

Dear Parents and Carers,

Poetry by Heart Competition

I am writing to inform you about our upcoming **Poetry by Heart** school competition. All children are warmly encouraged to take part by learning and performing a poem.

Poetry is a wonderful way to bring language to life. Through performing poems, children build confidence and discover the fun of playing with words, rhythm, and expression. It also supports key reading skills, such as fluency, helping children to read aloud with greater clarity and understanding.

Initial performances will take place within each key stage on **Tuesday 3rd March 2026**. From these, a small number of children from each class will be selected to perform in front of the whole school.

The *live finals* will then take place in the school hall on **Friday 6th March 2026**.

When preparing their performance, we have encouraged the children to focus on three key areas:

Voice – Is their voice loud and clear? Can every word be heard and understood? Are they using expression and changing their tone appropriately?

Performance – Can they bring the poem to life through movement and actions?

Accuracy – Do they know the poem confidently and can they remember every word?

The poems can be found on your child's ClassDojo page. If you would like a paper copy, please speak to your child's class teacher.

We would greatly appreciate your support in helping your child learn the poem for the competition. Thank you in advance for your encouragement and involvement.

Kind regards,

Mrs P Beaney

