



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 29th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have had a great week, enjoying lots of Christmas inspired activities and crafts.
Star of the week is Elowen B-M.

Year 1 Miss Snowden's class have loved writing their letters to Father Christmas, ahead of the Christmas Fair on Saturday!
Miss Bartlett's class have loved learning their Christingle songs and making the Christingle for Wednesday's assembly and were very sensible with the candles!
Star of the week is Maia D.

Year 2 have been working hard on subtraction using exchange. We also enjoyed their beautiful singing during Christingle!
Stars of the week are Henry H and Jonas R.

Year 3 have started getting into the festive mood this week by sewing and decorating their own Christmas stockings. Come to the Christmas Fair tomorrow to see them in the flesh!
Stars of the week are Olivia G and Ella W.

Year 4 had lots of fun 'reading speed dating'. This is when they have a set amount of time to introduce people to their chosen book. The children didn't want to stop and there were lots of book ideas that they could read in the future.
Stars of the week are Jack D and Quinn C.

Year 5 have been excited to begin making their cam toys in DT and were enjoyed for their first trip of the year to Forest Camp.
Stars of the week are Noah B and Caine H-B.

Year 6 took part in the Christingle service this week. They behaved impeccably, supported the younger children and sang beautifully.
Stars of the week for their help in preparing the Christingles with Mrs Conway are Serenna B, Sienna D, Oscar S, Toby T, Teddy C, Georgie G and Phoebe E.

Supporting the school on social media

As you may have noticed, the school has recently started a real push with marketing itself on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter/X by making them places to keep you updated with all the things that happen in school. In order to spread the word, we would really appreciate it if you could follow us on these platforms if you don't already, and like and share our posts.

November's Big Thank You

This month's winner is Michelle Phipps. Michelle works in the kitchen and at Breakfast and Afterschool Club. She is always reliable and cheerful. Recently she helped Kites Kitchen achieve the highest ranking of 5* Excellent in an Environmental Health Inspection! Well done and thank you Michelle.

Year 5/6 Boys' Football

Last Friday the Y5/6 Boys' football team travelled to Moulsoford Prep with the aim of earning a place in the County Finals. Did we do it? Click the link below to read the report:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2024/11/24/year-5-6-boys-fo...ford-prep-school/>

Pupdate

Rhubarb has had a brilliant week! This week she was awarded a trophy for being the Most Promising Puppy at classes organised by Newbury and District Dog Training Society, where Mrs Salmons has been taking her training for the past few months. Rhubarb also attends another class in Harwell at K9 dog training academy, where she has worked towards Bronze and Silver Kennel Club awards. To get the silver award, Rhubarb had to prove that she was calm and responsive in different situations. The hardest was a 2-minute 'sit and stay', with Mrs Salmons having to be more than 10m away. They will start training towards the Gold standard after Christmas.

School Dinner Payments

Please ensure that there is sufficient credit on your child's MCAS account to cover their school dinner requirements.

Parent Consultations

Online Parent Consultation meetings are taking place on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th December from 4pm to 7pm. Appointments can be made on MCAS.

PTA News

While the wreath making workshop on 3rd December is full, there are places left for Thursday 5th.

Email pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk to book your place.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Christmas Fair tomorrow from 12 noon to 3pm. Thank you for your donations and support.

Date for your diary: PTA AGM Monday 20th January 2025.

Community Noticeboard

Remember to look at the [Community Noticeboard](#) for local events and activities.

Rachel Salmons
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

NOVEMBER	
Saturday 30 th	PTA Christmas Fair
DECEMBER	
Tuesday 3 rd	PTA Wreath Making Evening – SOLD OUT!
Tuesday 3 rd	Parent Consultations 4pm -7pm
Thursday 5 th	PTA Wreath Making Evening, tickets £45.
Thursday 5 th	Parent Consultations 4pm – 7pm
Saturday 7 th	Cross Country at MECE, races start at 10am
Thursday 12 th	Christmas Gift Room – details to follow
Friday 13 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 th	Year 2 Christmas performance to parents, 2pm
Tuesday 17 th	Year 2 Christmas performance to parents, 9.30am
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Lunch Kites singing to parents in the afternoon
Thursday 19 th	Carol Concert Evening with Years 2 to 6 performing
Friday 20 th	Last day of Term 2, school finishes at 1.15pm
JANUARY 2025	
Monday 6 th	INSET Day – No children in school
Tuesday 7 th	First Day of Term 3