



NEWSLETTER

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18.11.25

Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mr McKane & Mrs Wilson



KEY DATES CHRISTMAS 2025



Saturday 29th November 1.00 – 4.00pm – Christmas Fair

Wednesday 3rd December @ 9.00am – School Open Day

Saturday 6th December – Christmas Tree Sale

Tuesday 9th December @ 7.00pm – P4-P7 Concert in Fisherwick

Wednesday 10th December @ 9.30am – P1 Nativity Play

Thursday 11th December @ 9.30am – P2 Nativity Play

Friday 12th December @ 9.30am – P3 Nativity Play

(Tea & Coffee is served from 9.00am at all our nativity plays)

Wednesday 17th December – P4-P7 Stranmillis' Got Talent Show

Friday 19th December – End of Term @ 12 noon

Monday 5th January – Term 2 begins @ 8.40am!

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Congratulations



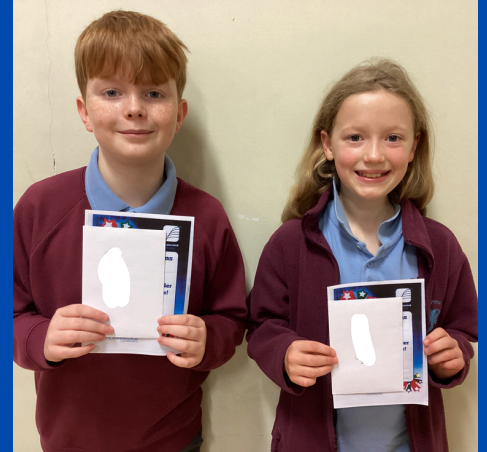
Lucia was 'Star of the Week' at ballet class.



Darcy won a medal and a trophy for Gaelic football.



James was 'Player of the Week' at football club and won two awards for his golf skills.



Ben and Mollie are the latest 'AR Millionaires'. Well done!



Kitan, Anna, Matilda and Thomas all won certificates and medals for gymnastics.



Rose won medals and a certificate for swimming.



Matilda won a medal for running 5km.



Louisa won a medal for swimming.



Girls' Football Report

On Wednesday, the Girls' Football Team took part in the 2nd round of the Liz Bryson Cup against a very strong Strandtown PS side. The team represented the school excellently, showcasing fantastic determination, teamwork, and respect. Unfortunately, the result didn't go in our favour, and we will not be progressing to the next round. A great experience and well done to all the girls who took part.



The families of Stranmillis Primary generously donated **135 coats** to Fane Street!!

Additionally, hats, scarves, gloves, hoodies, and uniforms kindly given.



Thank you to Christy McAllister for organising this wonderful act of kindness. Thank you to everyone who sent in coats and other clothing items. As we always tell the pupils, if you can be anything, be KIND.



17 November 2025

Dear Mrs Wilson and Stranmillis Primary School PTA,

On behalf of the Fane Street Primary School family, I am writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for your very generous Annual Coat Drive. Your commitment and kindness make a real difference in our community.

Thanks to your efforts, we are able to provide warmth and comfort to families in need during the colder months. These coats will be distributed at our **Great Winter Coat Giveaway on Tuesday, 18th November**, ensuring that many of our children individuals can face the winter with dignity and care.

I would also like to offer my sincere thanks for the ongoing support you provide through uniform donations and, on occasion, toys and books. These items make a profound difference to families who may otherwise struggle to make ends meet.

Your continued partnership is invaluable and we deeply appreciate the time, energy, and compassion you dedicate to supporting our families. Together, we are making a positive impact that truly matters.

Thank you once again for your kindness and support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hilary Cunningham
Principal



Our final meeting of 2025 is on Wednesday 19th November at 7.00pm in Room 12. The attendances in September and October were excellent, so please join us on Wednesday! New members are always welcome!

Celebrating Diversity

Our next Stranmillis Language is **Polish**

Dzień dobry

(jen doh-bri) means "Hello"

Do widzenia

(doh veed-zen-ya) is "Good bye"

Dziękuję

(jen koh-yeh) is "Thank you"

STRANMILLS
LANGUAGES





Kindness Week is Back!

