



# NEWSLETTER

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**BIG WALK AND WHEEL: MONDAY 16 MARCH - FRIDAY 27 MARCH**

Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world. On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school.

Please support this great initiative as a way of making active travel your daily choice!

There will be lots of spot prizes for children who choose active travel over the two weeks of the initiative. As the pupils aren't in school on 16th and 17th March, we will start recording journeys on 18th March.

Dear Parents,

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 22nd March 2026. Order through the Tempest website if you have received paper order forms: Visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

Regards, Tempest Photography

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PHOTOGRAPHY

THIS  
WEEK'S  
STAR  
PUPILS

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# Congratulations



Ruby and Finn are the latest AR Millionaires!



Dea and Corina received certificates for participation in the Lagan Festival.



Niamh was First Football's 'Player of the Week'.



Sofia, Georgie and Alexa represented Ulster at squash and were runners-up in the Junior Interprovincial Tournament.



Pearl was awarded a certificate for being 'Gymnast of the Month'.



Olivia received a medal for coming 3rd in her dance competition.



Lucia was awarded a medal for swimming 10 metres.



Kate swam 6 metres front crawl and received a certificate and medal.



Charlotte got first place at the Lagan festival for reciting her poem.



Joe scored two goals and was awarded 'Player of the Week'.



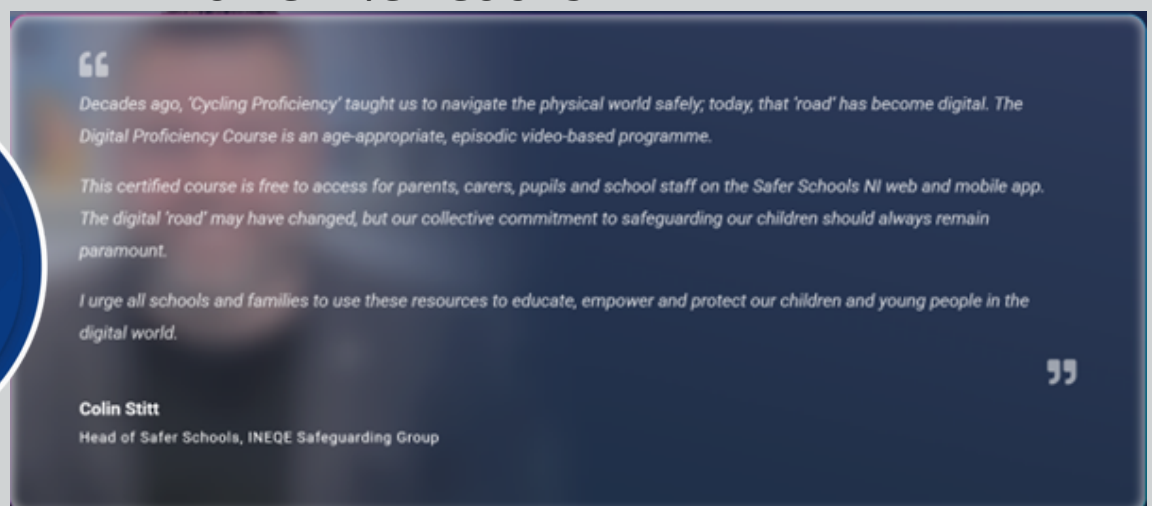
This term, we are encouraging parents to engage with the SaferSchools NI programme and complete a 'Digital Proficiency Course'. This scheme supports schools, pupils, and families in developing the knowledge and confidence needed to navigate the online world safely and responsibly.

As part of this initiative, parents and carers also have the opportunity to build their own understanding of online safety. The SaferSchools NI platform provides clear and practical guidance on a wide range of digital topics-from privacy settings and social media habits to emerging online trends and how to support young people in making safe choices.

