

WARRENPOINT FEIS

2027

SPEECH SYLLABUS

Wednesday 17th February – Monday 1st March 2027

ADJUDICATOR

Mary Whelan Fox LLSMD (Licentiate of Leinster School of Music)

ENTRIES CLOSE

FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER 2026

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

1ST JANUARY 2027

ENTRIES VIA THE WEBSITE TO:

SECRETARY OF THE SPEECH SECTION

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Competition By-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 named school roll 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 2027.
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 43 – Group Mime and Class 44 – Choral Speaking.
8. Any protest against the infringement of the By-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 By-laws.
14. Entries will be accepted via the website only.
15. **No late entries will be accepted after the closing date: Friday 11th December 2026**

TEST PIECES

		<u>ENTRY FEE</u>
Class 1:	Boys and girls aged over 4 and under 5. ‘The Karen Crawford Perpetual Challenge Cup’. Test piece: - “I Can” by Mari Evans 2026 Winner: Lily Thornton	£2.00
Class 2:	Boys and girls aged over 5 and under 6. ‘The Harty Perpetual Challenge Cup’. Test piece: - “Kitty Caught a Caterpillar” by Jack Prelutsky 2026 Winner: Fionn Mc Conville	£2.00
Class 3:	Boys and girls aged over 6 and under 7. Test piece: - “Helper” by Tony Bradman	£2.00
Class 4:	Boys and girls aged over 7 and under 8. Test piece: - “Fireworks Poem” by James Carter	£2.00
Class 5:	Boys and girls aged over 8 and under 9. ‘The Aylish Durkin P.C. Cup Test piece: - “I’ve Got a New Bike” by Celia Warren 2026 Winner: Jacob Purdy	£2.00
Winners of classes 1 to 5 inclusive will compete in <u>special awards class</u> on the final afternoon of competitions. Please ask the Secretary for competitor’s number.		
Class 6:	Boys and girls aged over 9 and under 10. Test piece: - “Rules” by Margot Bosonnet	£2.00
Class 7:	Boys and girls aged over 10 and under 11. Test piece: - “It wasn’t Me” by Steve Turner	£2.00
Class 8:	Boys and girls aged over 11 and under 12. Test piece: - “I Wonder Why Dad is so Thoroughly Mad” by Jack Prelutsky	£2.00
Class 9:	Boys and girls aged over 12 and under 13. Test piece: - “If I were the Principal” by Kenn Nesbitt	£2.00

Class 10:	Boys and girls aged over 13 and under 15. Test piece: - “Midterm Break” by Seamus Heaney	£2.50
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Winners of classes 6 to 10 inclusive will compete in special awards class on the final afternoon 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 Road Not Taken” by Robert Frost 2026 Winner: Natasha O’Neill	£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. Own choice. ‘The Amy Boyle Perpetual Challenge Cup’ 2026 Winner: Cillian Cole	£2.00
Class 15:	Favourite poem – not a ballad. Boys and girls aged over 7 and under 8. Own choice. ‘The John O’Hagan Perpetual Challenge Cup’ 2026 Winner: Matilda Novaski	£2.00
Class 16:	Favourite poem – not a ballad. Boys and girls aged over 8 and under 9. Own choice. ‘The Pat and Rose O’Hare Perpetual Memorial Cup’ 2026 Winner: Jacob Purdy	£2.00

- Class 17:** Favourite poem – **not a ballad.** £2.00
Time limit 3 minutes
Boys and girls aged over 9 and under 10.
Own choice.
‘The Carlingford Lough Commission Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Oliver Dowds
- Class 18:** Favourite poem – **not a ballad.** £2.00
Time Limit 3 minutes
Boys and girls aged over 10 and under 12.
Own choice.
‘The Magennis Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Olivia Devlin
- Class 19:** Favourite poem – **not a ballad.** £2.00
Time Limit 3 minutes
Boys and girls aged over 12 and under 14.
Own choice.
‘The Sharon Lynch Norden Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Joe Murtagh
- Class 20:** Favourite poem – **not a ballad.** £2.50
Time limit 3 minutes
Boys and girls aged over 14.
Own choice.
‘St Columban’s College Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Eabha Parfitt

PROSE SPEAKING

- Class 21:** Prose speaking under 10. £2.00
Time limit 3 minutes
Passage of prose – **own choice.**
‘The Whistledown Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Eabha O’Hare
- Class 22:** Prose speaking over 10 and under 14
Time limit 3 minutes
Passage of prose – **own choice.**
‘Aidan Savage Perpetual Memorial Cup’
2026 Winner: Cadhla O’Hare

BALLAD

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| Class 29: | Boys and girls aged under 14.
Ballad of own choice. Time limit 4 minutes
‘Donal Gavaghan Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Kayla Gorman | £2.00 |
| Class 30: | Boys and girls aged over 14.
Ballad of own choice. Time limit 5 minutes
‘Balmoral Hotel Warrenpoint Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: ----- | £2.50 |
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SOLO DRAMA

