



# Sonning Common Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Happy News

**Kites** have had a busy week of painting Spring flowers; listening to & writing stories (as well as acting them out); story problem-solving in maths and writing their own class book based on Brown Bear. Star of the week is Harry W.

**Year 1** have enjoyed wearing their cosy slippers for World Book Day, listening to some new stories and making plans to improve our book corner! Star of the week is Bailey W.

**Year 2** have had a busy week with World Book Day and Medieval Day. They had a great time making different crafts, catching mice, performing to an audience and indulging in a banquet. We hope they enjoyed it as much as Miss Jones and Mrs Skidmore did! Another thanks to all the helpers who joined us. Stars of the week are Isaac F and Eva Mae W.

**Year 3** have been working on a very important mystery in their Literacy lessons... Rhubarb is missing! Who is to blame? Stars of the week are Emir R and Daniel R.

**Year 4** have had a great reading week for world book day. From creating reading guidelines, designing some wonderful book covers and inventing their own version of chapter 8 from How to train your dragon. They have used their imagination wonderfully and been really clear about their thoughts and views. Stars of the week are Tilly E and Henry V.

**Year 5** loved their World Book Day experience! Stars of the week are Joshua G and Ben H.

**Year 6** have continued their World War 2 topic by looking at the role of women in the war. Stars of the week are Corey W and Scarlett H.

### Cross Country

We attended cross country at MECE on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March, with races open to all schools in Oxfordshire. Great running by all, well done!

Year 1: Isaac C 1st

Year 3: Myles S 7th, Mhairi R 11th

Year 6: Toby T 11th, Teddy C 12th

## Eat Them to Defeat Them!

Next week we are taking part in a campaign called 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' where our mission is to encourage children to eat more veg! As an incentive we are sending home sticker charts for Kites to Year 5 where children will be given stickers in school by the lunchtime supervisors when they eat all of their vegetables! You can support children at home by encouraging them to munch, crunch and chomp through as many vegetables as possible! At the end of the week, the children can bring their sticker charts back into school for some team points! Thank you for helping your children Eat Them to Defeat Them.

<https://eatthemtodefeatthem.com/schools/>

## SCPS explained

**School uniform:** We have noticed an increase in the number of children who wear trainers every day. Rather than simply nagging families to insist on school shoes, we would like to take a different approach. Going forward, please can all footwear be PLAIN BLACK in colour (uppers, laces, soles). No crocs, sliders or open-toed sandals. On PE days, trainers in other colours can be worn (but please remember to send in a spare pair/their normal school footwear so they can change if they get wet and muddy).

Having introduced PE hoodies a couple of years ago, we know that these are popular items for children. However, please can we respect that hoodies are only for PE days and on other days, your child should wear a normal sweatshirt or cardigan, rather than a hoodie. Year 6 hoodies are a privilege and should only be worn by children in Year 6.

## MCAS balances

Please ensure that any outstanding balances are paid promptly.

## Village Quiz

This year's village quiz is due to take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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: [rmunstan@hotmail.com](mailto:rmunstan@hotmail.com) - and we look forward to seeing you on 14th!

## Community Noticeboard

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

Rachel Salmons  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

MARCH 2025	
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
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Village Quiz, 7.30pm start
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Kites visit to Earth Trust
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	3RB to Hill End
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	3JL/KC to Hill End
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Red Nose Day
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
APRIL 2025	
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 17 <sup>th</sup> to Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Holidays
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Term 5 starts

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