



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 28th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Due to a special STEM assembly today, Stars of the Week will be awarded at next Monday's assembly for this week.

Kites loved being Scientists this week, with the assistance of Johnson Matthey; they particularly loved the 'volcano' experiment and making their own fizzy drink.

Year 1 have enjoyed learning about solids, liquids and materials that melt. They have also tested magnetic materials and watched Mr Coates make toothpaste for elephants!

Year 2 have been amazing little Scientists this week. They especially loved pouring water over Madame Baillie's head, watching Miss Jones defy gravity in assembly and become budding botanists with Mrs Skidmore.

Year 3 have been experimenting with cornflour this week. After making silly putty and oobleck, they ran an experiment to decide which was a better product for cleaning windows!

Year 4 have taken on our STEM week with some innovative skill. They have created their own investigation to see what could escalate or slow decay and have used wire to create their own sculptures.

Year 5 have had a great time learning about survival and adaptation as part of STEM Week.

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this week, completing a full complement of SATs mocks. They have also enjoyed a variety of STEM Week activities, with the highlight being the Curly Wurly stretching challenge, where the winning team managed to stretch theirs to a whopping 5.85m!

Y5/6 Boys' Football - South West Regional Finals

On Saturday, our Y5/6 Boys' football team travelled to Bristol for the Regional Finals - could we make the National Finals for the first time? Find out below:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2025/03/23/y5-6-boys-footba...-regional-finals/>

Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics: South Oxfordshire Final

On Tuesday our indoor athletics team competed in the South Oxfordshire Final. Did we retain our crown? Find out below:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2025/03/25/y5-6-sportshall-...xfordshire-final/>

Y1/2 Football Tournament at Kidmore End

Find out how the teams got on here:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2025/03/27/y1-and-y2-football-tournament/>

SCPS explained

Headteacher's Award: Each term every class makes three Headteacher's Awards. One is chosen by the teacher, one by the teaching assistants and one by class nominations. The child chosen by adults is one who has made a sustained effort over the whole term. They each receive a certificate and badge.

After School Club & Breakfast Club Telephone Number

There is a new telephone number for Breakfast Club and After School Club in case you need to make contact outside of usual school hours: 07398 955145

Online Parent Consultation Meetings

These will take place on Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd April between 4pm and 7pm. Appointments are available to book on MCAS now. The booking system will close at **7pm today**.

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 25th April. Tickets are £3.50 and can be purchased via MCAS. Ticket must be purchased by **Thursday 3rd April**. They will not be available after this date.

Rhubarb teddies are still available to purchase for £10 in the MCAS shop.

New date for OYB 2025 - Sunday 8th June.

If you can't cycle but are willing to help by being a marshal, please signing up using this form

<https://forms.gle/WzzqFcAy47rSyPOm8> thank you.

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.

Rachel Salmons
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

APRIL 2025	
Tuesday 1 st	Online Parent Consultations 4pm – 7pm
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 5/6 Girls' football league match v Ladygrove Park (away)
Thursday 3 rd	Online Parent Consultations 4pm – 7pm
Friday 4 th	End of Term 4, school finishes at 1.15pm
Mon 7 th to Mon 21 st	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 nd	Term 5 starts
Tuesday 22 nd	Class photos
Wednesday 23 rd	Class photos
Tue 22 nd to Thurs 24 th	Scholastic Book Fair after school 'Buy 2 get 1 free'
Friday 25 th	Kites eye screening
Friday 25 th	PTA Easter Egg Trail
Tuesday 29 th	Year 5/6 Girls' South Oxfordshire football finals at MECE
MAY 2025	
Thursday 1 st	Kites and Year 1 Cake Sale
Monday 5 th	Bank Holiday
Monday 12 th	Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 15 th	Skipping workshops funded by the PTA
Tuesday 20 th	VR Climate Change Workshop for Years 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday 21 st	Year 1 visit to Odds Farm
Thursday 22 nd	Kites visit to Bucklebury Farm Park
Friday 23 rd	Last day of Term 5
Mon 26 th to Fri 30 th	Half Term

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