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YAFF 2026 Finalists

The awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th places in each grade will be announced at the YAFF Celebration Event, in-person at the Library on Friday 19 June. The finalists are:

Kindergarten/*Grande Section*

Yuhan Chen
Yujia Chen
Harriet Jones
Rose Robine
Isabella Tran

Spinning Swing
Labubu Celebration
Harriet and Gallop-Hop
A Parrot in Paris
The Story of the Planets

1st Grade/*CP*

Bowie Rolland Pomeroy
Liam Schobeiri
Flynn Sillaman
Callahan Sullivan
Lucile Wade

The Battle of Ninja Land
The Jungle Soccer Team
Fast Cheetah Spiky
The Magic Seashell
The Witch and The Pot of Gold

2nd Grade/*CE1*

Abigail Alphonse
Samuel Bilkey
Yixiu Lin
Maxine Miehé
Constança Pestana Beirão

The Kindest
Time Twister
The Witch and the Girl
The Boy Who Didn't Want to Go to School
The Great Train Adventure

3rd Grade/CE2

David Breitenstein
Maximillian Brooke Chind
Romy Carpentier
Sakura Kanzaki
Eleonore Vandevoorde

The Time-Traveler Button
Space Masters - Choose Your Own Adventure
A Secret in My Classroom
Little Dolphin in a Dangerous Ocean
The Monster World

4th Grade/CM1

Freya Anderson
Emily Jarvis Alahouzou
Joseph Lizé
Judy Peng
Winona Samples

I Gazed at the Sea
Lucy and the Cheeky Little Clock
Droplet goes on holidays
The Underwater Artist
The Flower, the Kids and the Man

5th Grade/CM2

Rayan Samy Abdennebi
Sami Amara
Ariana Barrientos Poveda
Jasmine Guillaume
Ava Setton

The Elemental Elf
Inspector Bacon and the Missing Fin
The Great Cheese Heist
The New Necklace
Proud Barks

6th Grade/6ème

Avery Chin
Yoonseo Choi
Ronnie Horobin
Isla Mcpartland
Lorenzo Moller

OUT.OF.SERVICE.
Pigeon
What Happened to Dave
The House on the Hill
Diary of a Future Kid

7th Grade/5ème

Vittoria Molinari
Amber Peng
Elise Picard

The Sea Remembers
Where Are My Wings?
Behind the Curtain

Adrian Thaler
June Williams

The Vending Machine
Jenni Wilson

8th Grade/4ème

Luqman Ahmad Syed
Sacha Bensoussan
Oona Parrott - Malman
Anaïs Perrotin
Felix Randall

A Dead Man Standing
A Journey Through Time
The pains of being pure at heart
A Winter's Night
Just Need a Little Luck

9th Grade/3ème

Lina Abdennebi
Elly Bensoussan
Milla Mac Donald
Fatima Shuman
Fariza Amreen Zaman

Alive
Sweet Sorrow
A Soldier's Fall
Parasha Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1–24:18
2:17

10th Grade/Seconde

Georgia Brown
Athena Fleurquin
Inès Leung
Alicia Navarre
Loona Visser

Just As Broken
The Game of Life
Coffee
Silent Night
No More Chains

11th Grade/Première

Rachel Casimir
Sabreen Kirati
Elsa Melamed
Martiene Olson-Lefko
Djamila Sy

Words
the swans that hold us together
HOME
Maybe on the Bathroom Walls
Apartment 3B

12th Grade/Terminale

Sixtine Catillon
Ninon Gousselot

Grace
Pieces of Him

Elise Limbourg
Clara Maciel
Isabella Peterson

The Memory Tax
Don't Change, Evolve
The Atomic Composition of Siblings or Rocks