

Waringstown Primary School



Waringstown Primary School is situated in the small picturesque village of Waringstown in County Down. Most of the children of the village attend the school which has had a tradition of music going back many years. The first school choir was formed in 1970 and from then to the present day successive choirs have enjoyed performing and competing at many different venues. The choir looks forward to participating each year in Portadown Music Festival where it has enjoyed much success.

The choir is comprised of 9 - 11 year old pupils from all traditions and background. Dedicated to the pursuit of excellence the choir practises on Monday after school.

The choir is no stranger to high level media performance having participated in 'Excellence at Work' – Television Broadcast; A Christmas Carol - BBC Northern Ireland and Ulster School Choir of the Year winning the Regional Heat on three occasions followed by the coveted title of UTV Primary School Choir of the Year in 1998. Other musical highlights include performing in Musical Concerts in St Mark's Church, Portadown and St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. More recently the choir won the prestigious title of Songs of Praise United Kingdom Junior Choir of the Year 2004, a title which brought great credit to the school and to Northern Ireland. In 2009 the choir returned to Manchester to compete in the Songs of Praise competition, a venture culminated in March when we were again awarded the title of Songs of Praise Junior Choir of the Year for 2009.

The conductor of the choir is Mrs Jean Glass and the accompanist Mr Carl McCambley who since his appointment to the school in 1994 has brought a high level of musical expertise particularly in the field of accompaniment. The choir is now recognised as one of the top Primary School Choirs in the United Kingdom.

Accompanying the children in the photograph are Mr Gary Kennedy, Principal, Mrs Jean Glass and Mr Carl McCambley.