



## Sonning Common Primary School

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### Weekly Newsletter 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Stars of the week for last week are:

**Kites** Elowen B-M.

**Year 1** Isaac C.

**Year 2** Jared B and Harry C.

**Year 3** Sophie B and Jesse D.

**Year 4** Sam T and Poppy N.

**Year 5** Charlie C and Xander O-W.

**Year 6** Teddy C and Sienna D.

#### Happy News

**Kites** have had an egg-citing week of Easter challenges; making a junk model basket to carry their Easter nests and participating in a scavenger hunt.

Headteacher's Awards go to Penny F, Sully G and Aurélie P.

**Year 1** have loved making Easter nests and Easter cards this week! Happy Easter everyone! Well done for all of your hard work this term.

Headteacher's Awards go to Marlow P, Isaac N and Busby H.

**Year 2** have been measuring mass, temperature and volume this week. We are proud of them for working so hard in the final week of term.

Headteacher's Awards go to Camilla B, Oliver C, Mika F, Bobby H-P and Roman H-B.

**Year 3** enjoyed completing their PowerPoint presentations about the Stone Age in their computing lessons this week!

Headteacher's Awards go to Sophie B, Amelia C, Max C, Evie C, Flo C and Toby T.

**Year 4** have had a lovely final week before Easter acting out Viking sagas!

Headteacher's Awards go to Toby R, Rafa F, Beau H, Jack D, Ethan T and Nanaka S.

**Year 5** enjoyed their morning trip to MECE and taking part in the 'Easter Dash' for their Interhouse Challenge.

Headteacher's Awards go to Bella B-L, Issy C, Olivia P, Theo E-A, Harrison E and Anson M.

**Year 6** deserve a well-earned break after a long and productive Term 4.

Headteacher's Awards go to Lucy W, Ethan P, Felix C, Romeo H, Hana R and Jack B.

## **SCPS explained**

**Lunches in the summer term:** Provided that the weather is dry, children will all play on the field during the summer term. They are outside the whole lunch hour so please make sure your child has a hat, suncream and a water bottle. On hot days, we encourage children to keep in the shade. For most people in school, staff and children, summer lunches on the field are some of our favourite times.

## **Music at SCPS**

Each house has voted for a song to be played in assembly when team points are announced on a Friday. Please practise them at home so that the winning house can sing their song loudly and with pride!

Air: Sky Full of Stars by Coldplay

Earth: Green, Green Grass by George Ezra

Fire: Fight Song by Rachel Platten

Water: Riptide by Vance Joy

## **Y5/6 Girls' Football League Match:**

Our girls' football team faced Ladygrove Park on Wednesday, hoping to claim a victory and return to the top of the league table. Click below for the match report:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2025/04/03/y5-6-girls-footb...4-sonning-common/>

## **Interhouse Challenge Term 5**

This Term, year groups took it in turns to participate in an Easter dash. This is where all children run around the field trying to collect as many coloured balls as possible for their house. Each coloured ball has an individual score allocation so after the running time ended, they needed to complete some addition and multiplication calculations to find the total score. These are the results:

Kites: 1<sup>st</sup> Fire, 2<sup>nd</sup> Air, 3<sup>rd</sup> Water, 4<sup>th</sup> Earth.

Year 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Fire, 2<sup>nd</sup> Air, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earth, 4<sup>th</sup> Water.

Year 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Earth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Air, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fire, 4<sup>th</sup> Water.

Year 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Earth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Water, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fire, 4<sup>th</sup> Air.

Year 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Air, 2<sup>nd</sup> Water, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fire, 4<sup>th</sup> Earth.

Year 5: 1<sup>st</sup> Fire, 2<sup>nd</sup> Air, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earth, 4<sup>th</sup> Water.

The overall results are: 1<sup>st</sup> Fire with 200 team points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Air with 170 team points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earth with 150 team points and 4<sup>th</sup> Water with 130 team points.

Only one more interesting challenge coming up in term 5 and the last interhouse challenge of the year will be sports day on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Which house will be victorious this year and lift the trophy?

## **MCAS account balances**

Please ensure that any outstanding balances on your child's account for school dinners and/or wraparound care are cleared for this Term. This can be found in 'Outstanding Payments' and 'Balance' on the MCAS app.

## **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

## **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

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

New date for OYB 2025 - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Travelling Books Book Fair

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April, after school in the KS2 playground. This is a 'Buy 2, get 1 free' book fair, so it's worth coming for a look! We get 20% of takings in free books for the school, so please support it. (Cash is quicker/easier, but card and cheque payments are also possible).

### Library Activities

If you're looking for something to do during the holidays, don't forget the library! The Easter I-Spy trail will be available from 4<sup>th</sup> April, from the library, and is free!

There will be Saturday Storytimes as usual, and ZooLab will be visiting the library on the morning of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> for 2 fun interactive sessions, aimed at children aged 5+ (£5 per child). Contact the library for more information and to book a place.

### Community Noticeboard

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

Rachel Salmons  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

APRIL 2025	
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
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Girls' South Oxfordshire football finals at MECE
MAY 2025	
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>	Skippping 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/>