



Week commencing: 21st September 2026

Whole school

Non-prescribed Adrenaline Auto-Injectors in School – As you may be aware, the Department for Education has introduced new statutory guidance, *Allergy Safety in Schools*, to strengthen the protection of children with allergies in educational settings. As part of these changes, Strathmore will now have four non-prescribed adrenaline auto-injectors in school. Please read the attached letter for further information on the role of these auto-injectors at Strathmore and complete the consents on Arbor that will be made available today.

Harvest Festival Appeal: This Harvest season, our school is proud to support **Feed Up Warm Up**, a wonderful local charity helping people across Stevenage and North Hertfordshire.

They host evening drop-in centres and foodbanks every Monday and Wednesday in Hitchin and Stevenage, providing hot food, essential supplies, and a warm, safe space for local families and individuals facing hardship or homelessness.

The children will be learning even more about this vital work during a special school visit from Barbara McDonagh, Head of Operations at Feed Up Warm Up, on **Thursday 15th October**. We would love to send her back with a generous collection of Harvest donations!

Every single tin or packet makes a genuine difference. If you can contribute, here is what we are collecting:

What We Need Please ensure all items are **unopened, sealed, and in date**:

- **Tinned goods:** Vegetables, fruit, meat, and fish
- **Cupboard staples:** Dried pasta, rice, dry noodles, and cooking sauces
- **Breakfast items:** Unopened cereal boxes, tea, coffee, long life milk, and juice
- **Spreads and condiments:** Jam, honey, butter, sauces, and spreads
- **Essential toiletries:** Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and sanitary items

Collection Dates: Please send any donations into school with your child between **Monday 12th October to Thursday 15th October**.

Thank you so much for your warmth, generosity, and community spirit!



Class reminders

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Year 2 – Reminder to all Year 2 children to bring their library books on a Wednesday and phonics book on a Friday to be swapped.

Upcoming dates for parents / carers to be in school

Wednesday 23rd September – Phonics workshop for Reception parents, 9:00am in the school hall.

Thursday 24th September - Meet the teacher open classrooms, 3:15 – 3:30pm

	Wednesday 7th October – MHST parent workshop on back to school, transition and anxieties.	
FOSSA events	Fossa Friends meeting - Monday 21st September 8pm at The Victoria in Hitchin. This is a chance to come along and meet some of the lovely FOSSA members and find out a bit more about what they do. The Chairs, Karen & Beth, will be sharing what's in store for the year. Including all the events they have planned and how to get involved to help raise money for the school.	
Did you know?	You can sign up to sync our school calendar with your existing calendars using the system Calendar Go, which is designed to help schools and parents manage school and local events. Calendar Go syncs with your Google or Microsoft Outlook calendar and once you have connected yours and subscribed to our school you should get all our events in your calendar automatically. You can edit your preferences if you only want to hear about events which affect the whole school or a specific year group (e.g. Year 1 or Reception) and there is a mobile app which has lots of useful features (like local events listings and even bin collection reminders)! Strathmore parents and carers can sign up for free using this link: https://app.calendargo.ai/register?org=strathmore The developers welcome your feedback, and you can contact them by email at support@calendargo.ai for any assistance or queries you have around the new system. For full information on Calendar Go please see https://app.calendargo.ai/ For a quick start guide on subscribing to our events see https://app.calendargo.ai/strathmore-signup/	
General upcoming dates Calendar Strathmore Infant and Nursery School	23 rd September	Reception parents' phonics workshop – 9:00am
	24 th September	Meet the teacher 3.15pm - 3.30pm (in classrooms)
	7 th October	MSHT parents' workshop – Transition, starting school and anxiety
	16 th October	FOSSA quiz (adults only)
	26 th – 30 th October	Half term
	2 nd November	Children return to school for Autumn B
	3 rd & 4 th November	Learning Reviews 3:30pm – 6:10pm
	7 th November	FOSSA fireworks event
	19 th November	Children's Individual photos day
	27 th November	Occasional Day – School closed
	8 th December	Year 1 performance – 2:00pm
	9 th December	Year 1 performance – 9:15am
	13 th December	FOSSA Christmas Carols
	16 th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
	16 th December	FOSSA crafternoon (date TBC)
	18 th December	Last day of term. School closes 1:15pm