



# NEWSLETTER

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## Important Notice

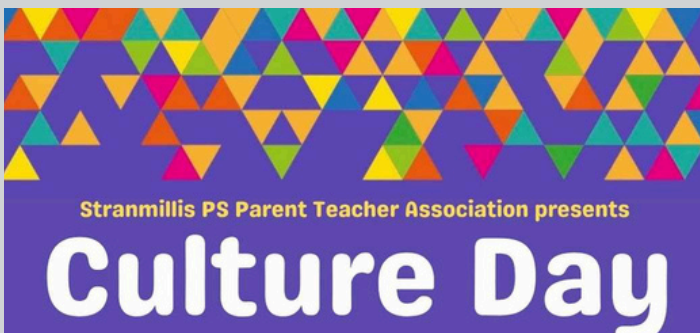
Please be advised that we will be closed on the following dates:

**Monday 25th May**

 Bank Holiday Closure

**Tuesday 26th May**

 Exceptional Closure



Culture Day is on Saturday 6 June from 12-4pm. To **BUY TICKETS**, **BOOK A WORKSHOP** or **SIGN UP TO HELP**, visit [www.stranpta.com](http://www.stranpta.com) PLEASE COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE DAY! More details on page 4 of this newsletter.

The next PTA meeting is on **Wednesday 27 May at 7.00pm** in Room 12. The attendance at our meetings has been fantastic this year so please plan to attend!



THIS  
WEEK'S  
STAR  
PUPILS

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P7



# Congratulations



Mia received the Rainbow Bronze Award at 92nd Belfast Rainbows and now moves up to Brownies!



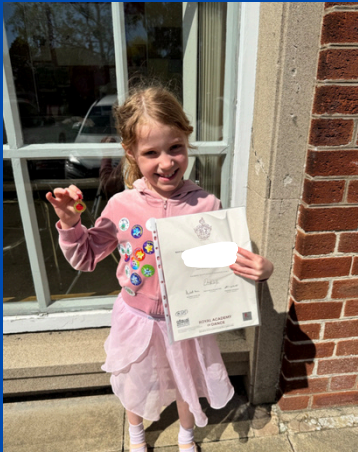
Lily got a certificate and a medal for ballet. Charlotte-Rose was awarded a high merit in ballet and also received a certificate and medal.



Niamh received a medal for doing a flip and a jump onto a higher bar in gymnastics.



Aidan was awarded a certificate for Man of the Match in Hurling. Grace was awarded Player of the Week for her Camogie club.



Emmie was awarded a distinction and a gold medal in her Royal Academy of Dance Primary exam.



Tadhg was awarded 'Hurler of the Week' at his hurling club.



Frida is pictured with her ballet certificate from Royal School of Ballet for Grade 1.



Hugh was awarded a certificate for being the 'Best Local Sailor' at a Regatta



Columba was awarded a medal and a trophy for winning a football tournament.



Anna & Yara are the latest AR Millionaires!



Miriam, Jack, Niamh and Sophia took part in a colour run at the YMCA. Esme was awarded her Rainbow Bronze award.



Children across both Primary 4 classes made their First Holy Communion at St Brigid's Church on Saturday.

This followed months of preparation each Tuesday evening for the sacrament itself.

The boys and girls did the school proud, and it was such a beautiful service, followed by a celebration with the entire P4 year group at the Boat Club on Saturday evening.



Well done to all the boys who took part in a P7 rugby festival at the Affidea Stadium on Monday. The squad won all three games and scored some superb tries! They also had a stadium tour and received a treat bag from the sponsors. What a wonderful day!





Stranmillis PS Parent Teacher Association presents

# Culture Day

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 12-4pm

at Stranmillis Primary School

A vibrant celebration of the  
unique diversity of our school



Holi-inspired Festival of Colour - African Drumming - Salsa  
BSL - Art workshops - Diversity Storytelling - Henna Tattoo  
Bouncy castles - International Games - Mexican dance -  
Irish Trad - International bakes - Korean & Rangoli Craft  
and more.....

plus Food stalls, coffee van & treats

£3 entrance fee (kids under 3 free)

