

WARRENPOINT FEIS

2026

SPEECH SYLLABUS

Monday 2nd March 2026 – Friday 13th March 2026

ADJUDICATOR

Jackie O'Halloran

ENTRIES CLOSE

FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER 2025

**COMPETITORS IN THIS SECTION MUST BE THE AGE STATED IN THE CLASS IN
WHICH HE/SHE IS COMPETING ON**

1ST JANUARY 2026

ENTRIES TO BE SENT TO:

THE SECRETARY OF THE SPEECH SECTION

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Competition Bye-Laws

Verse Speaking Section

1. In all cases, entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by appropriate fees.
2. Competitors will be admitted free only to the session in which they compete.
3. Competitors may obtain particulars of their marks after each class on the day of competition.
4. No competitor may perform the same piece in more than one class.
5. (a) All members of Choral Speaking must be bona fide members of the Group on the day of entry.
(b) In the cases of school groups, members must be on the particular school's rolls on the day of entry.
6. In Junior or Juvenile competition proof of age must be produced if required and competitors must be the age stated on the 1st January 2026.
7. (a) Prizes will be withheld if sufficient merit is not shown.
(b) In all classes there must be at least 3 No. Entries per class to constitute a competition except in Class No. 43 – Group Mime.
8. Any protest against the infringement of the Bye-Laws or against a competitor must be accompanied by a fee of £20 which will be returned only if the protest is upheld by the Committee whose decision shall be final.
9. Competitors must provide own choice selections and copies of poems and plays for the adjudicator.
10. (a) Competitors must not perform the same piece in two consecutive years.
(b) In all classes competitors must not perform any piece set by the adjudicator for the Primary and Private section as favourite poem in Private classes in the same year.
11. Any competitor receiving private tuition may not enter in the Primary School classes.
12. All prizes, including certificates of merit are awarded at the discretion of the adjudicator, whose decision is final.
- 13 All the entries for competitions are accepted subject to these Bye-Laws.
14. Entries will be accepted via the website only.

15. No late entries will be accepted after the closing date: Friday 12th December 2025

TEST PIECES

ENTRY FEE

Class 1:	Boys and girls aged over 4 and under 5. ‘The Karen Crawford Perpetual Challenge Cup’. Test piece: - “Tastes” by John Foster	£2.00
Class 2:	Boys and girls aged over 5 and under 6. ‘The Harty Perpetual Challenge Cup’. Test piece: - “Going Swimming” by Alison Chisholm	£2.00
Class 3:	Boys and girls aged over 6 and under 7. Test piece: - “Jungle Piece” by Jacqueline Emery	£2.00
Class 4:	Boys and girls aged over 7 and under 8. Test piece: - “Missing” by AA Milne	£2.00
Class 5:	Boys and girls aged over 8 and under 9. ‘The Aylish Durkin P.C. Cup Test piece: - “Someone” by Walter de la Mare	£2.00

Winners of classes 1 to 5 inclusive will compete in special awards class on the final night of competitions. Please ask the Secretary for competitor’s number.

Class 6:	Boys and girls aged over 9 and under 10. Test piece: - “First Day at School” by Roger Mc Gough	£2.00
Class 7:	Boys and girls aged over 10 and under 11. Test piece: - “Silver” by Walter de la Mare	£2.00
Class 8:	Boys and girls aged over 11 and under 12. Test piece: - “Snow” by Walter de la Mare	£2.00
Class 9:	Boys and girls aged over 12 and under 13. Test piece: - “Ghost Teacher” by Allan Ahlberg	£2.00
Class 10:	Boys and girls aged over 13 and under 15. Test piece: - “Beside the Seaside” by David Orme	£2.50

Winners of classes 6 to 10 inclusive will compete in special awards class on the final night of competitions. Please ask the Secretary for competitor’s number.

Class 11:	Boys and girls aged over 15 ‘The Thomas Raymond Kelly Perpetual Memorial Cup’. Test piece: - “The Song of Wandering Aengus” by W B Yeats	£2.50
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FAVOURITE POEMS

(The adjudicator will take into consideration the choice of poem)

