

Four of Your Best

September 2026

A month of transition - softer light, deeper tones, and the first hints of autumn.

Changing Seasons



What the Theme Means

Changing Seasons is about noticing **shift**:

- Light changing...
- Colour changing...
- Daily life changing...
- Nature changing...
- Small clues tell the story.



Seasonal Clues

Look for:

- Longer shadows
- Early mist
- First fallen leaves
- Colour shifts in trees and hedgerows
- Cooler mornings, warmer clothing



Human World

People adapting to the season:

- Jackets appearing
- Warm drinks outdoors
- Commuters in softer morning light
- Markets and cafés adjusting their spaces



Natural World

Nature beginning to turn:

- Seed heads forming
- Birds gathering
- Early colour in trees
- Mist rising over fields
- Grasses drying and thinning



Close-Up

Textures of transition:

- Drying leaves
- Berries
- Bark patterns
- Seed heads
- Dew and moisture on surfaces



Monochrome

September suits monochrome beautifully:

- Gentle contrast
- Mist and atmosphere
- Bare branches emerging
- Strong early-morning silhouettes
- Tonal depth over colour



Light & Atmosphere

September light is:

- Lower
- Warmer
- Softer
- More directional
- Perfect for mood and storytelling.



Composition Tips

- Use negative space
- Look for contrasts between summer and autumn
- Include environmental clues
- Keep edges clean
- Let atmosphere lead the image



The Challenge

Capture photographs that shows **a moment of seasonal change** - subtle, atmospheric, and unmistakably September.

Challenge Ideas

- **First Signs of Autumn** - early colour, fallen leaves, shifting tones
- **Human Seasonal Shift** - clothing, routines, gestures that show change
- **Textures of Transition** - close-up details of nature moving into autumn
- **September Light** - long shadows, warm tones, misty mornings
- **Summer vs Autumn Contrast** - one frame showing both seasons meeting



Good luck with the
September
Challenge
it certainly has
scope.

