



Association **for**
Language Learning

Branches and Networks Roadshow

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Welcomes to our refreshed Roadshow



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Notes

- This presentation may contain Notes below the screens, to save them being too wordy.
- Please do read them in advance as some of the information is essential to the screen content.
- Where Links are included on the screen, the full url is in the Notes

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- Early details of ALL's annual Writing Competition for Schools!
- This year's competition is designed to support and contribute to the **National Year of Reading 2026**, a UK-wide initiative encouraging children and young people to rediscover the enjoyment and relevance of reading in their everyday lives.
- The organising committee invites language learners in any key stage to create a piece of text in a language they are learning on the theme: **A few words that mean so much**
- ***Our suggestion for Primary pupils: One Kind Word***
- ***Our suggestion for Secondary students: One Powerful message***
- Details and paperwork will appear here: <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/news-events/challenges-and-competitions/>

Erasmus+

- We are returning to Erasmus+ from 2027 !
- There is a short video to encourage people to get prepared on this page:
- <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/collaborations/collaboration-video-resources/>
- What projects will you / your pupils benefit from?
- <https://aceplusuk.org/> is the new free UK association for Coordinators of Erasmus+ projects

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Erasmus+

- Key points:
- Funding for mobilities and projects
- Languages are not the only subject!
- ‘Cultural entitlement?’
- Key dates:
- Call for projects in Autumn 2026 – think ahead!
- Deadlines for bids in Spring 2027

Erasmus+ events (June 26)

- British Council Information Events
- https://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmusplus?mc_cid=fd5214398c&mc_eid=f534688159
- British Council Partner finding sessions on these themes:
 - **Environment and fight against climate change**
 - **Partner finding session: Participation in democratic life**
 - **Digital transformation**
 - **Inclusion and diversity**

New from AQA

- **Will your learners be ready for A level?**
- The move from GCSE to A level can feel daunting; new *AQA Bridging the Gap* resources for French, German and Spanish aim to help students transition with confidence. These free resources feature engaging A-level topics, structured tasks, and integrated vocabulary and grammar development. They strengthen prior learning while building key skills. Clear answers support independent study and self-assessment.
- Six units are available now, with more arriving in the autumn term
- [GCSE French 8652 | Teaching Resources | AQA](#)
- [GCSE Spanish 8692 | Teaching Resources | AQA](#)
- [GCSE German 8662 | Teaching Resources | AQA](#)

Kitemark for ALL



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- *The CfSA Kitemark recognises subject associations that have demonstrated sustained excellence over at least three years across areas including subject expertise, professional development, research-informed practice, advocacy, governance and support for members.*
- *ALL's application highlighted the scale and breadth of support it provides to language educators across the UK. Alongside weekly communications and a substantial programme of professional learning, ALL demonstrated sustained engagement with policy and public debate through contributions to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Modern Languages, House of Lords briefings, consultation responses and ongoing advocacy around language grading and teacher recruitment.*

New on the website

- **Collaborations:** <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/collaborations/>
- Activities, projects and resources emerging from ALL's collaborative working. You are welcome to get involved!
- **Languages for Living:** <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/languages-for-living/>
- Information for learners (especially in Secondary) about going further, personal interests, careers, etc. You are welcome to contribute!
- **Peer mentoring:** <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/about/all-language-teacher-peer-mentoring-programme/>
- Pair up with another ALL Members for support and dialogue through a development you plan