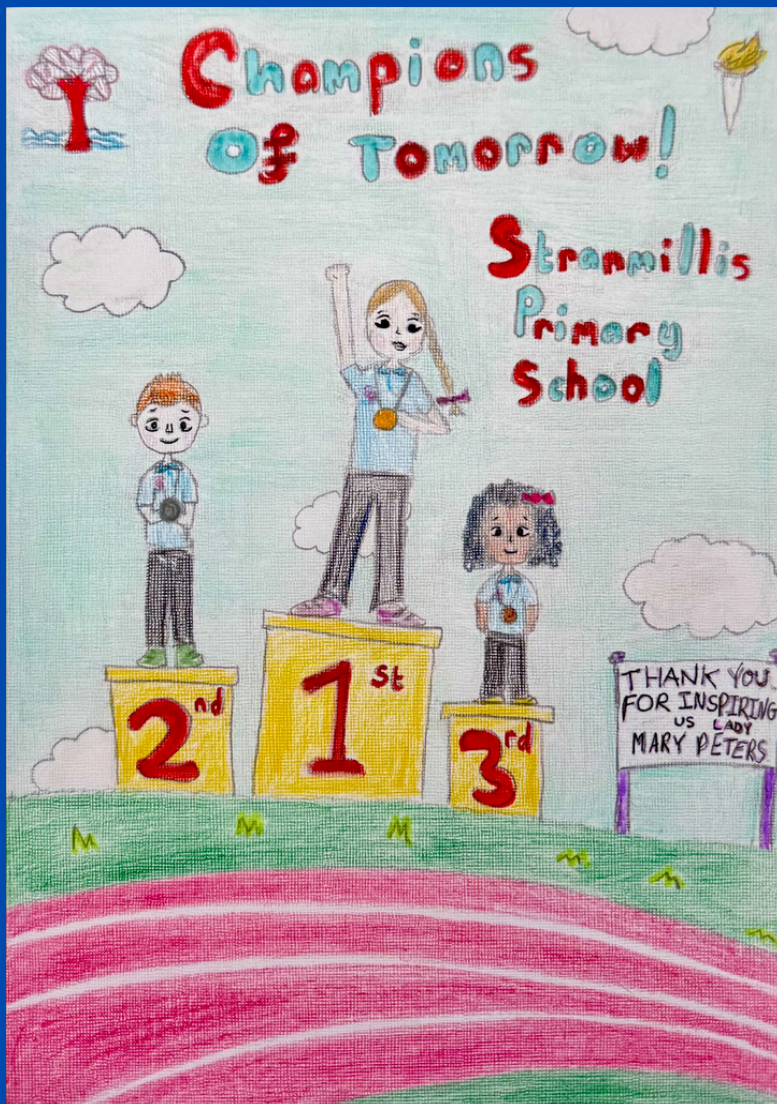
Book & volunteer now at [stranpta.com](http://stranpta.com)





Thank you for attending our annual Sports Day last Friday. It was a wonderful day and we were so proud of all the children. Thank you for being part of this special day.





We were absolutely delighted that Lady Mary Peters was able to attend our Sports Day this year. The children learnt all about her achievements in assembly last Friday and were very excited to meet her! Many of our pupils got to chat to Lady Mary during the afternoon and she enjoyed being part of the event. We are so thankful that she was able to come and join in our special day! We presented her with some flowers and a framed picture drawn by one of our pupils. Thank you to Claire Murray for arranging and organising the visit.

Picture 1 - a picture drawn by Flora Murray on behalf of our pupils  
Picture 2 - some of our pupils with Mrs Wilson and Lady Mary Peters  
Picture 3 - Charlotte wearing Lady Mary's Olympic gold medal!



