



# Sonning Common Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge thank you to our whole school community for supporting our Christmas events: the PTA for the Christmas Fair, Years 1 and 2 for the nativity performances, Kites staff for pulling together the cutest of shows, the Carol Concert, Christingle and Christmas Jumper Day. Our gratitude for your kind words and the gifts that have been brought in for staff. As 2024 pulls to a close, we wish all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

### Happy News

**Kites** did an amazing job with their Christmas Around the World performance at the start of the week. Then we spent time preparing for a Christmas party; making hats, writing invitations, creating outfits and listing music choices.

**Year 1** have enjoyed their stardom in the Nativity and exchanging cards and stories with their Year 6 buddies.

**Year 2** put on a fantastic Nativity performance, and all their hard work paid off. Well done everyone!

**Year 3** have had an extremely taxing week in the classroom....ahem. We've been getting into the festive mood this week by singing, being merry and enjoying all the wonderful Christmassy things the school has organised. Merry Christmas to you all!

**Year 4** have been enjoying Christmas challenges this week from designing and calculating Christmas feasts for the senior leadership team to freeing reindeers and perfecting their Rocking around the Christmas tree performance. Have a Merry Christmas everyone!

**Year 5** enjoyed watching the play 'Bugsy Malone' at MECE on Monday and performed well at last night's school concert!

**Year 6** have had a lovely final week of the year, giving their buddies their Christmas stories and exchanging gifts. Our thanks go to all the children for their hard work this term. We hope they (and their parents!) have a happy, restful break. Merry Christmas from the Year 6 team!

### December's Big Thank You

Robbie Spencer has been nominated for adapting to every situation that is thrown his way, for coming in everyday with a positive smile and enthusiasm. For building caring and kind relationships with all children in class and having their best interests and successes always at the forefront of his mind.

### Headteacher's Awards

Kites: Harry W, Izzy W and Rory V.

Year 1: Robyn J, Olivia W and Lily W.

Year 2: Hiromi C-K, Nelly H, Zoe P, Megan T, Matthew A and Brody D.

Year 3: Sam W, Florence Ch, Phoebe H, Sam P, Ariel D and Mia H.

Year 4: Vivienne R-H, Jack S, Jacob N, Annabel A-C, Vitya P and Albie W.

Year 5: Jack A, Lili F, Sam M-S, Isla P, Elsie Y and Ella Y.

Year 6: Freddie P, Olivia Z, Maia S, Corey W, Teddy E and Georgie E.

### Donations

Thanks to your generous donations at the KS1 Christmas performances this week, we have raised £192.76 for Shelterbox. Together with the £226.63 already raised from Christmas Jumper Day we have donated an amazing £419.39 to Shelterbox this year.

### Poetry Competition

Julia M-L in Year 4 won our Christmas Poetry competition with this poem:

*Presents are joyful and fun*

*They're a mystery*

*You might get a dolly or a coat*

*Sometimes I hope I get a unicorn*

*That would ride me around everywhere*

*Sometimes I want a dragon*

*That will breathe fire at enemies*

*But this year I want a sister*

*One that I could look after*

*One that I could feed*

*So this year, I'm wishing*

*Wishing so hard*

### NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<b><u>Common condition</u></b>	<b><u>Patient eligibility</u></b>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

### PTA News

Thank you for continuing support. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

### MCAS School Dinner Balances

Please ensure that any outstanding balances are cleared before the start of next term.

### Community Noticeboard

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

Rachel Salmons  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

JANUARY 2025	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – No children in school
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 3
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 1 Toys Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Ancient Greek Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kites & Year 6 Weighing and Measuring