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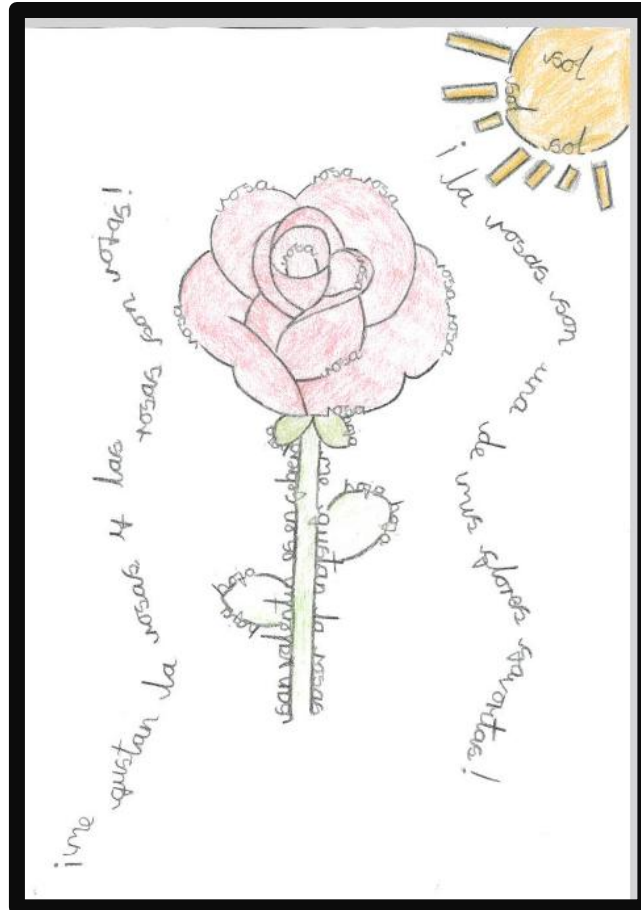
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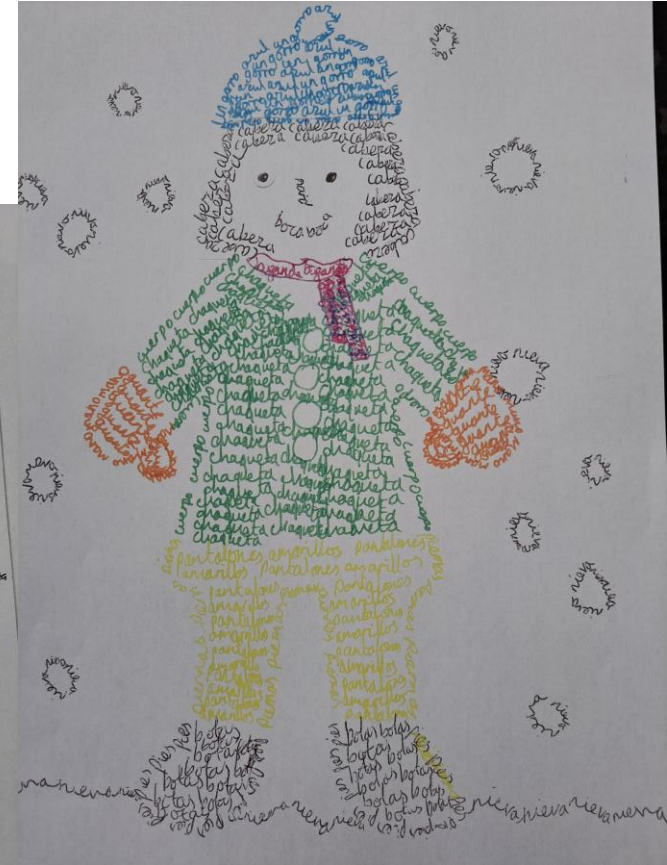
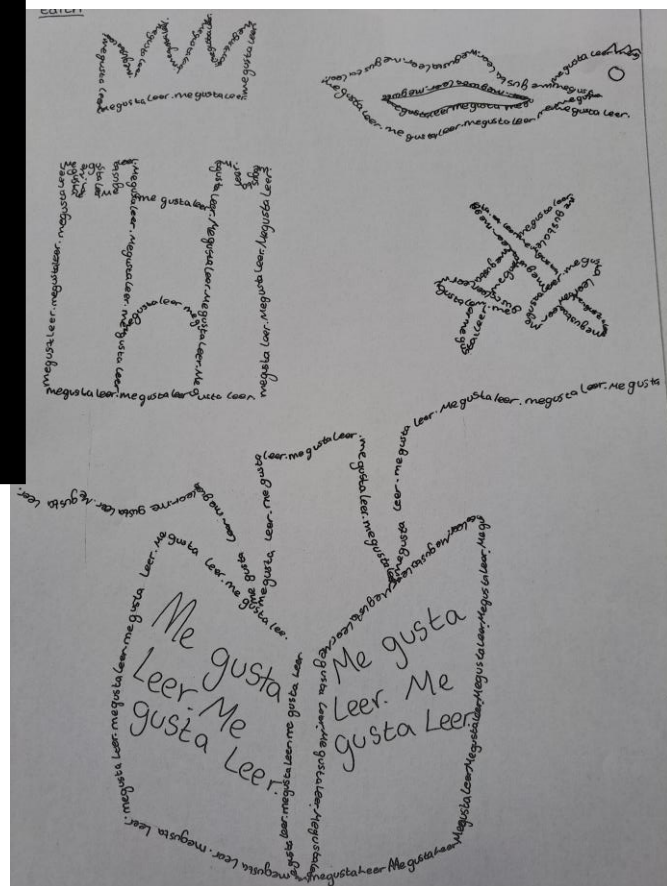
- **Peer mentoring programme**
- You can apply as an ALL Member for a mentor to help you with a project, or research, or CPD you have in mind
- And /Or you can apply to be a Mentor
- You will be matched (by ALL) with another ALL member, and will form a professional friendship, separate from your institutions, who meet up at times you agree, to exchange thoughts on a confidential basis
- All you need to know is here: <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/about/all-language-teacher-peer-mentoring-programme/>