ENTRY FEE

Class 12:	Favourite poem – not a ballad. Boys and girls aged over 4 and under 5. Own choice.	£2.00
Class 13:	Favourite poem – not a ballad. Boys and girls aged over 5 and under 6. Own choice.	£2.00
Class 14:	Favourite poem – not a ballad. Boys and girls aged over 6 and under 7. ‘The Amy Boyle Perpetual Challenge Cup’ Own choice.	£2.00
Class 15:	Favourite poem – not a ballad. Boys and girls aged over 7 and under 8. ‘The John O’Hagan Perpetual Challenge Cup’ Own choice.	£2.00
Class 16:	Favourite poem – not a ballad. Boys and girls aged over 8 and under 9. ‘The Pat and Rose O’Hare Perpetual Memorial Cup’ Own choice.	£2.00
Class 17:	Favourite poem – not a ballad. Time limit 3 minutes Boys and girls aged over 9 and under 10. ‘The Carlingford Lough Commission Perpetual Challenge Cup’ Own choice.	£2.00
Class 18:	Favourite poem – not a ballad. Time Limit 3 minutes Boys and girls aged over 10 and under 12. ‘The Magennis Perpetual Challenge Cup’ Own choice.	£2.00

Class 19:	Favourite poem – not a ballad. Time Limit 3 minutes Boys and girls aged over 12 and under 14. ‘The Sharon Lynch Norden Perpetual Challenge Cup’ Own choice.	£2.00
Class 20:	Favourite poem – not a ballad. Time limit 3 minutes Boys and girls aged over 14. ‘St Columban’s College Perpetual Challenge Cup’ Own choice.	£2.50

PROSE SPEAKING

Class 21:	Prose speaking under 10. Time limit 3 minutes Passage of prose – own choice. ‘The Whistledown Perpetual Challenge Cup’	£2.00
Class 22:	Prose speaking over 10 and under 14 Time limit 3 minutes Passage of prose – own choice. ‘Aidan Savage Perpetual Memorial Cup’	
Class 23:	Prose speaking over 14. Time limit 3 minutes Passage of prose – own choice. ‘The Eleanor and Theresa-Ann McClorey Perpetual Memorial Cup’ 2024 winner – Tessa McKinney	£2.00

SONNET RECITAL

Class 24:	Boys and girls aged over 14. ‘The Kielty Family Perpetual Memorial Cup’ Test piece (a) “Upon Westminster Bridge” by William Wordsworth (b) Own choice	£2.00
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IRISH POEMS

Class 25:	Boys and girls aged under 10.	£2.00
	Time limit 2 minutes	
	‘Bowman’s U.P.V.C. Windows Perpetual Memorial Cup’	
	Poem of own choice by an Irish poet.	
Class 26:	Boys and girls aged over 10 and under 12.	£2.00
	Time limit 3 minutes	
	‘The McAnulty Family Perpetual Challenge Cup’	
	Poem of own choice by an Irish poet.	
Class 27:	Boys and girls aged over 12 and under 14.	£2.00
	Time limit 3 minutes	
	‘The Joseph and Margaret Guinan Perpetual Memorial Cup’	
	Poem of own choice by an Irish poet.	
Class 28:	Boys and girls aged over 14.	£2.50
	Time limit 3 minutes	
	‘The Frank Hanna Perpetual Memorial Cup’	
	Poem of own choice by an Irish poet.	

BALLAD

Class 29:	Boys and girls aged under 14.	£2.00
	Time limit 4 minutes	
	‘Donal Gavaghan Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup’	
	Own choice.	
Class 30:	Boys and girls aged over 14.	£2.50
	Time limit 5 minutes	
	‘Balmoral Hotel Warrenpoint Perpetual Challenge Cup’	
	Own choice.	

SOLO DRAMA

**Excerpt from any book or play
(not Shakespeare)**

Class 31:	Boys and girls aged under 12.	£2.00
	Time limit 6 minutes	
	‘The Niall Larkin Perpetual Challenge Cup’	
	Stage costume may be worn, if desired.	
Class 32:	Boys and girls aged over 12 and under 14.	£2.00
	Time limit 6 minutes	
	‘The Anthony Frew Perpetual Challenge Cup’	
	Stage costume may be worn, if desired.	
Class 33:	Boys and girls aged over 14.	£2.50
	Time limit 6 minutes	
	‘The Sean Hollywood Perpetual Challenge Cup’	
	Stage costume may be worn, if desired.	

RECITATION FROM THE BIBLE

Class 34:	Boys and girls aged under 14.	£2.00
	Time limit 5 minutes	
	‘The McAuley Perpetual Challenge Cup’	
	Own choice:- (a) Psalm or portion of Psalm	
	(b) Passage from Scripture (any version of the Bible).	
Class 35:	Boys and girls aged over 14.	£2.50
	Time limit 5 minutes	
	‘The Gilbert Ash N.I. Perpetual Challenge Cup’	
	Own choice:- (a) Psalm or portion of Psalm	
	(b) Passage from Scripture (any version of the Bible).	

SHAKESPEARE

Class 36:	Boys and girls aged over 14.	£2.50
	Time limit 5 minutes	
	‘Reed Corrugated Cases Perpetual Challenge Cup’	
	Passage from any one of Shakespeare’s plays.	

