Monday Memo @ Strathmore

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Week commencing: 19th October 2026		
Whole school	Thank you to everybody who sent in Harvest donations for the charity Feed Up Warm Up. The children really enjoyed learning about this important charity during their assembly last week and they were proud to learn about how their donations were going to help those in need of extra support. **Strathmore Car Park and Gates** - *reminder* 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 1 classrooms will now be opened at 8:40am each day. **Autumn B Clubs –** The clubs for Autumn B will be available to book this Wednesday 21st October at 6:00pm. Please remember, the free teacher led clubs are available for those who have not already attended a free club this year. At the end of the week, we will let parents know if there is any availability for pupils who have already attended a free club. **OPAL Wishlist –** We are always on the lookout for more resources to further develop our OPAL playtimes. Please see the attached flyer with details of resources that you may no longer need but would be fantastic for our children. We will be collecting these resources on Monday 2nd November at morning drop off.	
Class reminders Weekly Blogs | Strathmore Infant and Nursery School	**Year 1 –** On Tuesday 20th October, Year 1 will be walking to St Mark's Church in Hitchin. They will be leaving after lunch and returning to school before the end of the day. **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	**Quiz**: Thank you to everyone who came, supported and ran our incredible quiz night. Together we raised £1,500 for the school! **Fireworks**: Last year's fireworks raised £5,000, and we'd love to beat that! With 1,200 people from across Hitchin attending, we need your help to keep queues short. The bars are our biggest fundraiser: more helpers = shorter queues = more money for the school. It's easy: serving cans, with no mental maths required. You can share a 45-minute slot with a partner or friend, and nobody misses the fireworks. Please help by signing up for shift (especially during 5 - 6.30pm): https://www.pta-events.co.uk/strathmore-school/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=124116#products	
Did you know?	It is important that all parents are aware of how to keep their children safe online. Attached to this email is an online safety newsletter by Herts for Learning to support you in knowing how to support your children.	
General upcoming dates	26th – 30th October	Half term
	2nd November	Children return to school for Autumn B

Calendar | Strathmore Infant and Nursery School	4th & 5th November	Learning Reviews 3:30pm – 6:10pm
	7th November	FOSSA fireworks event
	9th November	Year 1 trip to Barbican Hall
	17th November	Reception trip to cinema
	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