**Teachers**

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites change over time and no longer respond to medicines, making infections harder to treat and increasing the risk of disease to spread, severe illness and death. As a result of drug resistance, antibiotics and other antimicrobial medicines become ineffective, and infections become increasingly difficult or impossible to treat.

Everyone can play their part in raising awareness of how AMR is a global threat, and we can all help by reducing the risk of infectionto **‘STOP THE SPREAD’.**

UK Health Security Agency has created [e-Bug](https://www.e-bug.eu/) which includes **free resources and lesson plans** for teachers to educate children and young people to ensure they play their role in preventing infection outbreaks and by using antimicrobials appropriately.

To help raise awareness we are introducing a ‘STOP THE SPREAD’ Wiltshire Primary School Poster Competition. This fits this year’s AMR week campaign theme to **Educate. Advocate. Act Now**.

Students can create a poster that shows how they would STOP THE SPREAD of infection, based upon what they have learned from e-Bug.

For example, you could choose from the following topics

* Handwashing
* Catch it, bin it, Kill it
* Vaccination

**How will The Posters be Judged?** We wish that everyone could be a winner, but we only have a limited number of prizes, so this is what the judges will be looking for.

**Winners will be selected on:**

* The creativity and originality of their art
* How well the artwork demonstrates the subject topic
* The overall impact of the submission

**What are the Prizes?**

* **Three winners (one from each age group) will win,** **for their school, a £75 book token and a Show and Glow handwashing kit.**
* **The winners will also get their artwork professionally printed and shared on Wiltshire Council social media, and the e-bug website.**
* **Six runners-up will win, for their school, a £25 book token each.**
* **The winners and the runners-up with be invited to a prize giving event at County Hall Trowbridge where they will all be presented with a certificate.**
* **Each winner will receive a gift presented at the prize giving ceremony.**

Prizes may vary and we reserve the right to make changes to the prizes. All book tokens will be for the school.

Moving on to something less fun…

**What are the rules?**

All entrants must be within the age categories below: -

* Early years (3-5 year)
* Key stage 1 (5-7 years)
* Key stage 2 (7-11 years)

**Key Rules:**

All entries must be individual (no team entry will be accepted)

* **Each school can enter a maximum of six entries**. We encourage you to run the competition with larger groups but to select the top six entries to represent your school. We would like to see two entries per category as above. If you send more than six entries, we will only be able to include the first six into the competition. You can award further self-funded prizes within your school-level competition if you wish.
* Entries must be on one side of A4 paper only, you will need to send a clear photo (.jpg) or scanned (.pdf) version of each A4 entry. Please email entries electronically to publichealth@wiltshire.gov.uk
* Work must be original and created by the students – please do not use templates or include any [copyright protected](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/intellectual-property-copyright) characters, logos or trademarks.
* Posters must be uploaded with entrant details:
* Entrant first name, entrant age and category group i.e. EYs, key stage 1, key stage 2
* School name and contact details

Please note, the data submitted will be used for the administration of the competition. First names, ages and schools of students may be shared on our website and social media pages – if you do not want this data to be shared online you should make this explicitly clear in your submission, and we only share the school’s name.

**Full Poster Competition terms & conditions**

* **Only up to six entries per school allowed**
* Only **primary schools within Wiltshire** are eligible to enter this competition
* We reserve the right to make changes to the prizes
* There will be three overall winners (one from each age group), and six runners-up (two from each age group) as per categories listed above from all entries received from Wiltshire based schools.
* Posters will be judged on creativity, how well they fit the theme and how well the poster has been made or drawn.
* Entries must be submitted digitally – scanned .pdf or photos .jpg of the original posters are accepted. Publichealth@wiltshire.gov.uk
* The competition will run from **18 November 2024 - 10 January 2025** – we must receive all entries before 6pm on **10 January 2025**, any entry received after this date will not be included.
* Winners and runners-up schools will be notified via email on **Monday 20 January 2025**
* Winners and runners-up will be invited to attend a prize giving event on **Friday 31 January 2025** at County Hall Trowbridge between 14.00-15.30pm
* Prizes are non – transferable
* Entries may be displayed and used for promotion, with only first names used
* The winner must be able to submit original artwork to County Hall – this can be posted.
* Entry into this competition will be deemed as acceptance of these terms and conditions