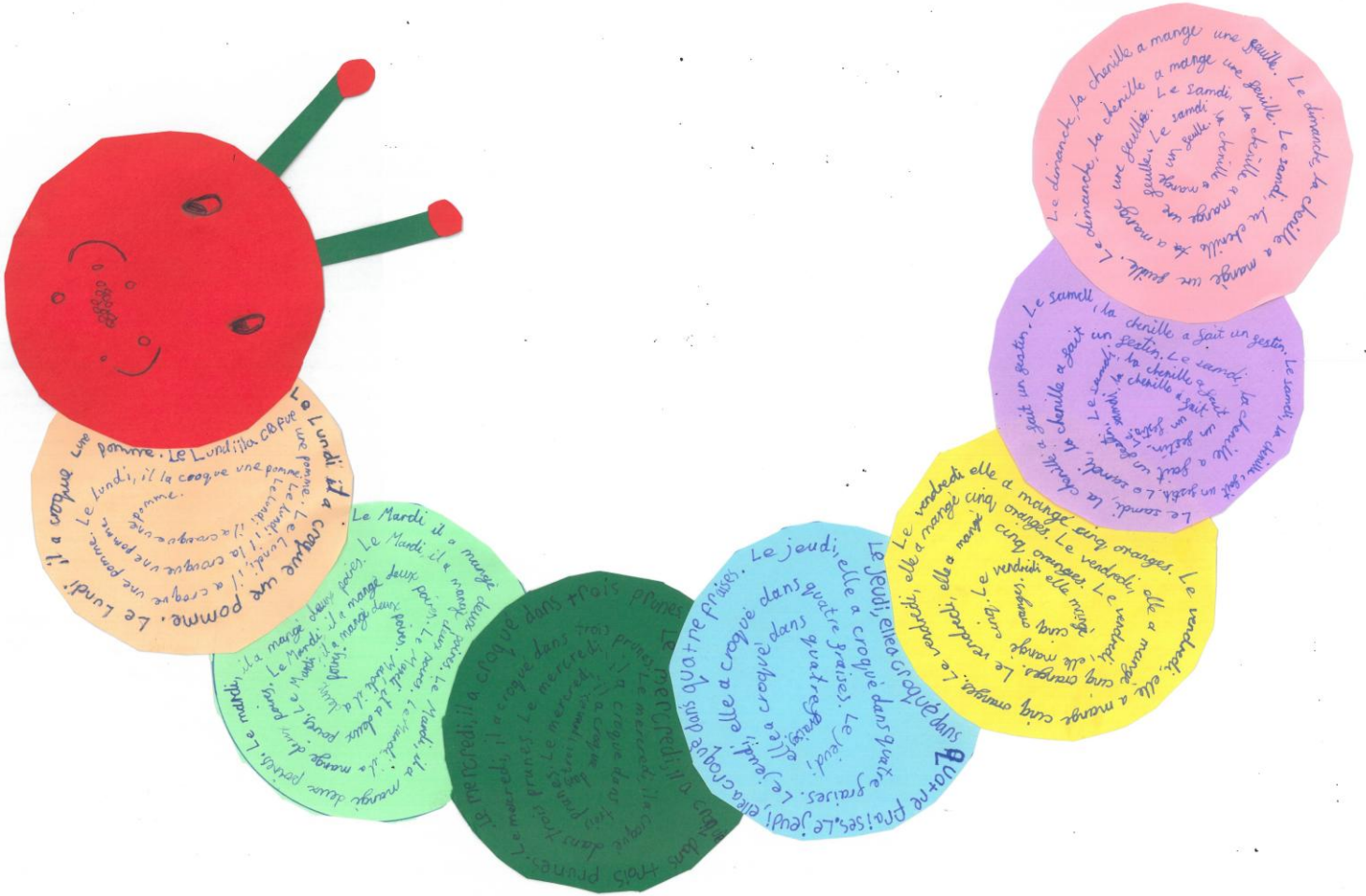
