



## Sonning Common Primary School

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### Weekly Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Happy News

**Kites** enjoyed their first ever school trip to The Earth's Trust; enjoying spotting signs of Spring, making dens and meeting the animals.  
Star of the week is Willow O-R.

**Year 1** have enjoyed learning how to measure different objects using cubes!  
Star of the week is Ivy T-H.

**Year 2** have enjoyed reading 'The Book With No Pictures' this week. This hilarious book makes us adults look foolish! Give it a read at home to make your little ones laugh this Red Nose Day!  
Stars of the week are Robyn W and Harvey W.

**Year 3** were transported back to the Stone Age during visits to Hill End this week. They had a brilliant time building shelters (and testing whether they were waterproof) as well as making flour, bread and even their own axes!  
Stars of the week are Max C and Toby J.

**Year 4** have made some interesting soap sculptures and have done a good job of sharing their opinions through their diary entries from Ufton Court.  
Stars of the week are Ethan B and Georgie E.

**Year 5** had a great time making and tasting their healthy muffins this morning.  
Stars of the week are Aniyah C and Theo E-A.

**Year 6** had a visit from Mrs Coates (Mr Coates' mum!) this week, who brought her collection of World War Two medals, ration books and uniforms owned by her father. She even read some passages from a book he wrote and showed a painting that he created, depicting an incredible scene from a bombing raid over occupied France.  
Stars of the week are Lucy W and Alejandra M-P.

#### Red Nose Day

Thanks to your generous donations this morning, we have raised an impressive ££325.33 for Comic Relief.

Children took part in a design challenge by creating the best outfit for Rhubarb to join in the Red Nose Day festivities. The results are as follows:

KS1: 1<sup>st</sup> Zoe P Year 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Megan T Year 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rory in Kites.

Lower KS2: 1<sup>st</sup> Ella W Year 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wilfie Y Year 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alex W Year 3.

Upper KS2: 1<sup>st</sup> Corey W Year 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hazel B-M Year 6 and Will Q Year 6, 3<sup>rd</sup> Albie H Year 5.

## **SCPS explained**

### **Attendance:**

We have been asked by a parent to clarify timings around lateness:

The register is taken twice a day, in the morning and in the afternoon. Morning registration opens at 8:50am and closes 20 minutes later at 9:10am. Afternoon registration opens at 13:15 and closes 20 minutes later.

Children arriving after registration has started but before registration has closed will be given a L for late in the register.

Children arriving after registration is closed will be given a U in the register unless another absence is valid (for example attending a medical appointment). This is counted as an unauthorised absence.

## **Online Parent Consultation Meetings**

These will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April between 4pm and 7pm. Appointments are available to book on MCAS now. The booking system will close at 7pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## **School dinners**

School dinners must be paid for **in advance**. Please ensure that any outstanding debts are cleared and that there is sufficient credit on your child's account. School dinners are £2.60.

## **KS2 Swimming donations**

We offer high quality support to our pupils to learn to swim by offering swimming lessons throughout Years 1 to 6. This is significantly more than most other primary schools are able to do. We employ our own swimming teachers who know the children well. Pupils are taught in small groups of less than 10. We place a particular emphasis on water safety.

Our ability to offer this level of support for swimming is dependent on having access to our onsite pool. However, the costs of operating this facility have increased substantially in recent years due to price increases for electricity, water and pool chemicals – all the stuff you need to run a pool!

To help us continue to provide lifesaving swimming lessons for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6, we are asking for a contribution of £12 per pupil for those year groups. The payment for this donation can be made on MCAS, in the 'Shop' area.

Thank you for supporting us to provide this opportunity for your child and thank you to those families who have already donated.

## **PTA News**

Our next event is an Easter Egg Hunt after school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April. You will need to book a place for your child(ren). This is done via MCAS. The deadline is **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**, so that we have time to purchase the right number of eggs.

Only available for another two weeks, and exclusive to schools and PTAs - every holiday booked with TUI via **easyfundraising** will raise a £100 donation!

New date for On Your Bike 2025 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Holiday clubs survey**

Please take a minute to complete this online survey from JNR regarding holiday clubs: [Holiday club survey](#)

## **Community Noticeboard**

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

## **NEW – Easter Holiday Clubs**

Rachel Salmons

Headteacher

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## Dates for your Diary

| <b>MARCH 2025</b>                              |   |
|--|---|
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                      | Year 5/6 Boys Football – South West Regional Final in Bristol |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>   | STEM Week   |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>                       | Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics South Oxfordshire Final         |
| <b>APRIL 2025</b>                              |   |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>                        | Online Parent Consultations 4pm – 7pm                         |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>                       | Online Parent Consultations 4pm – 7pm                         |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>                         | End of Term 4, school finishes at <b>1.15pm</b>               |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> to Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>    | Easter Holidays   |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                       | Term 5 starts   |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                       | Class photos  |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                     | Class photos  |
| Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> | Scholastic Book Fair after school ‘Buy 2 get 1 free’          |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>                        | Kites eye screening   |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>                        | PTA Easter Egg Trail  |
| <b>MAY 2025</b>                                |   |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>                       | Kites and Year 1 Cake Sale                                    |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>                         | Bank Holiday  |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>                        | Year 6 SATS week  |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>                      | Skipping workshops funded by the PTA                          |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>                       | VR Climate Change Workshop for Years 4, 5 & 6                 |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>                     | Year 1 visit to Odds Farm                                     |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                      | Kites visit to Bucklebury Farm Park                           |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                        | Last day of Term 5  |
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>   | Half Term   |

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