

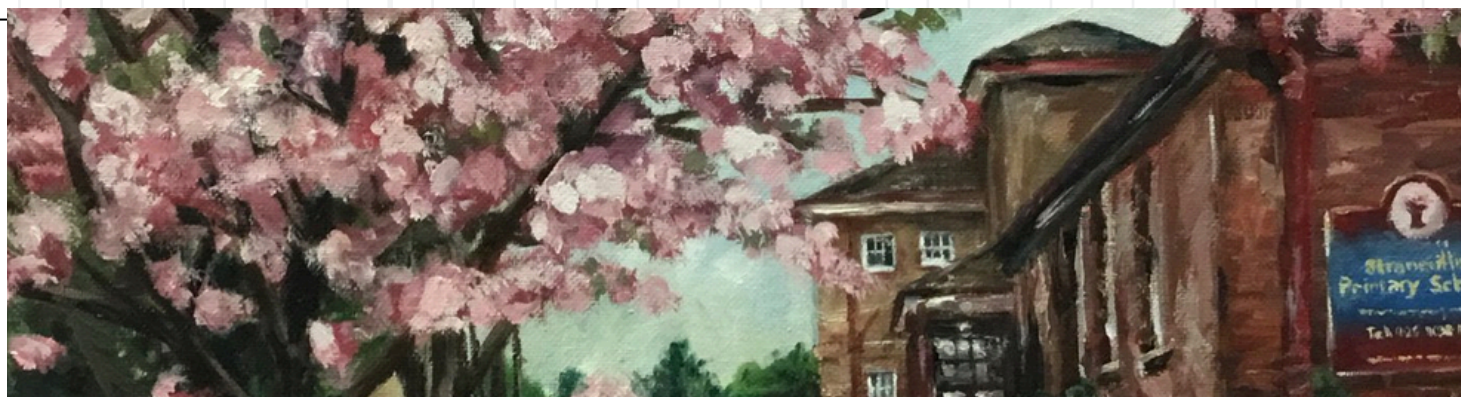


NEWSLETTER

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Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mr McKane & Mrs Wilson



'5 Ways to Wellbeing' - **GIVE**

Thank you for giving so generously to our collections at Christmas for the two charities chosen by our School Council: Age NI & 'Actions Not Words'. The total raised was £2155.78 so each charity will receive a donation of £1078.

We have a large number of school jumpers in our lost property which don't have any names on them; we have a range of sizes available! If you would like a school jumper (or jumpers), please send a request to Mrs Morton in Room 10 or email the school office. We strongly recommend that you label your child's jumpers so that they can be returned if they end up in lost property.



Our next PTA meeting is on **Wednesday 21 January** at 7.00pm in **Room 12**. Please join us as we make plans for the rest of this academic year. Everyone will receive a warm welcome. If you've never been before, why not give it a go!



Please note that there will be no school crossing patrol on **Tuesday** afternoons until the end of **March**.

THIS
WEEK'S
STAR
PUPILS

P1



P2



P3



P4



P5



P6



P7



Congratulations



Alexa won a medal playing squash at the Windsor U11 tournament.



Ka Him won 1 gold medal and 2 silver medals at a swimming gala for Leander Swimming Club.



El appeared in a recent edition of the Beano comic.



James, Suryansh, Sisi and Joel are the latest AR Millionaires!



On the last day of the ski trip, all the pupils took part in a slalom race. This picture includes several of the medalists!



Pictured is the winning quiz team from the ski trip. It was a proud moment for the staff to finish in 1st place ahead of all the parents' teams!!!

Well done to all the pupils who were on our ski trip to Italy last week. They represented the school extremely well and made us proud! Thank you to the staff who accompanied the children and a special thanks to Mrs McKay for organising such a wonderful trip!





Did you attend Stranmillis Primary School in the year 2000?

If so, you may have written a letter which was put into a time capsule. The time capsule was opened in November 2025 and the letters are available to collect from our school office.

If you would like to collect your letter, you can phone the school on 02890 381164, email using info@stranmillis.belfast.ni.sch.uk or pop into the school office. Please share this page on social media so we can return as many letters as possible!



School Meals Update



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The Education Authority (EA) recently set out a number of savings measures in response to a significant funding shortfall of around £300million.

As part of these measures, school meal prices will increase in January for the first time since 2017. Pupils entitled to Free School Meals will not be affected by this rise, and in pre-school, primary and special school settings will continue to receive a meal as before.

In post-primary, which operates on a cafeteria basis, the daily free school meal allowance will increase by 19.25% to £3.34 to mirror the price increase across all menu items.

For pupils who are not entitled to free school meals, new prices will come into effect in January 2026 and are reflected in the figures to the right.

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School Meal Prices Effective January 1 2026

Pre-School	£3.00
Primary	£3.10
Post-Primary	19.25% Price increase
Special	£3.10
Adult Meal	£3.99

REMINDER: IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS STRANMILLIS PS NURSERY, AND YOU WANT TO ENROL THEM IN PRIMARY ONE AT OUR SCHOOL FOR SEPT 2026, YOU STILL NEED TO APPLY FOR A PLACE.

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



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'

COMMUNITY NOTICES & ADVERTISEMENTS

Please note that neither the services advertised on the remaining pages nor those providing them, have been checked or verified by the school.



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music



(BELFAST OFFICE)

Orchestras, Bands and Ensembles

Do you play a woodwind, brass, string or percussion instrument?

Would you like to make music with other young musicians?

Or, if you are a singer, would you like a new opportunity?

Why not apply to join one of our ensembles?

EA Music (Belfast) operates a comprehensive evening and Saturday programme of orchestras, bands and ensembles (OBE) including string orchestras, concert bands, chamber and symphony orchestras, a brass ensemble and our 'Chorale' (for singers), across a wide range of age groups and levels, from our Introductory Winds and Strings (for primary school beginners) to our flagship City of Belfast Youth Concert Band and City of Belfast Youth Orchestra.

Membership is open to **all** eligible students,
not just those taught by EA tutors.

For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/BelfastOBEinfo>
or email musicservice.belfast@eani.org.uk





Dear parents,

This year we are hoping to organise our Saint Brigid's GAA club mass on Sunday, February 1st. We hope to form a choir of children from the parish to sing with us at the mass.

Last year we had such a great response from St Brides primary school and we would love to open it up to pupils from Stranmillis primary school this year. We would love to get your children involved. There will be two rehearsals prior to the mass. The dates to remember are as follows.

Rehearsal 1 - Sunday 18th of January 3-4pm

Parish Hall

Rehearsal 2 - Sunday 25th of January 3-4pm

Parish Hall

Mass - Sunday February 1st 9.30am

Church

If your child would like to take part, please forward your name, your child's name and your number to maryturk@hotmail.co.uk

Or

marylyonsss263@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing it all come together

Thank you

St Brigid's GAC