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VOICEBOX

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Hello,

We are excited to announce the return of VoiceBox for 2026!

VoiceBox is Northern Ireland's national joke competition for school children, developed by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT). This competition is designed to raise awareness of the fun and importance of communication in a fun and engaging way. The last time we held VoiceBox in Northern Ireland was in 2017 when thousands of children had fun taking part!

The 2026 competition is now open, and we're inviting all schools in Northern Ireland to submit their funniest joke by **20 March 2025**.

The grand final will take place on **19 May 2026 in Stormont Buildings**, where our finalists will perform their jokes for MLAs and a judging panel. All finalists will receive a goodie bag and the overall winner will receive a £100 gift card and £500 worth of books for your school. The post-primary and primary winners will receive a £50 gift card and £250 worth of books for your school!

You can find everything you need to take part in VoiceBox, including guidance on running your own school competition, in our school pack. Schools can decide to hold a joke-telling competition throughout their own school to find their entry or support one pupil who wishes to put themselves forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us as voiceboxni@rcslt.org

We hope you'll be interested in taking part in VoiceBox 2026 and can't wait to hear your school's funniest joke!

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