Missionary Children—Children Helping Children

Annual Christmas Artwork Contest 2026

Announcing the 2026 Missionary Children Christmas Artwork Contest! Eight winners—one from each of Scotland's dioceses—will be selected in this competition. It is proposed that the winning artwork would then be displayed in each of the diocesan cathedrals during Advent and Christmas.

The prize-winners will receive a £25 gift voucher for Smyth's Toy Superstore and their artwork will be used as Missio Scotland's official Christmas cards in 2027. **Entries must be submitted by Monday December 7** and the **winners will be notified on the week commencing December 14.**

To enter, please complete this entire form and attach it (with sellotape or a paper clip) to the back of each student's entry. Artwork will not be accepted without this form. Do not glue or staple this form to the artwork. Please note that artwork cannot be returned and entries which do not conform to the guidelines will not be accepted.

PUPIL'S NAME_____

PLEASE CIRCLE: Boy Girl

CLASS_____

NAME OF SCHOOL_____

HEAD TEACHER_____

SCHOOL ADDRESS_____

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SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER_____

(ARCH)DIOCESE_____

GUIDELINES

- The contest is open to young people in Scotland's Catholic primary schools. All entries must be received by no later than **December 7.**
- Each drawing/painting must have the following information printed on the back: pupil's name, primary and school name, address and phone number and head teacher's name as well as the name of the diocese or archdiocese. Please copy the form and use it for this purpose. Please use sellotape or a paper clip to secure the entry form to the back of the drawing /painting. Do not glue or staple the entry form to the artwork and please do not fold artwork.
- Please be sure to complete the entire information for each entry so that we can identify and notify the winning artists, otherwise children might miss their chance of winning!
- All entries become the property of Missio Scotland, who reserve the right to depict all or part of the selected illustrations. It is not possible for Missio Scotland to offer any compensation for entries or to return them, whether or not they are used.

ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS

- Artwork must be on an A4 sheet of white paper or card—no construction or lined paper.
- The illustration may be displayed either horizontally or vertically.
- Pupils must illustrate one of the subjects listed under the heading 'subjects.'
- Artwork must be the child's own. Tracings and direct copies of other art cannot be considered.

SUBJECTS

- The Nativity (a manger scene, Jesus, Mary and Joseph)
- Three Wise Men (presenting the gifts or following the star)
- Shepherds (with sheep, in their fields, seeing the angel or visiting the manger)
- Mother and Child (Mary with the Baby Jesus)
- Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem
- Newborn Jesus in the manger
- The Angel Gabriel

HELPFUL HINTS

- Use lots of eye-catching colour. Bolder colours reproduce best. Lightly coloured artwork will not show up well when reproduced.
- Be careful to erase or cover pencil outlines.
- Do not include text or letter on the drawing.
- Fill up most of the page, being careful not to let the main parts of the drawing get too close to the edges of the paper.
- Make sure facial features on people and animals are bold (for example nose, eyes, lips and so on) so that they will reproduce well.