Monday Memo @ Strathmore

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Week commencing: 2nd November 2026	
Whole school	Welcome back to Autumn B, we hope you all had a lovely half term. **Reception and Year 3 School applications –** If your child is in Nursery or Year 2, please see the attached leaflet for guidance on applying for your child's Reception and Year 3 place next year. All parents must make their application through the website at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions, the deadline for applications is **15th January 2027.** **Learning Reviews –** We look forward to welcoming you to our Learning Reviews Wednesday and Thursday. These are being held in our Reception classrooms, please enter through the wooden gates outside Reception. **OPAL celebration –** Tomorrow Strathmore will be hosting a special OPAL event, to celebrate being awarded the OPAL platinum award for our outdoor play and learning opportunities. We are incredibly proud to be the first OPAL platinum school in Hitchin, showcasing the excellent play time opportunities provided for all of our children.
Class reminders Weekly Blogs | Strathmore Infant and Nursery School	**Year 2 – Forest School clothing update** As we approach Winter, it is even more important that the children have the necessary clothing for Forest School to be enjoyable for all: Waterproof /Wellington Boots -well fitting - unless they have spare shoes at school to change in to, they won't be able to participate if it's raining or has been wet without wellies/waterproof footwear. Long leg waterproof trousers - please ensure these are well fitting Long Sleeve warm waterproof jackets - please ensure these are well fitting. layers underneath - school uniform is perfect, add leggings if in shorts or skirt. spare socks - for after the session to change into if necessary simple gloves - *avoid* mitten and decorative gloves, they cannot be worn during fire or tool sessions - please label. snood style neck scarf please label. fitted beanie/bobble style hat - please *avoid* large floppy hats, decorative ear muffs, long scarves, these can't be worn during fire sessions and can be a risk for lots of our amazing adventures! please label. **Whole school –** We're excited to welcome author Marcela Ferreira on November 12th. Marcela will be holding a workshop with Reception to Year 2 where she'll share her story, have a draw-a-long, along with other fun activities. This has been organised through Next Page Books and to fund this, it relies on the selling of the book. Please see the attached poster and support a local book shop by buying Marcela's lovely book. An email will be sent out towards the end of this week with information on how to order. See the attached poster for more information about the event.
Upcoming dates for parents / carers to be in school	**Learning reviews –** 4th and 5th November 2026
FOSSA events	**FIREWORKS THIS SATURDAY!** The countdown is on, and we can't wait! Please read these important reminders before joining us. • **Come early!** Gates open at **5pm**, with the disco and bonfire lighting to get the evening started.

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Have your tickets ready! We'll scan your emailed tickets using an app instead of issuing wristbands this year. Everyone needs a ticket, including infants.
No sparklers, personal fireworks or outside drinks may be brought into the event.
Can't make it? Email fossachair@gmail.com so we can refund your tickets and offer them to Strathmore families who missed out.

VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU!
This event couldn't happen without you. Look out for an email this week explaining where to go and what to do before your shift, including any apps to download in advance so handovers at the bars run smoothly.
JUST 9 VOLUNTEER SLOTS LEFT!
Please help us fill the final spaces: sign up here.
COME HUNGRY!
Enjoy food loving prepared from North Hertfordshire College's catering team including Really Cheesy Mac 'n' Cheese; BBQ pulled pork or jackfruit burgers with all the trimmings; Seasoned chicken skewers in a bun and Sausage rolls (served cold)
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<tr><td>Did you know?</td><td colspan="2">If your child comes home wearing a yellow wristband it means that they have had a bump to the head.</td></tr>
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Calendar | Strathmore Infant and Nursery School</td><td>4th & 5th November</td><td>Learning Reviews 3:30pm – 6:10pm</td></tr>
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<tr><td>19th November</td><td>Children's Individual photos day</td></tr>
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<tr><td>18th December</td><td>Last day of term. School closes 1:15pm</td></tr>
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