



**Week commencing: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Whole school**

**Learning Reviews**

Learning reviews will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of November and are available to book on Arbor. If you would like to book a meeting with our SENCO, Mrs Harrison will be available on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

[Families First News - Welcome](#)

The **Families First** programme seeks to transform the system of help and support for families, ensuring they can access the right resources. This link is their most recent newsletter.

**FUNDED Courses for Parents** - Spring 2026 covering many topics including anxiety, anger and additional needs. [info@supportinglinks.co.uk](mailto:info@supportinglinks.co.uk)

**Club Bookings for Next Half Term – available to book on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 4pm**

Miss Armstrong's clubs:

- Monday – Gymnastics
- Wednesday – Cheerleading
- Thursday – Street Dance

If your child has already enjoyed a place in one of these clubs this term, we kindly ask you to consider giving other children a chance to participate. We'd love for all children to have the opportunity to experience these fun and active sessions.

Please note: Your child's place is only confirmed once payment has been made. Just a gentle reminder that Tax-Free Childcare payments cannot be used for these extra-curricular clubs. They are only accepted for our Adventurer Clubs.

Free clubs

We're excited to share that Mrs McGill will be running a puzzle club on Monday's and Mrs Howes will be running a Lego club on Tuesdays. Both will be available to book on Arbor.

**Wet Play**

As the weather is changing, please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat to school as we embrace the rain in our outdoor play and learning. If your child does not currently have wellies in school, please could they bring a pair in as soon as possible. Waterproof trousers would be ideal or a spare pair of clothes to leave on your child's peg. Please ensure all items are clearly named. Thank you.

**Class reminders**

[Weekly Blogs | Strathmore Infant and Nursery School](#)

**Reception (Antarctica):** Mrs McGill is back in school each morning this week. It is lovely to welcome her back.

**Year 1:** Our visit to the library this week will be on Wednesday, instead of Tuesday. This is for this week only. Thank you.

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| Upcoming dates for parents / carers to be in school |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                        |
| FOSSA events                                        | <p><b>Fireworks night</b> - Saturday 8th November 5 - 7.30PM</p> <p><b>Buy tickets here:</b> <a href="https://www.pta-events.co.uk/strathmore-school/index.cfm?event=event&amp;eventId=105413">https://www.pta-events.co.uk/strathmore-school/index.cfm?event=event&amp;eventId=105413</a></p> <p>We want every Strathmore family to be able to attend. If cost is a concern, please contact the school office — we can offer subsidised or free tickets so everyone can join the celebration.</p> <p><b>Volunteers Needed:</b></p> <p>This event is run entirely by school community volunteers — and we’d love for more parents and carers to get involved. Previous volunteers have told us they really enjoyed it, met new people in the community, and it’s easier than looking after your own kids for 45 minutes! 😊</p> |                                                        |
| Other updates (wraparound, governor visits, etc)    | <p>Last week we had a visit from the English Hub to support and monitor phonics in school. Mrs Hargreaves and Miss Desmarais spent time observing lessons, supporting colleagues and ensuring the school are using the Little Wandle scheme consistently in all classes. It was a very positive visit and we look forward to welcoming the English Hub back after half term.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                        |
| Did you know?                                       | <p>We were successful in a grant for our wraparound provision which has allowed us to extend our sessions until 6pm, build a canopy and a very large sandpit which will be open to all children after half term.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                        |
| Upcoming calendar dates                             | 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Half term                                              |
|                                                     | 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Learning reviews 15:30 - 18:10                         |
|                                                     | Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Governing Body meeting 19:00                           |
|                                                     | Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>School Photo Day</b>                                |
|                                                     | Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Children in Need                                       |
|                                                     | Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Occasional Day – school closed for all                 |
|                                                     | Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Year 1 Dress Rehearsal (performed to pupils in school) |
|                                                     | Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 14:15 Year 1 performance                               |
|                                                     | Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 09:15 Year 1 performance                               |
|                                                     | Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Christmas Dinner and themed jumper day                 |