/parent/guardian feels is most appropriate for their students' level.

Entry Rules:

1. **Theme:** All entries should be designed around the competition theme: WOW week journey to school.
2. **Eligibility:** Open to primary schools that are registered with Green-Schools.
3. **Size/format:** Journals can take on any format and size but must be 2D/flat without tactile elements for ease of posting.
4. **Permissions:** All entrants must have the permission of a parent/guardian to enter. The entrant confirms that any person depicted in the entry has granted permission to be portrayed as shown.
5. **Copyright:** The journals submitted must be original and created entirely by the entrant. Any copied, traced, plagiarised or AI-generated work will be disqualified.
6. **Winner categories:** National winners will be selected based on creativity and relevance to the topic of WOW week journeys to school.
7. **Prizes:** Primary School students' entries will be in for a chance to win prizes that can be shared with the whole family. Prizes include a [Dublin Zoo](#) or [Fota Wildlife Park](#) Year Family pass plus €150 spending money, a family pass to [Clonfert Pet Farm](#) or [Bunratty Castle Folk Park](#) plus €200 spending money, and an overnight family stay at [Wildlands Galway](#). Prizes are subject to change at the discretion of An Taisce. Prizes are non-transferrable.
8. **Journal Submission:** Original journal entries are preferred and should be posted to Green-Schools Travel C/O Allison Phillips, An Taisce, 5 Foster Place, Temple Bar, Dublin 2, D02V0P9. Journals may be submitted electronically to travel@greenschoolsireland.org if required.
9. **Deadline:** Journal entries must be sent by Friday **13th November 2026**.
10. **Judging:** A panel of judges will select the winning entries. The Judging Panel is responsible for the allocation of awards. The decision of the Judging Panel is final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding that decision.
11. **Notification:** Winners will be notified by email or phone.
12. **Returns:** Green-Schools is unable to return any entries to schools.
13. **Publicity:** Winners may be asked to take part in competition publicity including being photographed by the media. All journal entries submitted may be used by Green-Schools for promotion of the Green-Schools programme and competition, shared online, included in printed and online media, reports and shared as part of Green-Schools events and resources.

14. Entry to the competition constitutes full and unconditional acceptance of these Terms & Conditions.