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

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| Class 31: | Boys and girls aged under 12.
Time limit 6 minutes
Stage costume may be worn, if desired.
‘The Niall Larkin Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Jacob Purdy | £2.00 |
| Class 32: | Boys and girls aged over 12 and under 14.
Time limit 6 minutes
Stage costume may be worn, if desired.
‘The Anthony Frew Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Muireann Magennis | £2.00 |
| Class 33: | Boys and girls aged over 14.
Time limit 6 minutes
Stage costume may be worn, if desired.
‘The Sean Hollywood Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Daniel Farthing | £2.50 |
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RECITATION FROM THE BIBLE

- Class 34:** Boys and girls aged under 14. £2.00
Time limit 5 minutes
Own choice: (a) Psalm or portion of Psalm
(b) Passage from Scripture (any version of the Bible).
‘The McAuley Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Kayla Gorman
- Class 35:** Boys and girls aged over 14. £2.50
Time limit 5 minutes
Own choice: (a) Psalm or portion of Psalm
(b) Passage from Scripture (any version of the Bible).
‘The Gilbert Ash N.I. Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: -----

SHAKESPEARE

- Class 36:** Boys and girls aged over 14. £2.50
Time limit 5 minutes
Passage from any one of Shakespeare’s plays.
‘Reed Corrugated Cases Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Lauran Caldwell
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SCENE FROM PLAYS

- Class 37:** Scene from a play (not Shakespeare). £4.00
Aged under 12 for two or more players.
Time limit 10 minutes.
Stage costume may be worn, if desired.
‘The Seven Steps Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Nia and Fae McKenna
- Class 38:** Scene from a play (not Shakespeare). £4.00
Aged over 12 and under 14 for two or more players.
Time limit 10 minutes.
Stage costume may be worn, if desired.
‘The Posey Gilsenan Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Morgan Theatre Arts
- Class 39:** Scene from a play (not Shakespeare). £4.00
Aged over 14 for two or more players.
Time limit 10 minutes.
Stage costume may be worn, if desired.
‘Warrenpoint Feis Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Tiarnan McKevitt and Eve Watras

Classes 40 and 41 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. £2.00
Own choice poem.
‘The Geraldine Gaw Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: Emma Kearney
- Class 41:** Boys and girls aged over 9 and under 11. £2.00
Own choice poem.
‘The Kathleen Byrne Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: -----
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STORYTELLING
OVER 10 AND UNDER 13 YEARS.

- Class 42:** Competitors will compose an imaginary story from three (3) £2.00
words given to them by the adjudicator 3 minutes prior to going on stage.
Time limit on stage – 3 minutes.
Colette McGee Perpetual Challenge Cup
2026 Winner: Brooke Purdy
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GROUP MIME

- Class 43:** Group mime **for pupils with special needs** £4.00
(with or without music).
Team of any number.
‘Warrenpoint Feis Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: -----
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CHORAL SPEAKING

- Class 44:** Boys and Girls aged over 11 and under 15. £4.00
Own choice – two pieces.
‘Warrenpoint Feis Perpetual Challenge Cup’
2026 Winner: -----
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GRAMMAR, HIGH and SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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

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Class 45: Boys and girls in 1 st and 2 nd year. Poem of own choice . ‘The Mayor’s Perpetual Challenge Cup’ 2026 Winner: Ivy Fitzpatrick	£2.00
Class 46: Boys and girls in 3rd year. Poem of own choice . ‘The Credit Union Tyrone Crystal Vase’ 2026 Winner: Anna Murphy	£2.00

SPECIAL AWARDS

- 1. Inisfree Perpetual Challenge Cup’**
1st prize winners in classes 1 to 5 inclusive (students say poem at Awards Ceremony)
2026 Winner: Nell McEvoy
- 2. ‘Celine Hollywood Perpetual Challenge Cup’**
1st prize winners in classes 6 to 10 inclusive (students say poem at Awards Ceremony)
2026 Winner: Georgia Forde
- 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.
2026 Winner: Matilda Novaski
- 4. ‘Edmara Perpetual Challenge Cup’**
This cup will be awarded to the most promising competitor aged over 10 and under 14 years. This competitor must enter at least three (3) classes and give a consistently good performance in all of them.
2026 Winner: Joe Murtagh
- 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.
2026 Winner: Luran Caldwell

6. **‘Cormac McAdam Perpetual Challenge Cup’**
This cup will be awarded to the performer obtaining the highest mark in Classes 12 – 20.
(Favourite Poem).
2026 Winner: Oliver Dowds
7. **‘The Gaw Family Perpetual Challenge Cup’**
This cup will be awarded to the performer obtaining the highest mark in Classes 25 – 28.
(Irish Poem).
2026 Winner: Nia McKenna
8. **‘The Liz Sherry Perpetual Challenge Cup’**
This cup will be awarded to a boy over 9 years for the most expressive performance, at the discretion of the adjudicator.
2026 Winner: Enda Rodgers
9. **‘The Brigid Doherty Perpetual Challenge Cup’**
This cup will be awarded to a girl over 9 years for the most expressive performance, at the discretion of the adjudicator.
2026 Winner: Eabha O’Hare
10. **‘The Billy Doherty Perpetual Challenge Cup’**
This cup will be awarded to the most promising competitor in Classes 31 to 33 (Solo Drama) at the discretion of the adjudicator.
2026 Winner: Jacob Purdy
11. **‘Adjudicator’s Award’**
This cup will be awarded for a special performance overall, at the discretion of the adjudicator.
2026 Winner: Tiarnan McKevitt