



Week commencing: 23 rd February 2026	
Whole school	<p>World Book Day – World Book Day is Thursday 5th March 2026 and we are looking forward to celebrating our love of books with you all.</p> <p>We will be spending the day enjoying book related activities in class and we will be hosting the Strathmore Book Swap. Please can each child bring in a book that they would like to swap on the day. Then, each child will be given the opportunity to visit the swap and take home a new book with them. If you have more than one book that you would like to bring to be swapped, then please feel free to bring more in - but each child will only bring one book home with them.</p> <p>On the day, we would like the children to have the opportunity to dress up if they wish to. They can come into school celebrating bedtime story books by wearing their pyjamas or dress as a character from a book.</p> <p>Competition – Don't forget to return your "If You Were an Engineer, What Would You Do?" competition entries to your class teacher by Friday 6th March.</p>
Class information and reminders Weekly Blogs Strathmore Infant and Nursery School	<p>Year 1 – Victorian Day will be on Thursday 26th February. This was a previously postponed event. We are really looking forward to welcoming History Off the Page back into our school. If you have any questions about this day held in school, please speak to your child's class teacher.</p>
Upcoming dates for parents / carers to be in school	<p>World Book Day -</p> <p>Parent Workshop – Promoting Positive Behaviour at Home 11th March 9-10am.</p> <p>Maths workshop – Our maths lead, Mrs Allen, will be leading on a workshop for parents and carers about how we teach Maths to our children. Please do come along on Friday 20th March at 9am to hear more.</p>
FOSSA events	<p>Friday 6th March – Colour Run 3:30 – 4:30pm TBC</p> <p>Friday 17th April – Spring Disco 4:30- 6:30pm</p>
Other updates (wraparound, governor visits, etc)	
Did you know?	<p>On Grounds Days we work together as a community to improve our school grounds. This coming Saturday you are invited to come and help us between 10.00 and 2.00. You can come for the whole time or just part of it.</p> <p>On the day there will be a detailed list of jobs to choose from, and refreshments provided by FOSSA.</p> <p>If you are planning on coming, please email the office and if you can bring some of the following equipment: secateurs, shears, strimmers, forks, spades, trugs or garden refuse bags, wheelbarrows.</p>

We are always very grateful for donations to help with school gardening and sustainability programmes.
 We always need peat free compost and bagged topsoil.
 Currently we are looking to create social areas for OPAL and would like to demarcate these with potted plants including honeysuckle, jasmine, bamboo, small ornamental or fruit trees. We want to encourage as much wildlife into our grounds as possible, so perennial flowering plants are also something we are on the lookout for.
 When Gardening Club resumes after Easter we will also be sowing a variety of seeds and seedlings.

On this occasion we will be meeting in the Nursery garden as we are also hosting an open morning for prospective Nursery children.

Upcoming dates	Thurs 26 th Feb	Year 1 Victorian Day
	Sat 28 th Feb	Grounds Day – 10.00am - 2.00pm Nursery Open Morning 10.00am – 11.30am
	Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
	Friday 6 th March	FOSSA Colour Run TBC
	Wed 11 th March	Parent workshop – Promoting Positive behaviour at Home 9am
	Thurs 19 th March	Reception trip to Knebworth House – more details to follow.
	Fri 20 th March	Maths workshop for parents and carers at 9am in the Hall
	Mon 23 rd March	Reception assembly to parents 2.30pm
	Wed 25 th March	Reports sent to parents (mid-year reports)
	Fri 27 th March	School finishes 1.30pm-1.45pm
	Mon 13 th April	Children back in school (Strathmore only)
	Fri 17 th April	FOSSA Spring Disco – more details to follow
	Thurs 23 rd April	Learning Fairs 3.15pm - 3.45pm
	Mon 4 th May	Bank holiday – school closed
	Wed 6 th May	Sports Day
	Sat 9 th May	Grounds Day – focus on creating upcycled wooden structures and digging areas for OPAL. There will also be general gardening.
Fri 22 nd May	Last day of half term – collection at 3.15pm as normal	