We are pleased to announce that 'Kindness Week' will be taking place again this year. This initiative is an important part of our school's commitment to fostering a positive and supportive environment for all. Kindness is central to our school vision.

Throughout the week, pupils will engage in a range of activities designed to promote empathy, respect, and kindness in everyday interactions. These activities will encourage children to reflect on the impact of their actions and to recognise the value of caring for others within our school community and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture these important values. We look forward to sharing the highlights of the week with you.

*In a world where you
can be anything... be
KIND.*



DIVERSITY

REPORT

Diversity Focus Group Meeting

Who are we?

We are a group of parents working alongside Mrs Wilson and Mrs Moore in the last year, coming together to explore what diversity means within our school community. Our aim is to ensure we are as inclusive as possible for all pupils, considering the unique context of our school environment.

Our Purpose

To engage parents and the wider community in promoting inclusion and belonging in our school for all our pupils.

Our commitment to inclusion means embracing and supporting children and their families with a wide range of differences—cultural, physical, emotional and social. We strive to create an environment where every child feels valued and respected, ensuring that diversity is not only acknowledged but celebrated.

The successes of last year include:

- New lessons for Culture Week including pupils learning about our connections with countries around the world and how we depend on each other
- Purchase of books reflecting diversity for the school library
- Availability of skin-toned colouring pencils in every classroom
- All staff participated in a conference at Queen's University Belfast alongside 12 local primary schools, organised by the South Belfast Primary Schools Partnership, focused on the theme "Inclusion as Collective Praxis: Reimagining School and Community Relationships".
- Orla McKeating, 'Still I Rise,' delivered a workshop to all staff on the theme of 'Inclusive Language.'

Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent meeting.



Stranmillis Primary School OPEN DAYS

**Wednesday 3rd December 2025 &
Wednesday 14th January 2026 at
9.00am**



Click on the picture to watch our school video

'Nurturing and inspiring kind, creative and inquisitive children'



 **Join Us for Our School Christmas Fair!** 
Saturday 29th November | 1:00–4:00pm

Get into the festive spirit at our annual Christmas Fair!
Bring family and friends for an afternoon filled with:

-  Festive stalls & Mulled wine
-  Delicious cakes & seasonal treats
-  Meet Santa in his grotto
-  Games, Face Painting & more...
-  Crafts and activities for all ages

Come along, support our school, and enjoy a magical start to the Christmas season.

Buy your entrance tickets, book an Arcade session, Lego session or grotto visit online now at www.pta-events.com/stranpta



PTA Theatre Trip to see ‘A Christmas Carol’



Join us on **Tuesday 30 December** at the Lyric Theatre to see this wonderful Christmas play. Why not get a group of parents and pupils from your child's class and have a lovely afternoon together? Tickets and more information can be found at www.stranpta.com

Christmas Tree Sale



To pre-order a tree, or sign up to help, please visit www.stranpta.com



Key dates for SEPTEMBER 2026

- 10 December 2025**
Admissions Criteria published
- 7 January 2026**
Applications open at 12 noon
- 21 January 2026**
Applications close at 12 noon

www.eani.org.uk

Parents - Let's Talk about Smartphones

**Research - Tips - Phone Options and Controls
- See Alternatives in Person - Local School Policies - Preparing Children - Discussion**

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| When | Where |
| Wed 26 th Nov 8.30pm | Stranmillis PS Assembly Hall |

Please let us know you're coming through scanning the QR or visiting <https://bit.ly/sps-smartphones2>

