

Dungannon & Coalisland SURESTART NEWSLETTER JULY-SEPT 2026

Celebrating

For twenty-five years, Dungannon and Coalisland Sure Start has been a constant presence in a community that has changed, grown, and diversified. Services have evolved, buildings have changed, and new programmes have been introduced but the heart of Sure Start has never shifted. Its core purpose remains exactly what it was on day one when it was called "Close to Home", giving children the best start in life.

What's remarkable today is seeing the long arc of that impact. Many of the students now coming through on placement once attended Sure Start themselves. They are living proof of what early support can do.

The faces may change, the programmes may modernise, and the challenges families face may shift, but our vision remains steady. Sure Start continues to be a place where families are welcomed, supported, respected and empowered, and where children are given the space, safety, and stimulation they need to thrive.

A quarter-century on, Dungannon and Coalisland Sure Start isn't just celebrating its past. It's celebrating the generations who have come through its doors, and how some of those first children are parents themselves. NI is lucky to still have its SureStart services, which have long disappeared in England. Please show us you value it by attending our amazing summer programme.



Years

Wonder Ones

Our Wonder Ones group is a magical first learning adventure designed especially for curious little explorers aged 12-18 months. Through a variety of exciting sensory experiences and hands-on experiments, children will discover, investigate, and engage with the world around them in ways that amaze, delight, and inspire.

**Thurs 13th Aug
10.30am-11.30am
Dungannon SureStart**



AQUA EXPLORERS

Get ready to make a splash this Summer!

Our Aqua Explorers programme offers fun, gentle parent-and-child swimming sessions designed to build water confidence, coordination, and love of the water from an early age.

18 - 24 month sessions - Starting Fri July 3rd

6 - 12 month sessions - Starting Fri July 31st

Dungannon Leisure Centre

Each session includes water play, songs, games, and guided activities in a warm, welcoming environment.

Perfect for beginners and no previous swimming experience is required. Spaces are limited.

"Aqua Explorers was a very good programme for my little girl. She enjoyed every session. Mama enjoyed as well."



Summer Timetable 2026

JULY

Fun in the Forest
Wed 1st July
10.30am-11.30am
Dungannon Park
2-3yrs

Teddy Bears Picnic
Thurs 2nd July
10.30am-11.30am
Coalisland
Parochial Hall
0-3yrs

Aqua Explorers
Age 18-24mth
Fri 3rd July-24th
1pm-1.30pm, 1.30pm-2pm
Age 6-12mths
31st July-21st Aug
1pm-1.30pm, 1.30pm-2pm
Dungannon Leisure Centre

Mini World Cup Dads Group
Sat 4th July
10am-11am
Dungannon SureStart
0-3yrs

Baby Massage
Mon 20th, Wed 22nd,
Mon 27th and Wed 29th July
10am-11am
Dungannon SureStart
0-12mths

Glastonbaby
Thurs 23rd July
10.30am-11.30am
Dungannon SureStart
0-3yrs

Circus Babies
Tues 21st July
10.30am-11.30am
Dungannon
SureStart
0-18mth

Hypnobirthing
Fri 10th July- 24th July
1pm-3pm
Dungannon SureStart

Indoor Beach Day
Thurs 9th July
10am-11am,
12noon-1pm
Dungannon SureStart
0-3yrs

Art in the Park
Tues 28th July
10.30am-11.30am
Dungannon Park
18mths-3yrs

Antenatal Workshop
East Timorese
Fri 31st July
10am-12pm
Dungannon
SureStart

Summertime Music on the Hill
Mon 3rd Aug
10am-11am
Ranfurlly House
0-3yrs

Disco Tots
Thurs 30th July
10.30am-11.30am
Coalisland
Parochial Centre
18mths-3yrs

Sports Day
Tues 4th Aug
10.30am-11.30am
Coalisland Na
Fianna GAC
2-3yrs

Babies Day Out
Thurs 6th Aug
10am-11am
Dungannon SureStart
0-18mths

Midsummernight Storytime
Thurs 20th Aug
6pm-7pm
Dungannon SureStart
0-3yrs

Little Planters
Tues 18th Aug
10.30am-11.30am
Coalisland
Parochial Centre
18mths-3yrs

Wonder Ones
Thurs 13th Aug
10.30am-11.30am
Dungannon
SureStart
12-18mths

Toddler Yoga
Mon 24th Aug
10.30am-11.30am
Coalisland Cornmill
2-3yrs

Musical Storytime
Thurs 20th Aug
10.30am-11.30am
Dungannon
SureStart
0-3yrs

Antenatal Workshop
Mon 17th Aug
6-8pm
Dungannon
SureStart

Disco Tots
Tues 11th Aug
10am-11am
Dungannon
SureStart
18mths-3yrs

Call us on 02887 729695 or email us at info@surestartdc.org to express interest in any of our groups. 5 Ballygawley Rd. Dungannon BT701TU

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Group	Time & Date	Venue
Story and Rhyme Coalisland 0-3 Yrs	Tues 1st, 15th & 29th Sept (3 Weeks) 10.30am - 11.00am	Coalisland Library
Playtime Dungannon 18 Mths- 3 Yrs	Thurs 3rd Sept – Thurs 24th Sept (4 Weeks) 10.30am -11.30am	Dungannon Sure Start
Brincaderia 18 Mths – 3 Yrs	Thurs 3rd Sept – Thurs 24th Sept (4 Weeks) 12.00pm- 1.00pm	Dungannon Sure Start
Wonder Ones 18 Mths- 2 Yrs	Fri 4th Sept – Fri 18th Sept (3 Weeks) 10.30am- 11.30am	Dungannon Sure Start
Story and Rhyme Dungannon 0-3 Yrs	Mon 7th Sept & Mon 21st Sept (2 Weeks) 10.30am – 11.00am	Dungannon Library
Baby Sensory 0-18mths	Tues 8th Sept – Tues 29th Sept (4 Weeks) 10.00am- 11.00am 1.00pm – 2.00pm	Dungannon Sure Start
Baby Sensory Tetum 0-18 Mths	Tues 8th Sept – Tues 29th Sept (4 Weeks) 11.30am -12.30pm.	Dungannon Sure Start
Baby Massage Coalisland 0-12 Mths	Wed 9th Sept – Wed 30th Sept (4 weeks) 10.30am – 11.30am	Cornmill Coalisland
Forest Adventures 0-3 Yrs	Wed 9th Sept – Wed 30th Sept (4 Weeks) 10.00am- 11.00am	Dungannon Park
Introduction to solids with our Public Health Nurse (with Crèche)0-3 Yrs	Mon 14th Sept 10.30am – 11.30am	Dungannon Sure Start
Nurturing Programme with crèche 0-3 Yrs	Mon 21st Sept – Mon 28th Sept (11 Weeks) 10.00am – 12.00pm	Dungannon Sure Start
Tips for Talking with crèche 1- 3 Yrs	Wed 23rd Sept 10.00am – 11.00am	Dungannon Sure Start
Chatter Matters		
SLT Clinic 18 Mths – 3 Yrs	Thurs 24th Sept 1.00pm – 4.00pm (Time Slots)	Dungannon Sure Start
Nature Artists 2-3 Years	Wed 30th Sept 10.30-11.30am	Dungannon Park

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We've had lots of fun over the past few months and we hope you have to. Here's a few photos from some of our groups.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram pages for more photos and for some play ideas.