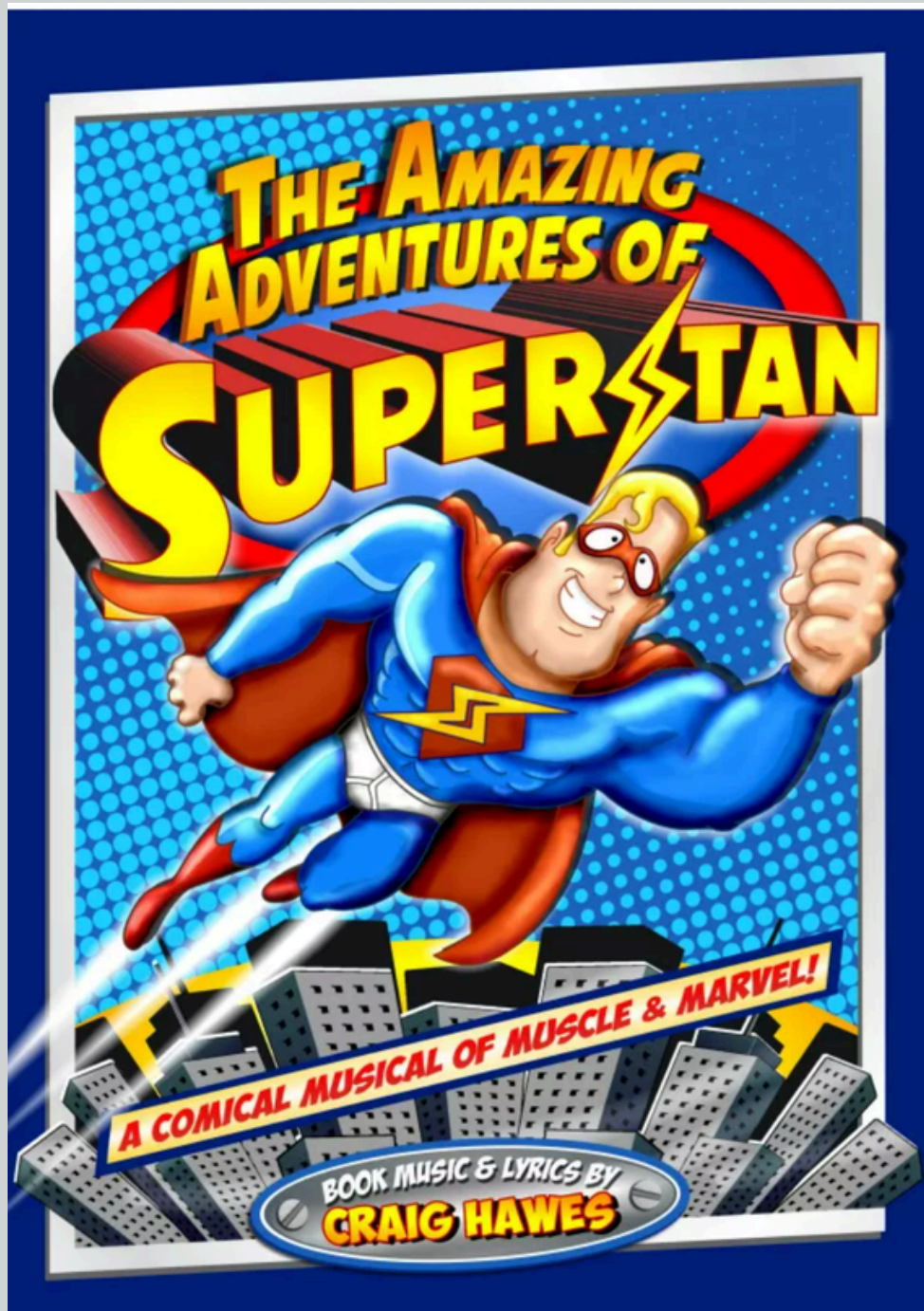
Last Thursday, P2F were invited to Stranmillis College campus to celebrate Childhood Services Week in partnership with the National Childcare Network in Ireland. They had the opportunity to take part in outdoor workshops, including natural collages, bug hunts and potion making. They had a brilliant time exploring the college grounds searching for Hoobert, the missing owl.

# BOOK FAIR

## Book Fair Class visit times May 2026

Date	Time	Class
<b>Tues</b> <b>19/5</b>	9.40 – 10.10	P1 Miss Gowdy
	10.10 – 10.40	P6 Mrs McKay
	10.40 - 11.10	P1 Miss Millar
	11.10 – 11.40	P6 Mr Cromie
<b>Wed</b> <b>20/5</b>	9.40 – 10.10	P5 Mrs Moore
	10.10 – 10.40	P5 Mrs Armstrong
	10.40 - 11.10	P2 Mrs King
	11.10 – 11.40	P2 Miss Finney
<b>Thurs</b> <b>21/5</b>	9.40 – 10.10	P3 Mrs McLaughlin
	10.10 – 10.40	P4 Miss Walls
	10.40 - 11.10	P3 Mrs Kane/Miss Orr
	11.10 – 11.40	P4 Mr McKane
	Nursery – Mrs Hall AM: 10.45 -11.15 PM: 14.14 -14.45	
<b>Fri</b> <b>22/5</b>	9.40 – 10.10	P7 Mr Arneill
	10.10 – 10.40	P7 Mrs Morton

