



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 17th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have been researching polar animals and using geography skills to explore the polar regions. They have loved exploring the new playground equipment in PE too!
Star of the week is Skyla F.

Year 1 have enjoyed drawing illustrations to retell the story of the Three Little Pigs and working on the spellings of numbers up to 20.
Miss Snowden's class enjoyed their time at Forest Camp where they built a den for a 'Squash and a squeeze'!
Star of the week is Busby H.

Year 2 have loved learning about the job roles of a monarch and enjoyed coming up with disgusting things you could put in a sandwich (inspired by The Disgusting Sandwich by Gareth Edwards).
Stars of the week are Grace B and Billy W.

Year 3 had a very exciting week and were transported back to Ancient Egyptian times. From making games to practising mummification, we had a brilliant day experiencing different aspects of life in Ancient Egypt.
Stars of the week are Flavia M and Lucas Y.

Year 4 have embraced the drama this week. From learning about escaping from Pompeii to showing the difference between the feelings of Romans and the Iceni tribe in history.
Stars of the week are Gracie B and Sam M.

Year 5 loved making their Greek flatbreads and were very impressed with how they turned out!
Stars of the week are Eliza G and Max O.

Year 6 enjoyed learning about the outbreak of World War Two this week. They listened to Neville Chamberlain's famous broadcast, discussed the political landscape of Europe at the start of the war and drew maps showing the areas of control held by the Allied and Axis powers.
Stars of the week are Lexy S and Jack G.

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

This week we have sung Green, Green Grass by George Ezra, Yellow by Coldplay and Firework by Katy Perry. We are getting closer to choosing our "House" anthems!

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 if you are interested in lessons for your child.

Cross Country at The Oratory School 25th 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 1st 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 break down of race times and distances is at 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

JANUARY 2025	
Monday 20 th	Year 5/6 Girls Football v All Saints (home) PTA AGM 7.30pm
Tuesday 21 st	Year 1 Toys Day
Friday 24 th	Year 5 Ancient Greek Day Year 5/6 Boys Football at The Oxford Academy
Saturday 25 th	Cross Country at The Oratory 9am
Monday 27 th	Kites & Year 6 Weighing and Measuring
FEBRUARY 2025	
Saturday 1 st	Cross Country at Shiplake College 9am
Tuesday 4 th	Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics at MECE 9.30-11.30am Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics at MECE 12.30 – 2.30pm Y4, 5 & 6 Climate Change VR Workshop
Thursday 13 th	PTA school disco, KS1 4.15pm-5.15pm, KS2 5.30pm-6.45pm
Friday 14 th	Last day of Term 3
Mon 17 th to Fri 21 st	Half Term