1. Please sign up to the app!
2. Complete the Digital Proficiency Course with your child
3. Complete the quiz at the end

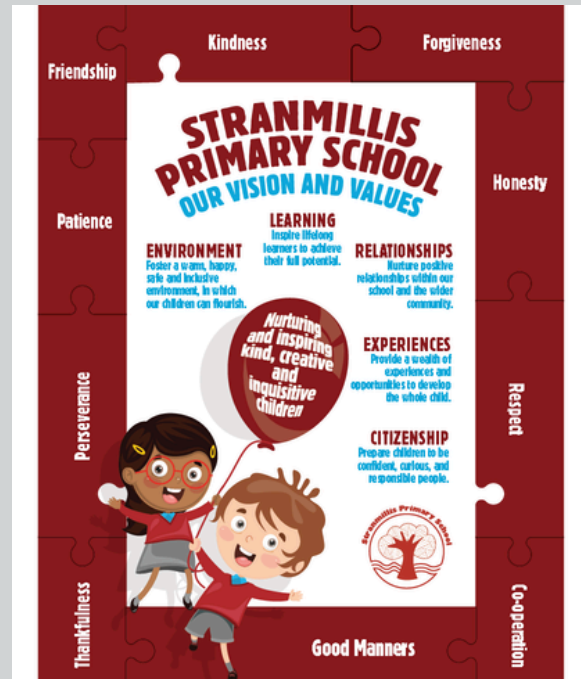
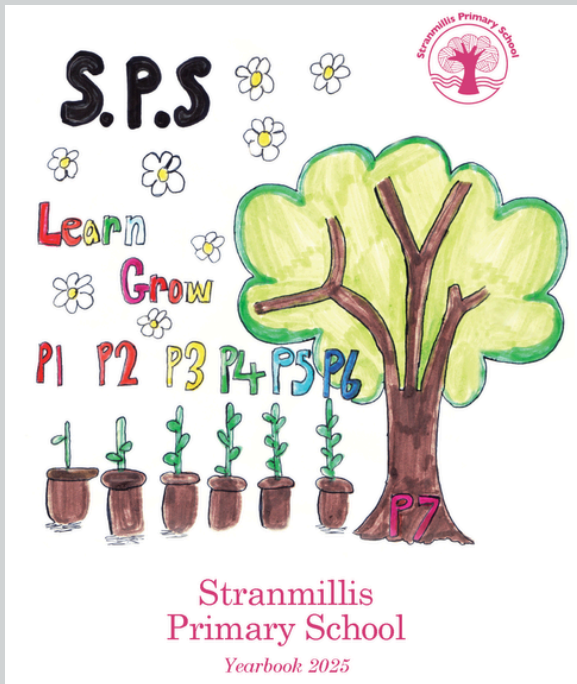
This is a fantastic resource so please use it to help your child be safe online. An email and Seesaw message were sent last week outlining how to sign up

**\*\*\* AS OF 13 MARCH, 60 OF OUR FAMILIES ARE SIGNED UP TO THE SAFER SCHOOLS NI AND 3 FAMILIES HAVE COMPLETED THE DIGITAL PROFICIENCY COURSE \*\*\***





# SCHOOL MAGAZINE ADVERTISING



Would you be interested in supporting your child’s school, Stranmillis PS, by placing an advertisement in our school magazine?

We print 300 copies of our magazine, and it is distributed to parents of children currently at the school, and to prospective parents who attend our Open Days. If you commit to placing an advertisement, we will include it in one of our weekly newsletters, which is emailed to all our parents and is available online.

The costings are as follows:

- ¼ page advertisement - £75
- ½ page advertisement - £100
- Full page advertisement - £125

If you are interested, please email [parneill709@c2kni.net](mailto:parneill709@c2kni.net) to proceed. We aim to finalise our advertising by Friday 15th May.

Stranmillis PS is at the heart of the community in BT9, and I hope you will support us in delivering our mission of ‘nurturing and inspiring kind, creative and inquisitive children’.

# DIVERSITY FOCUS GROUP

## At Stranmillis Primary School



At Stranmillis Primary, we believe every child should feel **valued, respected and celebrated**.

To help us continue building a truly inclusive school community, we are excited to share our **Diversity Focus Group**.

### Who Are We?

We are a passionate group of parents and staff, working together to champion inclusion, celebrate all types of diversity and the unique qualities that make each of us who we are.

### What We're Working On

- Embedding diversity and inclusion across our curriculum and school life
- Creating opportunities for children to share and celebrate their unique backgrounds
- Providing a safe and supportive space to discuss and challenge discrimination
- Ensuring every pupil feels seen, heard and respected

### Everyone Is Welcome

You don't need any special experience — just curiosity, compassion and a willingness to be involved.

We value lived experiences and fresh perspectives, and we would love you to join us.

