



## Sonning Common Primary School

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### Weekly Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Happy News

**Kites** were visited by a BIG BROWN BEAR from the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt. They have been creating bear faces, their own textured story maps and thinking of ways to get the bear back home again using junk modelling. It's been beary fun indeed!

Star of the week is Charlotte M and Remy C.

**Year 1** loved their Toys Day on Tuesday, celebrating the history of toys, making a range of toys and investigating toys from the past.

Star of the week is Freddie M.

**Year 2** have put their money knowledge to the test this week and set up their own biscuit decorating shop! They had to work out costs and how much change they got back.

Stars of the week are Rudi C and Jasper B.

**Year 3** have been learning all about reflections in Science this week. They experimented with mirrors and torches and had a go at walking a very tricky tightrope.

Stars of the week are Anya C and Rhys H.

**Year 4** have designed some fantastic sounding pop-up books, written some emotional diary entries about the eruption of Pompeii and are beginning to make their own music to record in computing.

Stars of the week are Jacob N and Jessica C.

**Year 5** have loved their Ancient Greek Day!

Stars of the week will be awarded next week.

**Year 6** have worked hard all week writing horror stories and finding out about the events that led to the Battle of Dunkirk.

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#### PTA AGM and Meet the Head

Thank you to those who came along to support the evening. We were delighted to hear the healthy position of the PTA accounts! Our committee was voted in, and we are grateful to them for all the hard work that they put into organising events.

We shared with parents our latest school data, how we have developed our ethos and values, and plans for the future. What followed was a good discussion on how we could improve communication with parents, a discussion around homework and we answered questions on writing, Golden Ticket and the weekly newsletter. There will be another Parent Forum later this academic year.

## Year 5/6 Football

Our Year 5/6 girls' football team played the first match of the league season at home to All Saints on Monday. Follow the link to find the match report and result:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2025/01/21/y5-6-girls-footb...n-2-1-all-saints/>

## PTA News

At the AGM we welcomed our new chair, Emily Doubek and thanked Helen Simic who stood down, but will still be on the committee. Our new secretary is Tiff Belcher and Charlotte Hunt remains treasurer. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to join the committee, please email [pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk) or talk to Emily.

The next event will be the disco on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, followed by our wine tasting evening on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Parentkind is a network of PTA fundraisers who offer advice to parents and PTA's. They run several webinars for parents. The next one is on 30<sup>th</sup> January titled *Motivation Matters: How to talk so kids will listen*. To sign up visit their website [parentkind.org/parent-webinars](http://parentkind.org/parent-webinars)

## PTA Silent Auction – Henley Festival Tickets

We are delighted to let you know that we have secured **two General Admission tickets** for this year's 2025 Henley Festival. They can be used for any of the evenings. The 2025 programme can be found here: [Henley Festival | Wednesday 9th to Sunday 13th July 2025](#)

We are running a silent auction for these tickets. If you'd like to buy these tickets, please submit your highest offer in the link below by **Thursday 30th January**. The winner will be notified on **Friday 31st January** and once paid, they will be sent the tickets ahead of sales being released to the general public so they can secure the evening they would like to attend.

Bid here: <https://forms.gle/URW9iSmAM2tqjdnB9>

If more than one person offers the same amount, we will contact you all to ask for final offers.

## Music at SCPS

This week we have enjoyed Katy Perry's Roar and Rachel Platten's Fight Song. Our favourites are still American Authors with The Best Day of My Life and George Ezra's Green, Green Grass. Why not chose one to give a go at home and see if you can learn the words with your child?

## Henley Youth Festival – Art Competition

Henley Youth Festival 2025 is holding an Art competition.

Please see the website for more details about how to enter.

<https://www.hyf.org.uk/competitions>

## After school clubs and activities

Information on current after school clubs and activities is on our website:

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

## 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>	
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
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	PTA school disco, KS1 4.15pm-5.15pm, KS2 5.30pm-6.45pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 3
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Half Term
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 to Maidenhead Mosque (9am to 12.30pm)
<b>MARCH 2025</b>	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cross Country Championship at MECE
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Young Shakespear Company performance for Years 5 & 6
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Wine Tasting Evening
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Henley Youth Festival Run
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 to Ufton Court
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 (one class) to Hill End
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 (one class) to Hill End
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Red Nose Day
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	STEM Week

Link to website calendar for further dates: <https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/calendar/>