Monday Memo @ Strathmore

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Week commencing: 12th October 2026	
Whole school	**Learning Reviews –** We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Learning Reviews on the 3rd and 4th November, 3:30pm – 6:10pm. Slots for Learning reviews will be open for you to book on Arbor this Friday at 6pm**.** Alongside appointments with class teachers, Gill Harrison, our school SENDCo also has appointments available on these dates, for parents who have not yet met with her this year or who have new SEND concerns for their child. **Strathmore Car Park and Gates** - For safety reasons, the school car park is only available to parents for collection after 4.15pm each day and should not be used for morning drop-offs. If access is unavailable, vehicles may need to reverse onto the main road. The gate to the Key Stage one classrooms will now be opened at 8:40am each day. **New Menu -** Please see the attached new menu from HCL, this will be starting 2nd November. **MHST Workshop –** Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the transition and anxiety workshop last week. Please find the slides from the workshop attached to this email.
Class reminders Weekly Blogs | Strathmore Infant and Nursery School	**Year 1 –** On Tuesday 20th October, Year 1 will be walking to St Mary's Church in Hitchin. They will be leaving after lunch and returning to school before the end of the day. **Harvest Food –** Please bring your harvest donations this week, with all donations in by Thursday 15th October. These donations should be dropped at the classroom, with all donations going to the very important charity 'Feed Up, Warm Up.'
Upcoming dates for parents / carers to be in school	**Learning reviews –** 3rd & 4th November 2026
FOSSA events	**FOSSA Fireworks Meeting Tonight!** We're meeting at **The Angels at 8pm** tonight to focus on this year's Fireworks event. If you want to learn more about how it's run, get a bit more involved with FOSSA, or just fancy getting out of the house on a Monday, come along 😊 We'd love to hear your ideas and have some extra help with the planning. **STRATHMORE FIREWORKS TURNS 25!** It's our 25th birthday, and we're throwing the biggest, brightest, most sparkly fireworks night in Strathmore history! EARLY BIRD TICKETS – on sale for 48 HOURS Strathmore families get first dibs before tickets go on public sale. The early bird offer ends just before midnight on Tuesday 13th October. • Adults – £8 + fees • Under 14s – £6 + fees • 2 and under – FREE - but still purchase a ticket for them for capacity planning After that, prices go up to Adults £9.50 and U14s £7.50, so you save £1.50 on every ticket by booking now! View the website for all details and to book: https://strathmorefireworks.co.uk/ We want every Strathmore family to be there. If cost is a concern, please contact the school office. We can offer subsidised or provide free tickets so everyone can join in. Please keep this link within the Strathmore community until tickets go on public sale on Wednesday of this week.

	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! This event is run entirely by 100+ volunteers from the school community! Previous volunteers loved it, met new people, and say it's easier than looking after your own kids during the weekend. Partners, aunties, uncles and keen grandparents are encouraged to sign up for a slot or two. Scroll to the bottom of the ticket page when purchasing tickets to select a slot. **Get Ready for the Annual FOSSA Christmas Card Project!** Keep an eye out in your child's school bag this week for their custom Christmas artwork! They'll bring home their artwork along with a handy leaflet and QR code so you can easily order personalised Christmas cards, gift tags, and keepsakes for family and friends. Every order placed directly raises money for our school, so thank you in advance for your support! **It's time for the yearly Fossa Quiz Night!** Reminder this Friday 16th October. entry from 7.50pm at the school. FOSSA Quiz Night Ticket Link	
Did you know?	In 2025, Strathmore was re-awarded the BPTAA (Better Practice Teaching Assistant Award). In their report, the consultant shared 'The day to day running of Strathmore is clearly enhanced and improved by its highly trained, professional group of Teaching Assistants.' We are so lucky to have a team who work incredibly hard to support our children and improve pupil outcomes in the most effective way.	
General upcoming dates **Calendar | Strathmore Infant and Nursery School**	16th October	FOSSA quiz (adults only)
	26th – 30th October	Half term
	2nd November	Children return to school for Autumn B
	3rd & 4th November	Learning Reviews 3:30pm – 6:10pm
	7th November	FOSSA fireworks event
	19th November	Children's Individual photos day
	27th November	Occasional Day – School closed
	8th December	Year 1 performance – 2:00pm
	9th December	Year 1 performance – 9:15am
	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