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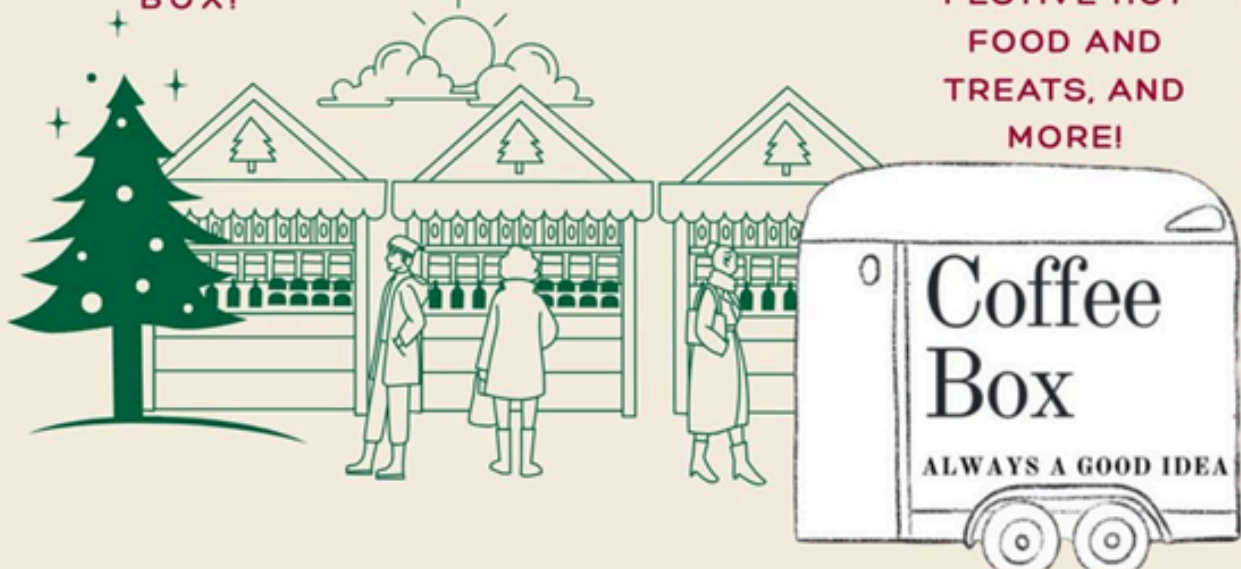
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AT THE COFFEE
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EXPECT LIVE
MUSIC,
WONDERFUL,
LOCAL STALLS,
FESTIVE HOT
FOOD AND
TREATS, AND
MORE!



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YOUTH CLUB

Belfast YMCA in partnership with CFC South

Wednesdays 7-8.30pm (term time)

Everyone P7 - Year 11 is welcome!

Membership only **£30** for full year

(Get in touch for information about our bursary)



▽ Group games

▽ Consoles

▽ Sports

▽ Projects

▽ Gardening

▽ Baking

▽ Board games

▽ Arts and crafts

**COME TRY A NIGHT BEFORE YOU JOIN UP
MEET NEW PEOPLE
HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS**

Something for everyone!



Scan for registration
and membership
information

📍 Youth Room at Belfast YMCA
56-58 Knightsbridge Park BT9 5EH

☎ 028 9068 4665

🖱 belfastymca.org

✉ youth@belfast-ymca.org

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CHRISTMAS IN THE COURTYARD

12 DECEMBER 2025 FROM 4PM TO 9PM

Join us for a magical evening
Carol Singing and Music in the Courtyard
BBQ and Sweet Treats
Win **-Every-**Time Lucky Dip
Raffle with amazing prizes
Tea, Coffee, Hot chocolate and Gluhwein
Christmas stalls with gift ideas & Stocking fillers
Arts and Crafts & Letters to Santa
Festive Selfie Station, Face painting
Climbing Wall Taster Sessions
Free Elf Trail and Fun Games

Special guests !!!
Christmas Characters
Christmas Alpacas

**Belfast Activity Centre, Barnett's Demesne,
Malone Road, BT9 5PB**

HELP US FUNDRAISE TO REACH NEW HEIGHTS!

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM PURCHASES WILL GO TOWARDS A NEW
CLIMBING WALL, NEW MULTI-SENSORY WALL & NEW LOW ROPES
COURSE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY!**

**BE PART OF IT AND REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE FOR FREE, USING THE QR CODE**