# P7 PLAY



Wednesday 10 & Thursday 11 June at 7.00pm in Stranmillis College Theatre

Tickets cost £10.00

Tickets go on sale next week

P7 ticket release - Wednesday 27 May

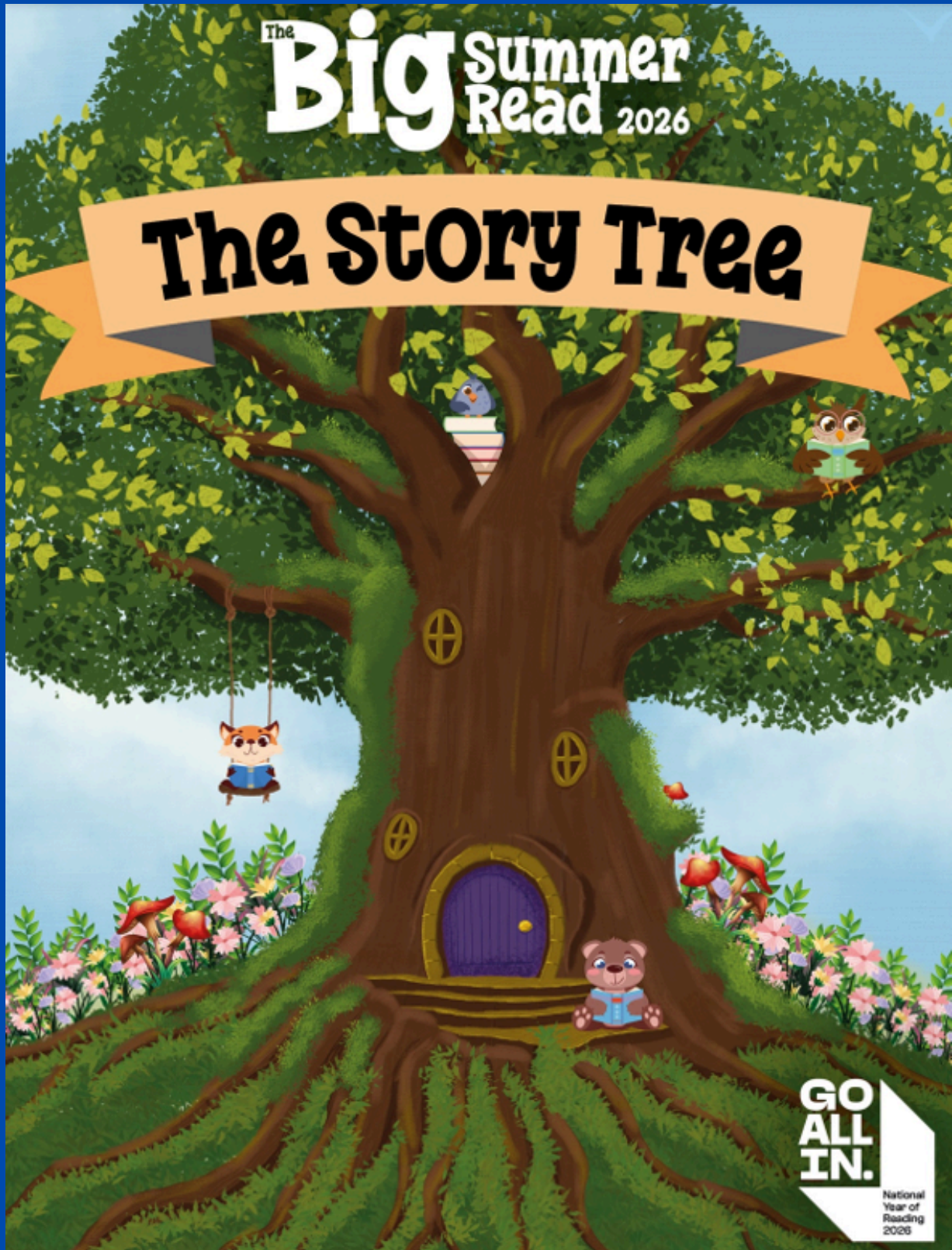
P5 & P6 choir ticket release - Thursday 28 May

Remaining tickets go on sale Friday 29 May



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### An easy way to keep your child learning over the summer

Delivered by Libraries NI, the Big Summer Read is a free summer programme designed to help primary school-aged children keep reading over the holidays.