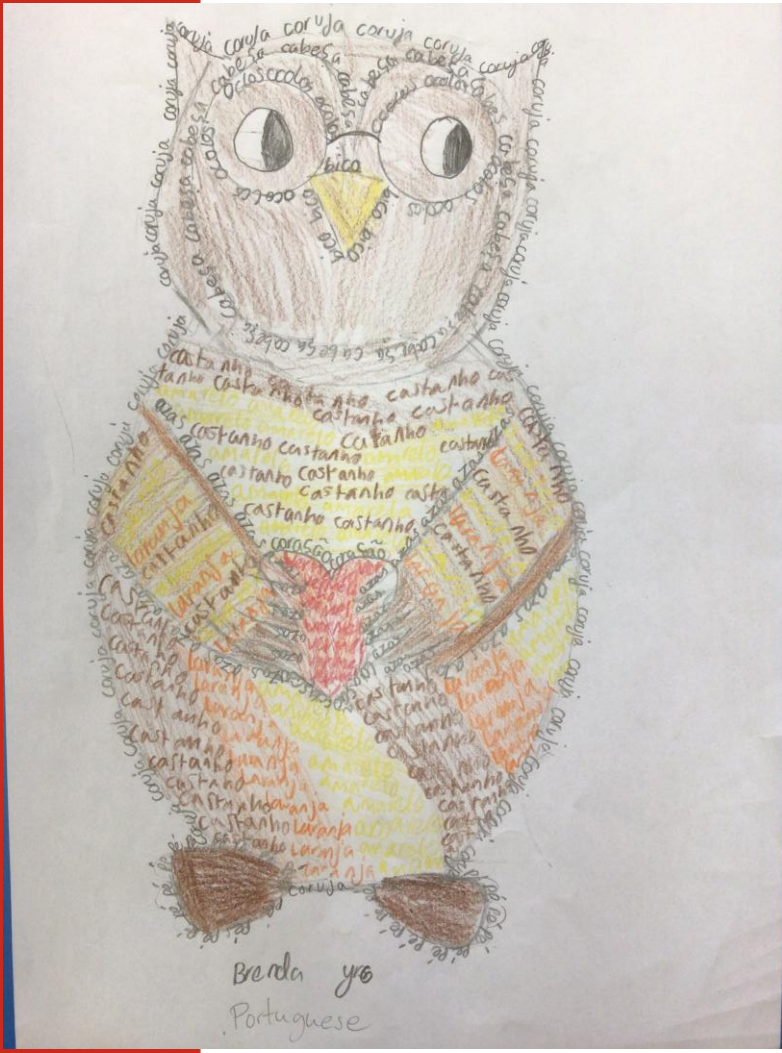
(Primary) Calligrams 2026

