



StarFest 2026 @ Tisbury Poster Competition

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read our terms and conditions to find out everything you need to know about how the 'StarFest 2026 @ Tisbury Poster Competition' will work.

1. Who is the competition organiser/promoter

The StarFest 2026 @ Tisbury Poster Competition is run by Tisbury Parish Council. To get in touch, contact the Clerk to Tisbury Parish Council, Mrs Bev Cornish, by:

- Email – clerk@tisbury-pc.gov.uk
- Tel - 01747 260088 / 07453 969909
- Post - The Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 6LD

2. What is the competition

The StarFest 2026 @ Tisbury Poster Competition is a creative art competition to celebrate StarFest coming to Tisbury from 14 – 21 March 2026, in the heart of Cranborne Chase's International Dark Sky Reserve.

The objective is to design a poster with a bold, eye-catching design that highlights the importance of dark night skies for people and nature, and inspires everyone in our local community to look up and enjoy the beautiful starry landscape above us.

3. Who is eligible to enter

To enter, you must either be aged 4-12 years old, living in Tisbury and home-schooled, or in Primary School Year R-6 attending one of the participating Primary Schools in the neighbouring area. Participating schools are:

- St John's Church of England Primary School, Tisbury
- Wardour Catholic Primary School, Wardour
- Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop Church of England Aided Primary School, Chilmark
- Semley Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, Semley

The competition is open to all children who meet the criteria above, **except** members of the immediate families or households of Councillors or employees of Tisbury Parish Council.

In entering the competition, the child's parent/guardian confirms that they are eligible to do so, and Tisbury Parish Council may require them to provide proof that the child is eligible to enter the competition.

4. When does the competition open and close

The competition runs from Saturday 1 November 2025 to Saturday 29 November 2025 inclusive.

All competition entries must be submitted by Saturday 29 November 2025. Entries submitted after this date will not be entered into the competition.

5. What is the required format for the poster design

The poster must be A4 size (approximately 210mm x 297mm) portrait orientation.



It can be created on the space provided on the back of the paper Entry Form or can be created separately.

Any form of hand-drawn / handmade artwork (except photographs, digital or AI generated images) can be submitted. The poster must be the child's own design and creation.

6. How to enter the competition

The competition is free to enter; no purchase is necessary. Each entry must be accompanied by an **Entry Form** that has been completed with the required information, including the parent/guardian's consent and contact details.

Entry forms will be available at Tisbury Post Office, High Street, Tisbury, SP3 6LD, to pick up during opening hours from Saturday 1 November 2025. Entry forms will also be available to pupils at participating Primary Schools (see 3 above) in the first week after the autumn 2025 half term break and can be downloaded from Tisbury Parish Council's website tisbury-pc.gov.uk.

If the poster is created separately from the entry form, the **entrant's full name and age must be written on the back**. The poster will **NOT** be entered into the competition if:

- If the name and age are illegible/missing from the back of the poster, or
- If information identifying the entrant is included on the front of the poster (visible to the judges)

Poster designs **must be submitted** through one of the ways below:

- If attending one of the participating schools (see 3 above), children can hand in their entries at school
- Hand in completed entries at Tisbury Post Office (address as above) during opening hours
- Entries can be handed in to Emma Procter on 29th November, 10am -1pm at the Hinton Hall (at the Winter Decoration workshop at Tis the Season)
- Entries can be sent by post to: StarFest 2026 @ Tisbury Poster Competition, c/o Clerk to Tisbury Parish Council, The Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury, SP3 6LD

Tisbury Parish Council will not accept responsibility for competition entries that are lost, mislaid, damaged or delayed in transit, regardless of cause. The Council is unable to acknowledge that entries submitted into the competition have been received.

7. How will the competition be judged

The posters will be judged anonymously by a panel of 3-5 judges who shall be volunteers appointed by Tisbury Parish Council. The following criteria will be adhered to in these appointments. Judges shall:

- live and/or work in Tisbury
- have relevant interest / experience in art and design
- not have any member of their immediate family entering the competition
- not have a direct role (employee or volunteer) at any of the participating schools

The panel of judges will agree one winner and up to three runners up (the latter at the panel's discretion), based on the following criteria. The poster:

- complies with all the competition requirements as specified on the entry form and in these terms and conditions



- design is bold and eye-catching; it would reproduce into a striking poster image for promoting StarFest 2026 around Tisbury village
- highlights the importance of dark night skies for people and nature and/or inspires the viewer to look up and enjoy the beautiful starry landscape above us

The panel's judging decision is final and incontestable; no discussion is possible and there will be no feedback on the performance of individual entries.

8. Announcement of results and data privacy

Tisbury Parish Council will contact the parent/guardian of the winner and runner(s) up to advise them of their result, using the contact details provided on the entry form. The contact details will not be used for any other purpose. Other participants will not be contacted.

Announcement of the winner and runner(s) up will be made in January 2026 through a notice that is:

- published in the January 2026 issue of Focus magazine
- published on the Tisbury Parish Council website

Only the winner's/runner up(s)' first name and age will be announced; no other personal information will be shared. All personal data collected as part of this competition will be managed in accordance with Tisbury Parish Council's policy on data privacy. For further information please see the Privacy Notice on tisbury-pc.gov.uk

9. What do entrants gain from entering the competition

The intention is to display some or all of the competition posters in Tisbury venue(s) for public viewing as part of the programme of StarFest Week events that runs 14 – 21 March 2026. Details of the poster display will be publicised as part of Tisbury Parish Council's promotion of StarFest Week in print and online, including on its website tisbury-pc.gov.uk and Facebook page Tisbury Village News.

An image of the **winning poster** will be reproduced and used by Tisbury Parish Council to promote StarFest 2026 in posters displayed around Tisbury village and online. It will also be published as the March 2026 front cover of Focus, Tisbury's community magazine.

In all cases, only the participant's first name and age will be published / displayed together with their words about the poster as provided in their entry form; no other personal information will be shared (see 8 above).

10. Consent and rights

By submitting a completed entry form and poster design for the StarFest 2026 @ Tisbury Poster Competition, the participant and their parent/guardian provide their consent and agree to accept the full terms and conditions of the competition as described here. This includes assigning all rights as needed for Tisbury Parish Council to reproduce the winning poster at its own cost and to use it freely for promotion of StarFest 2026, and the rights – with no obligation - to display all competition posters publicly as part of StarFest 2026 events.

We are sorry, but we cannot promise that posters will be returned to competition participants.

Tisbury Parish Council reserves the right to alter these terms and conditions if deemed necessary or if circumstances arise outside of its control.