SCENE FROM PLAYS

Class 37:	Scene from a play (not Shakespeare). Aged under 12 for two or more players. Time limit 10 minutes. ‘The Seven Steps Perpetual Challenge Cup’ Stage costume may be worn, if desired.	£4.00
Class 38:	Scene from a play (not Shakespeare). Aged over 12 and under 14 for two or more players. Time limit 10 minutes. ‘The Posey Gilsenan Perpetual Challenge Cup’ Stage costume may be worn, if desired.	£4.00
Class 39:	Scene from a play (not Shakespeare). Aged over 14 for two or more players. Time limit 10 minutes. ‘Warrenpoint Feis Perpetual Challenge Cup’ Stage costume may be worn, if desired.	£4.00

These classes are open only to any boy or girl who has never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in any verse speaking feis or festival in this age group.

Class 40:	Boys and girls aged over 7 and under 9. ‘The Geraldine Gaw Perpetual Challenge Cup’ Own choice.	£2.00
Class 41:	Boys and girls aged over 9 and under 11. ‘The Kathleen Byrne Perpetual Challenge Cup’ Own choice.	£2.00

STORYTELLING

OVER 10 AND UNDER 13 YEARS.

Colette McGee Perpetual Challenge Cup

Class 42:	Competitors will compose an imaginary story from three (3) words given to them by the adjudicator 3 minutes prior to going on stage. Time limit on stage – 3 minutes.	£2.00
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PUPILS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Class 43: Group mime for pupils with special needs.
(With or without music).
Team of any number.
‘Warrenpoint Feis Perpetual Challenge Cup’

YOUNG POETS

Class 44: **‘F.M. Systems Young Poets Award’** £4.00
Original composition in prose or verse.
This class is open to everyone over 11 and under 18 years of age on 1st January 2026.
Please note:- all original work must accompany an entry fee on closing date.
Rules:- Entries must be the original work of the competitor.
Entries submitted must not have appeared in print or have been awarded a first prize at any previous competition.
Entries should not be less than 10 and not more than 100 lines.

GRAMMAR, HIGH, SECONDARY, COLLEGE, TECHNICAL AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

PUPILS RECEIVING OUTSIDE PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL TUITION ARE EXCLUDED FROM ENTERING THIS SECTION.

ENTRY FEE

Class 45: Boys and girls in 1st and 2nd year. £2.00
Poem of **own choice**.
‘The Mayor’s Perpetual Challenge Cup’

Class 46: Boys and girls in 3rd year. £2.00
Poem of **own choice**.
‘The Credit Union Tyrone Crystal Vase’

CHORAL SPEAKING

Class 47: Boys and girls aged over 11 and under 15. £4.00
‘Warrenpoint Feis Perpetual Challenge Cup’

SPECIAL AWARDS

- 1. Inisfree Perpetual Challenge Cup'**
1st prize winners in classes 1 to 5 inclusive
- 2. 'Celine Hollywood Perpetual Challenge Cup'**
1st prize winners in classes 6 to 10 inclusive
- 3. 'Edmara Junior Perpetual Challenge Cup'**
This cup will be awarded to the most promising competitor under 10 years. This competitor must enter at least two (2) classes and give a consistently good performance in both of them.
- 4. 'Edmara Perpetual Challenge Cup'**
This cup will be awarded to the most promising competitor aged 10 - 14 years. This competitor must enter at least three (3) classes and give a consistently good performance in all of them.
- 5. 'Tinnelly Motors Perpetual Challenge Trophy'**
This trophy will be awarded to the most promising competitor over 14 years. This competitor must enter at least four (4) classes and give a consistently good performance in all of them.
- 6. 'Cormac McAdam Perpetual Challenge Cup'**
This cup will be awarded to the most promising boy in any open class aged 8 to 11 years, at the discretion of the adjudicator.
- 7. 'The Gaw Family Perpetual Challenge Cup'**
This cup will be awarded to the most promising girl in any open class aged 8 to 11 years at the discretion of the adjudicator.
- 8. 'The Liz Sherry Perpetual Challenge Cup'**
This cup will be awarded to the boy over 9 and under 12 years for the best expression, at the discretion of the adjudicator.
- 9. 'The Brigid Doherty Perpetual Challenge Cup'**
This cup will be awarded to the girl over 9 and under 12 years for the best expression, at the discretion of the adjudicator.
- 10. 'The Billy Doherty Perpetual Challenge Cup'**
This cup will be awarded to the most promising competitor in classes 31 to 33 at the discretion of the adjudicator.
- 11. 'Adjudicator's Award'**
This cup will be awarded for a special performance overall, at the discretion of the adjudicator.

