



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 7th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have had a lovely week of stories (in aid of National Story-telling Week). They have begun to learn the skills of telling a good story and some children wrote their own, which we later performed as a class. We were lucky to have a special visitor, Mrs Salmons, who involved us all in a very noisy story.

Star of the week is Oscar S.

Year 1 has been experimenting to find out which material is best for making umbrellas!

Miss Snowden's class have enjoyed making bear faces and learning about the story of Goldilocks and the three bears.

Star of the week is Isabella R-H.

Year 2 have experienced a sensory story this week to learn about the animals of the rainforest. They were told a story about life in the dark, wet rainforest, experiencing different sounds, tastes, smells, textures and even being spritzed with some rainwater!

Stars of the week are Bobby H-P and Joseph M-J.

Year 3 are learning about poetry and have been reading some brilliant water poems this week. We are looking forward to writing our own poetry next week.

Stars of the week are Mia H and Joey Q.

Year 4 have been making their designs into working pop-up books this week. The range of topics have included the Spiderman universe, football, how to look after a dog and avocados.

Stars of the week are Julia M-L and Ava H.

Year 5 have had fun investigating water resistance in science and writing their own short stories about a man and a rock.

Stars of the week are Henry B and River A.

Year 6 enjoyed learning about rationing this week. They were especially surprised to discover just how little 75g of sweets is and that some people ate pigs' trotters and whale meat during the war!

Stars of the week are Serenna B and Ethan P.

SCPS explained

At the recent Parent Forum, we were asked to explain some of the ways in which we run our school. We will use the newsletter in coming weeks to explain how things work at SCPS. We are starting this week with how we organise **Golden Ticket**.

This event usually happens in the first week of Terms 3 and 5, and the final week of Term 6. Each teacher puts names in a hat of all the children who have not had a code for the previous term. Ten names are then drawn, and these children get to go to the Golden Ticket event (usually a film in the Hall with snacks and a drink). The other children stay in the classroom. In this way, we are aiming to reward children for good behaviour, without double punishment for those that do not get to go, hence only 10 tickets, rather than all children without codes.

We hope this explanation helps. Do contact us if there are other things that you would like to have explained.

KS2 Sportshall Athletics:

On Tuesday our KS2 Sportshall Athletics teams competed in the opening round of this year's Sportshall Athletics competition. Click on the link to find out more about a very successful day:
<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2025/02/04/ks2-sportshall-athletics/>

Cross Country

Last Saturday, we had runners at Shiplake College for a flat and very fast race! Well done to those who came and represented our school.

Year 1: Isaac C

Year 3: Myles S 2nd, Mhairi R

Year 6: Teddy C, Toby T

Next race: MECE on March 1st

PTA News

School Disco

Tickets for the school disco (Thursday 13th February) are now available to purchase via MCAS under the 'PTA Shop'.

Tickets are £3 and available to purchase on MCAS until Wednesday 12th February, tickets can still be purchased on the door with cash only.

Timings are:

KS1: 4.15-5.15pm

KS2: 5.30-6.45pm

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.

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!

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.

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www.sonningcommonprimary.co.uk

Rachel Salmons
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

FEBRUARY 2025	
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 Shakespeare Company, Hamlet for Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 4 th	Year 2 Medieval Castle 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/>