

**Week commencing: 10th February 2025**

<b>Whole school</b>	<p><b>SENCo role</b> - You may be aware, Mrs Badger, our SENCO is going on maternity leave in Summer Term B. We are looking for someone who would be interested in taking on this role to cover whilst she is away. If there is anyone who may be interested please contact the school office or take a look at the advert on Teach in Herts.</p> <p><b>INSET day</b> - A reminder that school is closed on Monday 24th February for a staff training day. This is the Monday after the February half term and is for Strathmore pupils only and not Wilshire-Dacre.</p> <p><b>Phonics and reading update</b> - We have recently updated the English curriculum section of our website which includes our most recent update on the new reading scheme, Little Wandle. For more information please click <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>Volunteers</b> - If you would like to volunteer at Strathmore, we would love to have you work with us! You may wish to visit us regularly or every now and then to hear readers, tidy the library, help with OPAL or we are open to your suggestions! If you are interested please email <a href="mailto:deputy@strathmore.herts.sch.uk">deputy@strathmore.herts.sch.uk</a></p>	
<b>Class reminders</b> (when relevant)	<p><b>Reception</b> - We are looking forward to being able to welcome the fire service and a police officer into school this week (so long as there is not another emergency) and a dance psychotherapist.</p>	
<b>Upcoming dates for parents / carers to be in school</b>		
<b>FOSSA events</b>	<p><b>Valentines Bake Sale</b> 🍰❤️🍰</p> <p>FOSSA will be selling delicious treats to raise money for the school on Friday 14th February, 3pm onwards.  All bakes 50p and nut free. There will be gluten-free, egg-free and dairy-free options.</p> <p>Please support us by bringing your baked (or bought 🍪) goodies along at drop off on morning of 14th. Please remember *no nuts* and let us know if your bakes are gluten or egg or dairy free. Label any containers so they can be returned. Thank you! ❤️</p> <p><b>Pre-loved Uniform Sale</b>  FOSSA will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale in the school hall on Friday 14th March, from 08.30-09.30. A great opportunity to stock up on summer uniform! Payments by cash or card.</p>	
<b>Wraparound updates / FAQs</b>	<p>Thank you to those parents who have completed the wraparound consultation <a href="#">questionnaire</a>. If you could please spare 2 minutes to share your opinions we would be really grateful.</p>	
<b>General upcoming</b>	Thurs 13th Feb	Police officer to visit Reception and Early Birds as part of the People who help us topic at 13:30
	Fri 14th Feb	FOSSA bake sale from 3pm
	Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb	Half term
	Mon 24th Feb	INSET day - school closed for pupils

	Thurs 6th March	World Book Day - wear pyjamas or something that makes you feel cosy.
	Thurs 27th March	Reception assembly to parents 14:15 If you wish for your child to be ready to leave to collect siblings from Wilshire-Dacre please let the school office know in advance.
	Mon 31st March, Tues 1st and Weds 2nd April	School nurses in Reception classes for screening of height, weight, vision and hearing
	Wed 2nd April	Reports out to parents and carers
	Fri 4th April	School finishes 13:30 - 13:45
	Mon 7th April to Mon 21st April	Easter holidays
	Tues 22nd April	INSET day - school closed for pupils