- The ALL Calligrams *celebration* 2026 is now complete. Examples follow!
- E-books from the North-East Festival :
- 7-9
- https://read.bookcreator.com/5S1C2SwE7fQVulScBfF0igGECsh2/Xjwspi3QR_-8Z-VJ9dw12A
- 9-11
- <https://read.bookcreator.com/5S1C2SwE7fQVulScBfF0igGECsh2/lXNOoar5SUO9NilfCnV8ig>
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- E-books from the UK national celebration :
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- <https://read.bookcreator.com/5S1C2SwE7fQVulScBfF0igGECsh2/XShmOxhJQMScYLZqApZZag>
- You are welcome to explore last year's ebooks too! See Notes. Next year's event will again be in January – February (and March for the Festival). Details will be here: <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/news-events/challenges-and-competitions/>

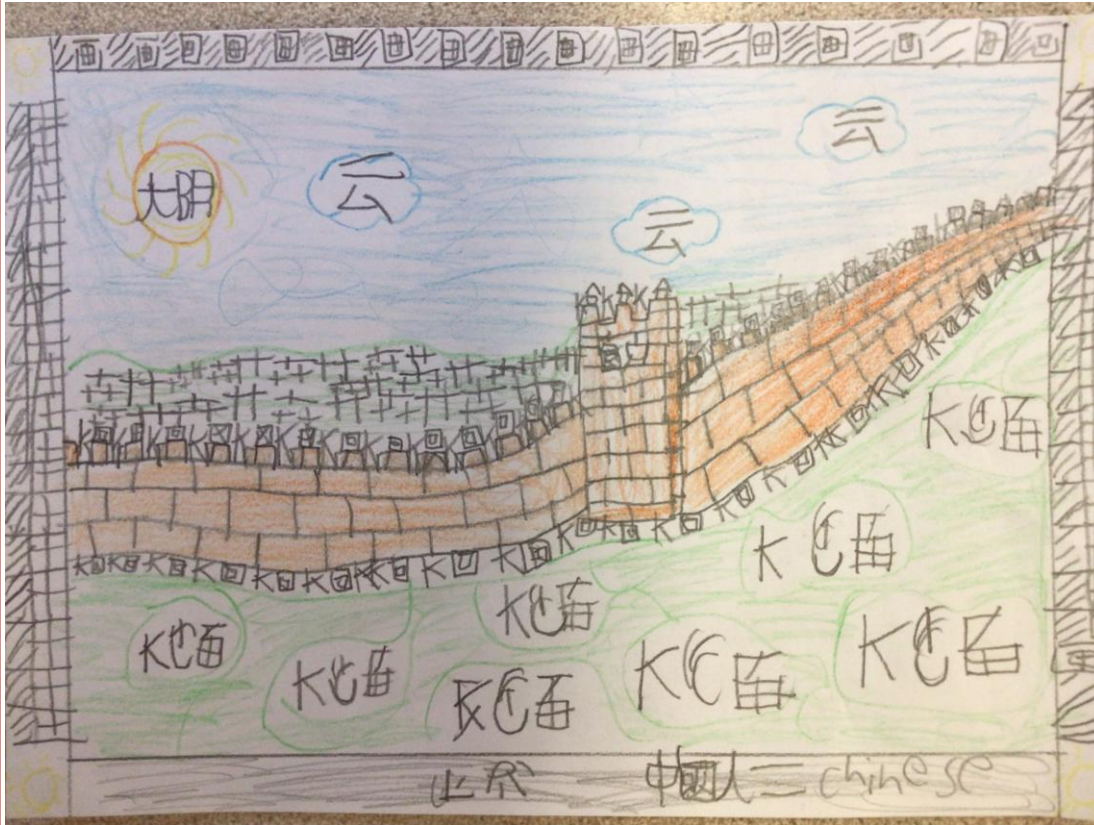
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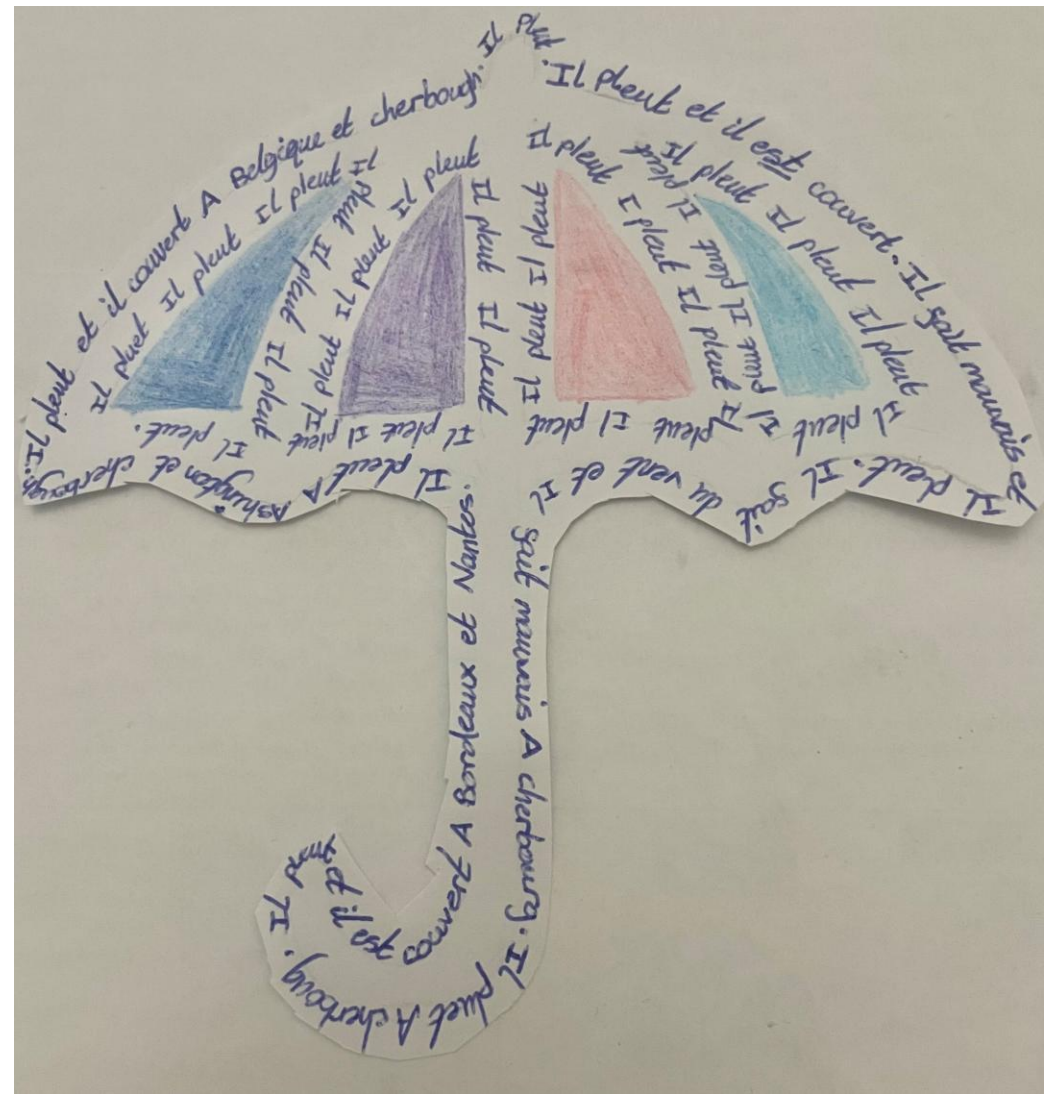






