Monday Memo @ Strathmore

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Week commencing: 16th November 2026		
Whole school	**Citrus Food Explorer Days**– Throughout the year we will have different themed days where pupils can explore new food. Alongside Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16th December, we will be celebrating: Lunar New Year 4th Feb 2027. Eid 19th May 2027. Diwali 19th October 2027. **Anti-bullying week** – This week, the children will be learning about anti-bullying week and revisiting our school rules: Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful. If your children wish to do so, they are invited to wear odd socks all week as part of this theme. Here is the Makaton sign for 'odd socks' which the children will be taught in assembly.	
Class reminders Weekly Blogs | Strathmore Infant and Nursery School	**Year 1 -** Please see the Year 1 blog to listen to the audio clip of the song our children learnt and performed at the Barbican with the London Symphony Orchestra as part of Mr Cheadle's Menagerie. The children had a fantastic time on the trip and we were so proud of their behaviour, joy and singing.	
Upcoming dates for parents / carers to be in school	**23rd November Writing Workshop –** This workshop for parents shares information about how we teach writing at Strathmore. **25th November Worries and Fears Workshop** – Please join our Children's Wellbeing Practitioner, Mia, at 9:00am on Wednesday 25th November for a workshop focusing on how to support children in managing worries and fears. **8th/ 9th December – Year 1 Nativity –** Year 1 are looking forward to performing their nativity to parents at 2:00pm on Tuesday 8th December and 9:15am on Wednesday 9th December. To make sure we have enough room in the hall, please can each child have a maximum of two visitors for each performance. **11th December Reception Biscuit Decorating -** We're excited to welcome Reception parents into school for festive biscuit decorating on Friday 11th December. This will begin at 2:30 and will last around half an hour. The children can then be collected from the Reception garden straight after. If you would need to leave early to pick up siblings from Wilshere Dacre, please let Miss Bartle/Mrs McGill know, and you can leave straight from the hall.	
FOSSA events	Save the date! On Sunday 13th December, 2:00 - 6:00pm FOSSA will be hosting a Christmas Carol event at Strathmore, more information to follow.	
Did you know?	Last week Alistair Strathern, MP for Hitchin, came to school to talk to the children about his role as an MP and to learn more about our OPAL project. He was very impressed with the playtimes at Strathmore and the children really enjoyed learning about democracy in the United Kingdom.	
General upcoming dates **Calendar | Strathmore Infant and Nursery School**	17th November	Reception trip to cinema
	19th November	Children's Individual photos day
	23rd November	Writing workshop for parents – 9:00am
	27th November	Occasional Day – School closed
	8th December	Year 1 performance – 2:00pm
	9th December	Year 1 performance – 9:15am
	11th December	Reception biscuit making – parents invited 2.30pm
	13th December	FOSSA Christmas Carols
	16th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
	16th December	FOSSA crafternoon **(date TBC)**
	18th December	Last day of term. School closes 1:15pm

	4th January	INSET – school closed
	5th January	Children return to school