



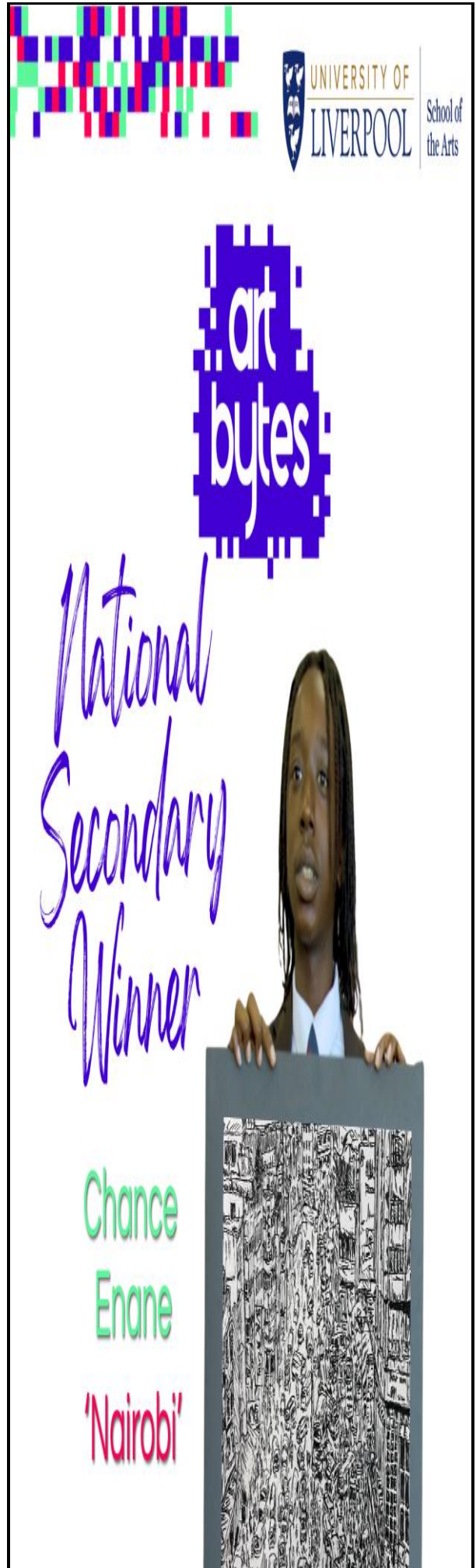
14th July 2026

Dear Arts Society Member/Supporter,

We have had a wonderful year working with almost 150 schools across England and are incredibly grateful for the support we have received from Arts Societies who have helped make Art Bytes 2025-6 so successful.

This year's competition reached its spectacular conclusion with Celebration Events at eight prestigious cultural venues across the country on 17th and 18th June. Among the highlights: **Majkl Morava from Lynnfield Primary School in the North East** was crowned national primary winner, and **Chance Enane from Northampton School for Boys in the East Midlands (sponsored by Northamptonshire Arts Society)** took the national secondary title.

Thanks to everyone who joined us at these events to celebrate the talent of our Young Artists!



National Primary Winner 2025-6 - Majkl Morava from Lynnfield Primary in the North East &

National Secondary Winner 2025-6 - Chance Enane from Northampton School for Boys in the East Midlands. [Sponsored by Northamptonshire Arts Society.](#)



Bowdon, Crosby, Samlesbury & Crosby Arts Society Members who attended the Art Bytes North West Regional Celebration event at The Harris, Preston on 18th June.

REMIND ME.....WHAT IS ART BYTES?

Art Bytes is a national art and EdTech programme for Year 5 and Year 9 students across all educational settings in England, combining an inter-school art competition judged by professional artists and arts professionals with a bespoke virtual gallery, augmented reality (AR) tools, and in-person Celebration Events at cultural venues in each region. Managed by Liverpool-based social enterprise dot-art, the programme is working with almost 150 schools this year, with over 550 schools having taken part across the past five years and more almost 10,000 students participating since 2022.

Independent research by Liverpool Hope University has validated the programme's ability to nurture talent, raise ambition, and develop confidence and cultural capital among young people. Art Bytes is unique in its democratic approach: while competition winners are selected by a panel of respected arts professionals and a public vote, every participating child's artwork can be viewed online and in augmented reality, ensuring every student is an exhibited artist.

Plus - there is intentionally **no theme** for artwork submitted making it easier to fit into schools' existing schemes of work!

WHAT DO SCHOOLS GET IF THEY SIGN UP?

- A dedicated [portfolio page](#) on the Art Bytes website, featuring student's artwork entries, brief info and a link to your schools' website.
- The opportunity to showcase student's artwork and creativity nationally and compare standards of artwork with other schools across the country, online and in a gallery setting.
- The use of our [Augmented Reality \(AR\) feature](#). EVERY student who submits work can showcase this *anywhere through the AR feature* - very exciting!
- Invitations for shortlisted students, their families and staff to attend a **regional celebration event** at a high profile cultural venue in their area.
- Promotion via printed publicity & social media

- Certificates for all students
- The opportunity to win some [great prizes](#)

FEEDBACK 2025-6

We couldn't be prouder of the way in which our pupils embraced exploring the project and were able to use their imagination and creativity to produce some stunning pieces of art. Thank you once again for making this competition happen and for providing our pupils with the opportunities to feel successful as artists. We very much look forward to working with Art Bytes again in the future."

Teacher- Lynnfield Primary School

It was very nice to be present to not only receive the certificates but also hear the announcements of award winners. Just proves that creativity of kids is limitless and their talent should be nourished. Art Bytes is performing a valuable role in bringing this out and creating avenues not only for it to be realised but also promoted.

Family member - Celebration Event

The Holburne, Bath 2026

The quality of the artwork submitted was really excellent, and a joy to look at. So lovely to see such a range. Thank you for doing something to promote and raise the profile of art in schools! It was great to hear the judges' comments about the overall winners. That was a great way to appreciate the art and see what sorts of things were commented on, as well as to appreciate the naturally subjective nature of art appreciation!

Parent - Celebration Event

National Gallery/St Martin-in-the-Fields 2026



HOW YOUR SOCIETY CAN GET INVOLVED IN 2026-7

We are delighted to already work with a number of [Arts Societies](#) across the country - however we are always looking for more supporters who would like to get involved and sponsor a school (s). Art Bytes is run by a small, unfunded, not for profit social enterprise, [dot-art](#) Services CIC, so the generous support of our sponsors and champions (alongside school entry fees) enables us to sustain the programme and make it possible for more young people to get involved.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch some short videos of Art Society members talking about why they got involved and the impact they have had in their local area.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about how Chance Enane (sponsored by Northamptonshire Arts Society) became this year's National Secondary winner!

[DOWNLOAD A LEAFLET HERE](#)

SIGN UP TO SUPPORT A SCHOOL FOR 2026-7



Rebecca Cross - Deep Tranquility

FINALLY.....

We'd love you to help us spread the word about **TEACHER'S CORNER** so students see their teachers CAN BE ARTISTS TOO (see above for this wonderful example!)

Teachers from ANY SCHOOL SCHOOL IN ENGLAND can complete this form **HERE** to upload images of their artwork. (Max 2MB per image file) **Up to three entries per teacher please.**

Artwork must be suitable for family audiences, otherwise any theme or medium is welcome.

Submissions need to be in by **Monday 17th August 2026.**

If you have any questions about Teacher's Corner please email helen@artbytes.co.uk

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ART BYTES?

Please contact the ART BYTES coordinator for your region who will be happy to help!

All best, Helen, Jane & Emily

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