



# Sonning Common Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Happy News

**Kites** have been reminiscing about Christmas and making New Years resolutions. We have also been going colour crazy by making patterns and mixing colours to make rainbows.  
Star of the week is Thomas G.

**Year 1** have loved using the large apparatus in the hall for PE and sharing all their news from the Christmas holidays! Miss Snowden's class have been learning about the Gruffalo and enjoyed looking for him at Forest Camp!  
Star of the week is Maddelise F.

**Year 2** have settled in brilliantly this week. We have introduced them to the wonderful world of money, looking at coins and notes. If you have some cash at home, do have a go at seeing how many ways you can make £5! Team points are up for grabs.  
Stars of the week are Logan R and Logan C.

**Year 3** have settled back into school life by starting their brand-new topic for the term: the Ancient Egyptians!  
Stars of the week are Ella K and Alex D.

**Year 4** had a memorable day on Thursday becoming Roman's. From learning shield formations to entertaining the Emperor and producing some wonderful mosaics. Safe to say we all laughed a lot!  
Stars of the week are Harlow M and Tilly E.

**Year 5** are very keen to begin their new topic, Ancient Greece, and showed some good observational drawing skills in Art!  
Stars of the week are Mata M and Lyla N.

**Year 6** have come back to school raring to go for Term 3. They have enjoying learning about the events leading up to the commencement of World War Two.  
Stars of the week are Leonardo D and Mason M.

### PTA AGM and Meet the Headteacher

We would like to welcome you to an evening event at school on Monday January 20th, starting at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity to find out more about how we run the school. There will be a presentation by the leadership team on current successes & projects, plus a look at our future plans. The PTA will report on the past year's events and fundraising, and elect a new committee. Governors will be in attendance to give you a chance to meet the people who help run our school and represent

the parents. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and shape the way that we format future communications with parents.

For new parents, this is a good opportunity to find out more about being part of our lively school community - and we promise that no-one will try to strong-arm you into signing up for anything! We would love to see as many parents as possible at this important event. It would help us to plan for refreshments if you could simply indicate that you are hoping to attend by clicking on the link. Should you wish to pre-submit questions or areas for discussion, there is space on the form to capture these. <https://forms.office.com/e/n38dv9GTs1>

### **Music at SCPS**

Since September we have enjoyed learning lots of new songs in assembly and linking them to our School Values. The children's favourite from last term was probably American Authors: The Best Day of My Life. This term we will be searching for a song for each House – hopefully linked to the House names and something that we all enjoy singing. Children will get the chance to make suggestions and be part of the process for choosing. Why not have a look at some songs together at home and send in your suggestions?!

### **Swimming lessons**

Sonning Common Swim School have spaces available in adult and child, preschool, after-school and adult swimming lessons. Fees for pupils attending the school work out at £9 per session. Please email [swimming@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:swimming@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk) if you are interested in lessons for your child.

### **JNR after school activity clubs**

These are now available to book, clubs start next week. Further information and the booking link are on our website: <https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/activities/>

### **Parking**

Please remember to park considerately and do not block driveways and access to vehicles for local residents. We have had reports this week from residents in Elm Court who have been blocked in.

### **Cross Country at The Oratory School 25<sup>th</sup> January**

No pre-registration required. Races for Years 1 to 6, starting at 9am. Refreshments available from the Butterfly Community Café.

Please see the poster on our community noticeboard for further information.

### **Cross Country at Shiplake College 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Boys and girls in Years 1 to 6 are invited to the Shiplake College Schools' Cross-Country Competition on Saturday 1 February 2025. No pre-registration required (please arrive 15 minutes before race time). The first race (Year 1 boys) is at 9.00am, with the final race (Year 6 girls) at 10.15am. A full breakdown of race times and distances is at [www.shiplake.org.uk/schoolscrosscountry](http://www.shiplake.org.uk/schoolscrosscountry). Hot drinks and refreshments available to purchase from 8.30am.

### **Community Noticeboard**

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

Rachel Salmons  
Headteacher

**Dates for your Diary**

<b>JANUARY 2025</b>	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	PTA AGM 7.30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 1 Toys Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Ancient Greek Day
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at The Oratory 9am
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kites & Year 6 Weighing and Measuring
<b>FEBRUARY 2025</b>	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cross Country at Shiplake College 9am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	PTA school disco – details to follow
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 3
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Half Term