#### Why it works

Over the summer, it's easy for reading habits to slip.

The Big Summer Read gives children a simple way to keep going, helping them to:

- stay confident with reading
- build a positive routine
- return to school ready to learn

#### No pressure. No set reading list.

Children can choose books they enjoy, read at their own pace, and visit the library as often as they like.

It's designed to fit around family life.

#### How to take part

Visit your local library, sign up, and start reading.

#### When?

29 June - 31 August 2026

#### Free at your local library

One library card gives access to books, eBooks, audiobooks and more. You can use your card at any library in Northern Ireland.



Visit [librariesni.org.uk](http://librariesni.org.uk)

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### Calm & Connected

Helping Kids Understand & Manage Emotions

Free Workshop For  
Parents and Caregivers

Big feelings can be overwhelming—for children and parents alike. This free workshop shares ways to support kids in understanding and managing emotions, while creating calmer and more connected family life.

**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:**

- ✓ Clear information about how children's brains process emotions
- ✓ Strategies to help kids calm down, express feelings, and build resilience
- ✓ A focus on strengthening parent-child connections

### Event Details:

 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2026

 7:30PM - 8:30PM

 Shaftesbury  
Community and  
Recreation Centre,  
97 Balfour Avenue,  
Belfast, BT7 2EW



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### Online Workshops





## June 2026

<h3>2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE</h3>	<p><b>10:30AM - 11.30AM</b> Social Smarts Helping Your Child Build Meaningful Connections</p>	<p><b>SCAN ME</b></p> 
<h3>4<sup>th</sup> JUNE</h3>	<p><b>10:30AM - 11.30AM</b> Calm &amp; Connected: Helping Kids Understand and Manage Emotions</p>	<p><b>SCAN ME</b></p> 
<h3>4<sup>th</sup> JUNE</h3>	<p><b>7:30PM - 8.30PM</b> Sensory SOS: Practical Strategies for Kids Who Feel Everything</p>	<p><b>SCAN ME</b></p> 
<h3>10<sup>th</sup> JUNE</h3>	<p><b>7:30PM - 8.30PM</b> Attention HQ: Helping Kids Tune In and Stay on Track</p>	<p><b>SCAN ME</b></p> 
<h3>11<sup>th</sup> JUNE</h3>	<p><b>7:30PM - 8.30PM</b> Stop! Think! Act! Helping Kids with Self-Control</p>	<p><b>SCAN ME</b></p> 

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**HARD 2 GUARD**

# BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMPS

**7 CAMPS. 3 VENUES. TOP USA COACHES.**

<b>1</b>	 6-10 JULY  LOUGH MOSS LC	 AGES <b>5-14</b>	 James Westland, Rolandas Bartkus
<b>2</b>	 27-31 JULY  LISBURN RACQUETS	 AGES <b>5-18</b>	 Jordan Eaton, Zach Caleris
<b>3</b>	 27-31 JULY  NEWFORGE	 AGES <b>7-18</b>	 Brian Ansberry
<b>4</b>	 3-7 AUGUST  LISBURN RACQUETS	 AGES <b>5-18</b>	 Pete Moran, Pat Moran, Spencer Roule
<b>5</b>	 10-14 AUGUST  LISBURN RACQUETS	 AGES <b>5-18</b>	 Rolandas Bartkus, Richard Berzins
<b>6</b>	 10-14 AUGUST  NEWFORGE	 AGES <b>7-18</b>	 Todd McGuinness, Jim Martin
<b>7</b>	 17-21 AUGUST  LOUGH MOSS LC	 AGES <b>5-14</b>	 James Westland, Kyle Gordon

**Scan to book your place today**



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**PLACES ARE LIMITED. CAMPS SELL OUT EVERY YEAR.**

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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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**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**

**[ulsterconsort.org](http://ulsterconsort.org)**



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