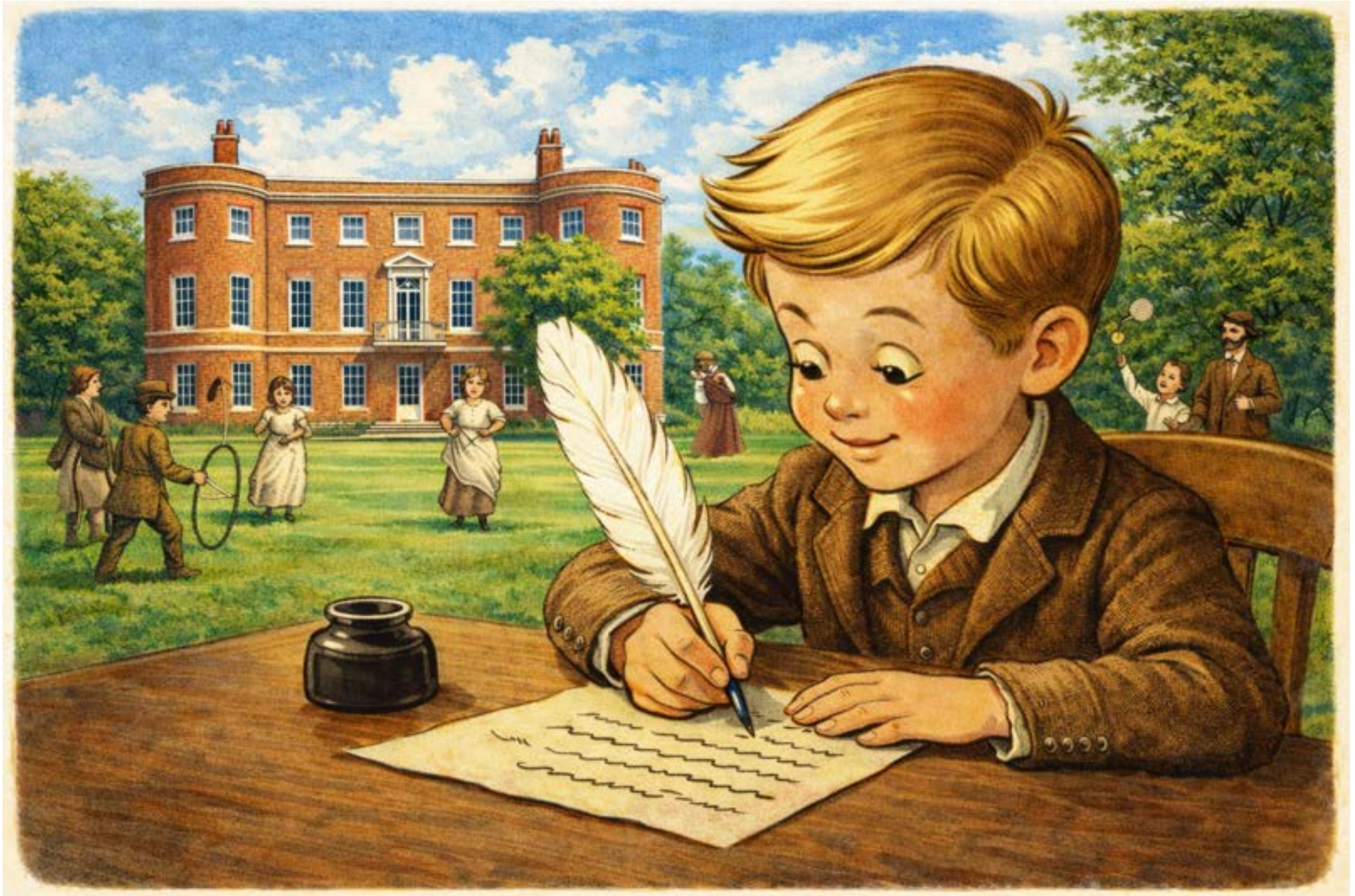


FRIENDS OF VALENTINES MANSION



Children's Writing Competition 2026

Open to all year 5 & 6 children in Redbridge






Write a letter as if you lived long ago for your chance to WIN!

Imagine you are a child in the 1800s visiting Valentines Mansion for the first time. Write a letter to your best friend describing your day - what did you eat, play or discover? Or send a thank you letter to the family who lived here!

FUN FACT!

In the 1800s children wrote letters with quill pens dipped in ink!

-  **1ST PRIZE: £60**
-  **2ND PRIZE: £40**
-  **3RD PRIZE: £20**

Scan here for more fun facts and tips!



CLOSING DATE: 30th April 2026



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Winners will be announced at the Family History Day, Sunday 7th June 2026



Children's Writing Competition 2026

Entry Form

Child's Name:

School:

Year Group: 5 ☐ 6 ☐

Class Teacher's Name:

Name of parent/guardian:

☐ I understand that the letter, the first name and the name of the school of all the winners will be published on the FOVM website www.valentines.org.uk.

Signed (parent/guardian):

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 30TH APRIL 2026

How to Enter

Please send your entries, no longer than one size of A4 by:

Email
From a parent/guardian/teacher with 'HOOKER PRIZE 2026/Child's Name' in the subject line to: info@valentines.org.uk attaching the competition entry as a Word or PDF document (or typed into the body of an email). We cannot accept photos of entries. **Please include the school name and year group of the child, as well as parent/guardian and class teacher's names**, or attach this completed form, saved as a PDF.

Post or in person
Feel free to pop along to Valentines Mansion any Sunday or Monday, 12pm-3pm to hand deliver your entry or post it to: **FOVM Hooker Prize, Valentines Mansion, Emerson Road, IG1 4XA.** Please include your contact details and this completed form, **with your name and your school's name written on the back of your entry.**

Please note: We love to see handwritten or illustrated entries, simply pop these over to us by post or in person, or scan and save them as a PDF before emailing to us. You may also email your contact details along with the name of your child, so we can contact you about the prizegiving event

**Winners will be announced at the
Special Family History Day at Valentines Mansion on Sunday 7th June 2026.**

We'll also let your school know if you have won.

The Hooker Prize:

This special competition, held annually to inspire young people, is named in memory of Cherry Hooker, an inspirational former Chair of the Friends.