



# Sonning Common Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Happy News

**Kites** This week the children in Kites have continued looking at Christmas Around the World. We made shoes to put out for St Nikolaus (Germany) and Mrs Bray came to tell us about Christmas in Italy, so we sang her an Italian Christmas song to say thank you.

Star of the week is Aurora H.

**Year 1** have been improving their skills with subtraction and have done a great job!

Star of the week is Albi R.

**Year 2** have been learning all about shapes this week. Show them some objects at home and see if they can tell you what shape it is!

Stars of the week are Tristan B-M and Harvey W.

**Year 3** have started getting to grips with performing their song for the Christmas Carol Concert on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>. Come along - it's going to be a belter!

Stars of the week are Myles S and Amelia C.

**Year 4** have enjoyed interviewing each other for their kindness newspaper report.

Stars of the week are Louie M and Harvey W-B.

**Year 5** really enjoyed their assembly with Mikey Akers and are eager to see what happens to Jim Jarvis as we approach the end of 'Street Child.'

Stars of the week are Harrison E and Jaxson J.

**Year 6** have again worked very hard preparing for their SATs, sitting SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) tests. We are in awe of their hard work and dedication!

Stars of the week are Donnie F and Jon S-L.

### Mikey Akers

On Monday we were very fortunate to have a visit from Mikey Akers, a young man who has been working hard to raise awareness of the neurological speech condition apraxia, who came to speak to our children about the power of hope, determination and friendship.

Find out more in the 'Latest news' section of our website or visit our school's Facebook page!

### Christmas Decorations

Thank you for the lovely entries to the Christmas decoration competition that was held at the Christmas Fair. The following children were our winners and can collect their prize from Mrs Salmons next week:

1st Dominic T, 2<sup>nd</sup> Forest and Sully G, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quint and Willow O-R.

### Christmas Gift Room

We will be holding our annual Christmas Gift Room in school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. All children are invited to bring in some money and visit the gift room (accompanied by their teacher) to buy a gift or two for a special adult in their life. They will then be helped to wrap the gift before bringing it home the same day. Gifts will be priced between £1 and £4.

We still require some more stock for our popular gift room, so we would welcome and donations of unwanted new items suitable for adults. We would also welcome donations of wrapping paper. All donations should be dropped off at the school office by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### Book Fair

A big thank you to all who supported the Scholastic Book Fair last week. A total of £675 was spent on books and stationery items, giving the school £270 in rewards to spend on books for the classrooms (that's 40%)

The next book fair will be in April 2025, when hopefully the weather will be a bit warmer!

### After school clubs and activities last sessions

Please check the website for the last session dates for after school clubs and activities:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/activities/>

Street Dance has now finished until next Term.

### Christingle

KS1 raised an impressive £241.66 for the Children's Society through their Christingle collections.

### 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.

### Community Noticeboard

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

Rachel Salmons

Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

DECEMBER	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at MECE, races start at 10am
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Competition at RFC – postponed from 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Gift Room
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Christmas performance to parents, 1.45pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Christmas performance to parents, 9.30am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch Kites singing to parents, 2.30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Concert Evening with Years 2 to 6 performing
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 2, school finishes at 1.15pm
JANUARY 2025	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – No children in school
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 3

