

**Week commencing:**

**Whole school**

**World Book Day** - This is taking place on Thursday 6th March. Children are invited to come into school in their pyjamas or in comfy clothes to celebrate 'books at bedtime'. If they wish to dress as a book character they are more than welcome to.

**Car park reminder** - please do not use the car park for pick up and drop off for your children unless your child is unwell and is being collected, following an appointment or a pre-agreement with the school for medical needs.

**Are you a keen photographer who can help us?** We would love to update images on our school website as we look to update it. If you would be interested in helping us or know someone who could, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you.

**Intercom on the pedestrian gate** - last week we had multiple calls to the school when the gate was in fact open as we believe children may be pressing the intercom as they are walking through. Although this might seem fun, it is having an impact on staff workload as for every press, the phone will continue to ring until answered or filter through the other phones connected. Some of these are personal mobile phones of staff. We have been trying to solve issues with the gates not always opening at the times set and if the button is pressed when it is open, we think the gates are still not functioning properly. Please can we ask that you encourage children not to press the button unless the gate is locked. Thank you.

**Attendance updates** - we will be sending reminders to parents/carers of their child's attendance this week if it falls below 96%. Please note this data is based on your child's attendance from September 2024. Children under 5 do not have to be in school full time, however, as a school we still send reminders to this age group as part of our duty of care.

**Class reminders**  
(when relevant)

**Reception** - Visit to Knebworth House is taking place on Friday 21st March. If you have not paid for this trip this is a polite reminder to do so. If you need some support with this please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

**Upcoming dates for parents / carers to be in school**

**FOSSA events**

**Cupcake decorating workshop, Sunday 23rd March 2-4pm** 🍰 🐰 🍌

Join us for a fun Easter cupcake decorating class for parents, carers and pals! On Sunday, 23rd March, from 2-4pm at the school, you'll learn how to craft adorable bunny-themed cupcakes with expert guidance from one of Strathmore's talented parents. Each participant will receive four cupcakes to decorate, plus a drink to enjoy while you work. Perfect for a relaxed afternoon of sweet treats and creativity. Tickets are £20 and all profits go to the school. There are limited spaces, so contact [fossachair@gmail.com](mailto:fossachair@gmail.com) to book your place.

🌻 **Spring disco, Friday 28th March 4.30-6.30pm** 🌻

Come and celebrate the arrival of warmer weather and longer days! As well as a disco, there will be hot and cold food, kids and adults bars, and lots of fun activities. This year, each year group will be responsible for a stall e.g. tombola, hook-a-duck, more details to follow...

	<p>Tickets are £2 and 2 and under free. This event is only open to Strathmore families but siblings at other schools are welcome to attend. Buy your tickets here: <a href="https://www.pta-events.co.uk/strathmore-school/index.cfm?event=upcoming-events">https://www.pta-events.co.uk/strathmore-school/index.cfm?event=upcoming-events</a></p> <p><b>We need you: Join the FOSSA team!</b></p> <p>FOSSA is looking for new members for the next school year (2025/26). The following roles need to be filled to keep our PTA going and raise vital funds for our lovely school:  Chair / Co-chairs  Co-treasurer  Some of the current committee members are leaving at the end of the school year, so we want to allow time to handover and intro the new team before September. If you are interested, or just want to find out more, please email <a href="mailto:fossachair@gmail.com">fossachair@gmail.com</a>. The new committee will be voted in at FOSSA's AGM in July.</p>	
<b>Wraparound updates / FAQs</b>		
<b>General upcoming</b>	Thurs 6th March	World Book Day - wear pyjamas or something that makes you feel cosy.
	Week of 24th March - date TBC	Reception assembly to parents 2.15pm. 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.
	Wed 2nd April	Reports out to parents and carers
	Fri 4th April	School finishes 1.30pm - 1.45pm
	Mon 7th April to Mon 21st April	Easter holidays
	Tues 22nd April	INSET day - school closed for pupils