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Weekly Newsletter 31st January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites Kung Hei fat choi from all the Kites. We have been looking at China; specifically religion and culture. The children have enjoyed food-tasting, dressing up and learning the story of the Chinese zodiac.

Star of the week is Maisie H.

Year 1 have enjoyed writing and retelling the story of the Three Little Pigs, as well as making Viking longboats!

Star of the week is Tommy E.

Year 2 have learnt about axels and wheels to design and create their own toy car. They will be using them next week in big maths, looking at length, distance and weight.

Stars of the week are Grace V and Rudi D-C.

Year 3 have been creating some beautiful Ancient Egyptian artwork on our handmade papyrus.

Stars of the week are Ellie P and Tristan M.

Year 4 have really enjoyed getting lost in their class readers this week.

Stars of the week are Wilbur H and Toby R.

Year 5 have enjoyed cracking codes in Computing and are excited to plan their own ending to the Greek myth Prometheus and Pandora.

Stars of the week are Jack A, Saule B, Eliza G and Emma W.

Year 6 had a great and hardworking week. They learned about evacuation during World War Two, completed a full set of maths SATs papers, and caught up with their Year 1 buddies. Well done to all for their effort and enthusiasm!

Stars of the week are Liam R, Emily-Rose V-H, Olivia Z and Noah S.

Cross Country

Last Saturday we attended a new race at the Oratory Senior School. It was freezing cold and the course had a tough up-hill finish. Numbers were low, perhaps as it was a new date in the race calendar, but full kudos to those who turned up and represented SCPS!

Year 1: Isaac C 2nd

Year 3: Myles S 6th, Mhairi R 6th

Year 6: Teddy C 6th, Sienna D 5th

Next race: Saturday 1st Feb at Shiplake College. Races start at 9am and are very, very prompt so we suggest arriving in good time!

Y5/6 Boys' Football

Our Y5/6 boys' team were looking to begin the league season with a win away to Goring. Click below to find out how we got on:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2025/01/30/y5-6-boys-footba...2-sonning-common/>

January's Big Thank You

Gill M has received this month's award. She often gets nominated for being caring and dedicated and always being ready to help others.

PTA News

Wine Tasting Evening - Friday 7th March

Come join us on Friday 7th March for a wine tasting evening starting at 7:30pm.

This event is about getting together with friends and meeting new ones and enjoying a fun, relaxed evening. We have secured some super wines to taste along with some yummy canapés! There will be a 'smell the aroma' team quiz and a chance to win some great prizes in our raffle. Scrap any ideas you have of your 'usual' wine tasting as this is designed to be enjoyable and we have a fantastic host, Madame Baillie, WSET DIP. Secure your tickets by e-mailing: pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk £20 a ticket and all proceeds go to our wonderful school.

Henley Festival

The auction has now closed. We are delighted to say the winning bid was £160!

Education for life

The child we sponsor through Education for Life in Mombasa has moved onto senior school. We are now supporting a boy called Nyongsa Gerald Smith. His latest report says that he is exceeding expectations. The comment from his teacher is "Keep up the joy, the humour and the love you have for education. You are amazing." Well done, Nyongesa! We look forward to following his progress.

Village Quiz

This year's village quiz is due to take place on Friday 14th March, in the school hall, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. It is £5pp, with a maximum of 6 people per team/table. All proceeds go to the PTA.

Refreshments will be available, and there will be a raffle. Please register your team with Rosemary Dunstan: rmdunstan@hotmail.com - and we look forward to seeing you on 14th!

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>

Henley Youth Festival – Run

Register here <https://www.physiolistic.co.uk/event-details/hyf-fun-run-2025-physiolistic>

Event Details Saturday 8 March 2025

8.45am – 11.15am (Course walking: 8.15am – 8.40am)

Henley Rugby Club, RG9 2JA

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

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Dates for your Diary

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 6 th	Year 2 Bake Sale, 3.20pm
Friday 7 th	Year 5/6 Boys Football County Final at The Oxford Academy
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
Tuesday 25 th	Year 5 to Maidenhead Mosque (9am to 12.30pm)
MARCH 2025	
Saturday 1 st	Cross Country Championship at MECE
Monday 3 rd	Young Shakespear Company performance for Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 4 th	Year 2 Castles Day
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day
Friday 7 th	PTA Wine Tasting Evening
Saturday 8 th	Henley Youth Festival Run
Wed 12 th to Fri 14 th	Year 4 to Ufton Court
Friday 14 th	Village Quiz, 7.30pm start
Wednesday 19 th	Year 3 (one class) to Hill End
Thursday 20 th	Year 3 (one class) to Hill End
Friday 21 st	Red Nose Day
Mon 24 th to Fri 28 th	STEM Week

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