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Dear Mr Howles,

I hope this letter finds you well and that your staff and pupils have had a positive start to the autumn term.

I am writing to invite your pupils to participate in my 2026 Christmas Card Competition. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the creativity of our local students, and I would be thrilled if your school would take part.

Competition Guidelines:

- **Theme:** The theme is completely open, though designs incorporating a local touch or the spirit of our community are always highly encouraged.
- **Format:** Designs should be created on an A4 sheet of paper. They can be drawn in landscape or portrait orientation.
- **Materials:** Pupils can use pencils, crayons, felt-tips, or paint. Please ask them to use bold, bright colours. *Note: Please avoid using glitter or 3D materials (like cotton wool or glued-on sequins) as these cannot be properly scanned for the final printing process.*
- **Details:** Please ensure that each entry clearly states the **pupil's name, age, and school** on the back of the design.

Prizes and Recognition: The winning design will become the official image for my 2026 Christmas card. The winner will also receive a certificate and a small prize from the House of Commons shop, and I will be selecting several runners-up.

Submission Details: To ensure we have enough time to select a winner and send the designs to the printers, all entries must be received by **Friday, 6th November 2026**.

I know how incredibly busy you and your teaching staff are, so I greatly appreciate any time you can dedicate to sharing this with your pupils. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours truly,

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