École Jean Jay,

Quelle belle for me et quel doux tissu qui se pose sur ma tête comme un nuage coloré
 et polychromes. Ah hat li des my thoughts and feelings
 multi matières et wear hats. Quitarse el sombrero
 multi sur multi colores, multicolores, magnifiques, magnifiques, magnifiques
 Les cheveux sont beaux, magnifiques, magnifiques, magnifiques





Festival news

- **Viewing recommended !** : Mother Tongue, Other Tongue
- <https://expressyourselfne.com/2026/05/28/mtot2026/>
- News
- <https://expressyourselfne.com/news/>
- Some 2026 Festival statistics:
- **115,246** children and young people taking part (93,798 in 2025)
- **1,050** registrations from schools for activities (719 in 2025)
- **443** individual schools participating around the UK and abroad

Have you read ... Languages Today?

- LT 53 '*Coming out of your shell!*' should have reached you at half-term (See Notes)
- Jessika Rabello's Last Word refers to LT Special (downloadable from <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/research-practice/language-zones/home-heritage-community-languages/>)
- Look out for **new Membership categories** for teachers in the Supplementary sector
- LT53 will be titled '*Curriculum debates*' and the editor is accepting proposals for articles now:
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Find a longer version of some articles in LT Extra

<https://www.all-languages.org.uk/languages-today/languages-today-extra-content/>

Including the references that accompany some of the magazine articles

Have you talked about LT?

- Are there ideas from Ruth Magee's article (pp 8-9) about encouraging curiosity about words and links between languages that your class might enjoy?
- President Elect Jane Driver talks about 'making language real' (p 13). Does this inspire your thinking?
- Tom Kelly's piece (pp 20-21) is thought-provoking. What does your school do to take account of these issues?
- Nathalie Blondeau (p27) uses competitions to generate enthusiasm. Do you have scope to try one?

These Roadshows

- Are archived as pdfs on the ALL website and available to members
- Are usually published at school half-term holiday times
- Are created by members of ALL HMO team and Council
- Welcome suggestions of interesting content from ALL Local groups (or finished screens)

Tell others about joining the ALL community

- We have created a QR code here that we invite you to use during your events to encourage fellow teachers and trainee teachers to join the Association for Language Learning family.
- The QR code takes you directly to the ALL Joining Page.



Join ALL now.

Greetings and best wishes



From all your ALL
friends around the
Language World!

Important reminders

- to ALL Local groups organising In Person events,
- The organiser of the event needs to be an ALL member in order for ALL's Insurance to be active
- For events involving pupils or young people, safeguarding needs to be in place to ensure no adult is at risk of e.g. sexual abuse allegations by being alone with young people.

Group members – get your benefits!

- If your Department or School is a Group Member of ALL, please check with whoever registered the Group (the person who pays the fee) that they add details of **all** of the members in your Department / School to the website:
- <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/account/>
- Otherwise **only the person who paid** will receive the weekly ALLNet, and any mailings from ALL 😊

Useful reminders

ALL is:

- The major professional association for teachers of ALL languages, at ALL levels, in ALL sectors;
- Run by teachers, for teachers;
- Completely independent - our sole purpose is to support and represent language teachers.

What does ALL do?

- Represents the interests and views of its members;
- Provides information and support;
- Contributes to national debates;
- Produces regular publications, such as Languages Today magazine and journals;
- Runs training courses tailored to teachers' needs;
- Runs the annual **Language World** conference.

Why join ALL?

- **To be well informed:** Up to date with news and developments from the world of languages through our magazine, journals and weekly e-newsletter.
- **To be networked:** Part of the national community of language teachers in the UK, providing support and encouragement.
- **To be adaptable:** Discovering and applying new teaching methods, resources and technologies, from other teachers eager to share their practice.
- **To be proactive:** Taking control of your own professional development, and taking advantage of the many training events on offer.
- **To be motivated:** With regular boosts of ideas and inspiration, keeping you on the top of your game, and reminding you why you became a teacher!



What do members get?

- Regular issues of Languages Today magazine;
- Copies of ALLnet, our weekly e-newsletter;
- Online access to our members' area, and electronic issues of our journals;
- Discounted or free training courses around the country, tailored to your needs;
- Great special offers from our Corporate Members; and
- Big discounts on delegate fees for our annual conference, Language World
- Access to the ALL Peer Mentoring programme.



How do I join ALL?

- **Online** – at www.all-languages.org.uk;
- **By telephone** – on 01332 227779;
- **By email** – to info@all-languages.org.uk;
- **By post** – to:

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