### Next Meeting

**Friday 27th March - 9:00am - Staff Room**

For more information, please contact our Diversity Co Ordinator:

Mrs Moore – [jmoore713@c2kni.net](mailto:jmoore713@c2kni.net)





12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Education Authority, in partnership with the Department of Education, is reforming the classroom support model for children and young people with statements of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The Enhanced Support Model is a long-term plan to improve how children with special educational needs are supported in the classroom. It aims to move away from a one-size-fits-all approach and give schools more flexibility to tailor support to your child's individual needs.

The planned classroom support changes are aimed at delivering the best possible outcomes for our children and young people and are part of the wider Department of Education's SEN Reform Agenda and Delivery Plan.

Public consultation on the Enhanced Support Model will take place from 24<sup>th</sup> March until 19<sup>th</sup> May. It will help shape the changes and give you the opportunity to have your say. This will be a phased improvement programme – and plans will evolve in the coming years with input from you, our parents and carers, your children, teachers and school leaders.

In the coming weeks, we will be inviting you to share your views through workshops, online sessions, and in-person conversations. Your voice will help us design a model that works for all our children and young people with a statement of SEND.

### **How can my voice be heard?**

A public consultation will be opening on March 24. Please keep an eye on our social media channels and our website for further information and details of events. For further information on the wider Department of Education's SEN Reform Agenda and Delivery plan, please visit: [SEN Reform Agenda | Department of Education](#)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES & ADVERTISEMENTS

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### Thinking outside the box

How Different Brains Learn  
& Grow

Free Workshop For  
Parents and Caregivers

Raising a child who learns differently brings both joys and challenges. This workshop helps parents understand how children's brains grow and adapt, with simple strategies to support learning at home.

Whether your child has a diagnosis, is waiting, or you're just beginning to wonder, this session offers knowledge, confidence, and practical strategies you can use straight away.

#### In this workshop you can expect:

- ✓ Parent-friendly information on how children's brains learn
- ✓ Everyday strategies to support your child
- ✓ A focus on strengths as well as challenges

#### Event Details:



10TH MARCH 2026



10:00AM - 11:00AM



7:30PM - 8:30PM



A project supported by the PEACEPLUS Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).<sup>1</sup> Delivered by Colin Neighbourhood Partnership as part of The Changing Lives Initiative: Flourish & Thrive

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### Stop! Think! Act!

Helping Kids with Self-Control

Free Workshop For  
Parents and Caregivers

Does your child act before thinking, interrupt, or find it hard to wait? This free workshop explains what drives impulsive behaviour and shares strategies to build self-control and confidence.

**Whether your child has a diagnosis, is on a waiting list, or you're beginning to explore the possibility, this session offers knowledge, confidence, and practical strategies you can use straight away.**

**In this workshop you can expect:**

- ✓ Parent-friendly insights into impulsive behaviour
- ✓ Strategies to help kids pause, problem-solve, and make positive choices
- ✓ A supportive space to learn and share

#### Event Details:

 **11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

 **7:30PM - 8:30PM**

 **The Carew Family  
Centre  
15 Tamar Street  
BT4 1HS**



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# Joseph

AND THE AMAZING  
TECHNICOLOURED DREAMCOAT

by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice

## SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL

A week-long singing school for children

Ages 5-15 | £200

27 - 31 July, 9am - 4pm (daily)

Strathearn Prep School

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# Joseph AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOURED DREAMCOAT

**Ages 5–8 Songbirds Course | Ages 9–15 Junior Course**

**Monday 27 – Friday 31 July, 9am – 4pm daily**

**Strathearn Prep School**

**157 Belmont Church Road, Belfast BT4 2TD**

The Ulster Consort Foundation is very excited to present Strathearn Preparatory School as the venue for the Children's Summer Singing School 2026! Children, ages 5–15, will receive expert daily tuition provided by some of Northern Ireland's leading musicians, whilst having great fun preparing music for a grand finale concert on the final evening. Strathearn Prep provides a fantastic location for a week of music-making, and is ideal for easy drop off and pick up by parents/guardians.

**Cost: £200, which includes:**

- all musical tuition
- daily lunch box
- all snacks
- group activities and crafts
- a branded top

To book please scan this QR code  
or visit [ulsterconsort.org](http://ulsterconsort.org)



Grand Finale Concert for family and friends  
**Friday 31 July, 5pm**



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in your local area right now in need of  
safe and loving foster homes.

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