



## Sonning Common Primary School

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### Weekly Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Happy News

**Kites** have been learning *why* we write and experiencing different activities to engage them in writing activities. They especially enjoyed writing secret messages, listing improvements to our outside area and creating a shopping list to use when they visited the local village shops.

Star of the week is Iris T.

**Year 1** have loved their drama and skipping workshops this week as well as developing their story ideas for a new version of Jack and the Beanstalk!

Star of the week is Michael N.

**Year 2** have worked super hard completing 6 SATS papers. We are so proud of them!

Stars of the week are All Year 2 children!

**Year 3** have had an excellent week. They have all worked incredibly hard on the beginning of their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory diary entries and have enjoyed thinking about how they would feel if they found the last golden ticket.

Stars of the week are Phoebe H and Flavia M.

**Year 4** have written some wonderfully researched non-chronological reports about mountain ranges across the world, learnt some new skipping moves in our workshop and have enjoyed listening to the talks today. Who knew there were such varied interests in Year 4!

Stars of the week are Jessica C and Ellianna D.

**Year 5** have had a great time making their own Mayan masks!

Stars of the week are Alice B and Elsie Y.

**Year 6** The Year 6 team would like to extend a wholehearted thank you and a huge well done to all the children in the year group. They were a credit to the school and to their families in the way they conducted themselves this week—approaching each test with determination, showing resilience in the face of challenges, and generally being on top form!

Stars of the week are Romeo H and Donnie F.

#### Save Your Pool

We are pleased to report that the campaign is under way to raise the funds we need to refurbish the pool. We have received generous donations already from Thames Water, the Parish Council and some very kind parents. We will launch a social media campaign very soon so keep your eyes open for this and support it if you can!

As part of the Pool Refurbishment campaign, we would like to contact local families who have used the pool, either currently or in the past, and ask for their support. We are looking to drop leaflets to houses in the Sonning Common area and need some help to do this. We have divided the village into 13 areas. Please can you let us know if you would be able to commit to delivering leaflets in one of the areas over May half-term. Leaflets will be ready for collecting from school by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Area 1: Grove Road, Lea Road, Westleigh Drive, Rowan Close, Birch Close, Ilex Close, Heather Close, Maple Close, Elm Court

Area 2: Wood Lane, Kennylands Road, Paddock Close, Hemphill Place

Area 3: Woodlands Road, Beech Rise, Carling Drive, Old Copse Gardens, Hazel Gardens

Area 4: Shiplake Bottom, Newfield Road, Sedgewell Road

Area 5: Orchard Avenue, Bramley Crescent, Lambourn Road, Baskerville Road

Area 6: Ashford Avenue, Pages Orchard, Crowsley Way, Green Lane

Area 7: Reades Lane, Kidmore Lane, Kedge Road, Pearman Place

Area 8: Peppard Road, Gravel Hill, Red House Drive

Area 9: Pond End Road, Churchill Crescent, Park Close, Blounts Court Road

Area 10: Stoke Row Road, Stevens Lane, Dove Lane, Chiltern Road

Area 11: Essex Way, Birdwood Court, Bay Tree Rise, Thyme Close

Area 12: Gallowstree Common

Area 13: Kidmore End

Area 13: Peppard

### **Achievements**

Nanaka S in Year 4 competed at The British Arts Dance Competition in London on Saturday. Nanaka competed against other dance schools across the country and went through numerous rounds of being judged and her dance duet won 1st Place!

Harvey B in Year 4 has just been signed for another year at Reading FC as their under 9s goalkeeper.

### **Unlock Your Child's Confidence with LAMDA at Sonning Common Primary!**

Starting this September, afternoon LAMDA lessons will be offered at Sonning Common Primary School –these drama lessons are a fantastic way for children to build confidence, improve communication skills, and express themselves creatively. Small group classes will be led by Katie Girdler, who has over 18 years of experience teaching Drama and LAMDA to children. To learn more or sign up, contact Katie directly at [Katie.lamda@outlook.com](mailto:Katie.lamda@outlook.com) . Further information is available on the community noticeboard or from the school office. <https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/community/community-noticeboard/>

### **PTA News**

#### **EasyFundraising**

Raise money for School when you shop online! Over 8,000 brands will donate part of your spend when you shop from the Easyfundraising web site or app. For example, Tesco will donate 1% of your weekly online shop.

1. Go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)
2. Search for a cause - **Sonning Common Primary School**
3. Sign up to create your profile
4. Download the browser extension called Donation Reminder. It will pop up on every retail site where a donation is available, so you don't have to go to Easyfundraising first.
5. Track your donation.

Once a quarter School will receive the donated money from Easyfundraising. Easy!!

## Summer Fair

We are pleased to announce that our Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 28th June 12-3pm. There will be lots to enjoy and we hope you can join us on the day. We will be hosting many games and activities, but we will also be joined by local companies and charities. If you have or know a company or charity that would like to host a stall at our Summer Fair, please get in touch with us on [pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk) To be able to hold the Summer Fair as best we can, we need plenty of volunteers to help us set up before and help on each stall during the fair. Without enough help we may not be able to hold all the activities we'd like to. We would be very grateful if you could find some time to help us with the Summer Fair by clicking the link below and filling out the form. <https://forms.gle/rFoeexsx7vb1R7PY7>

Entries for this year's **On Your Bike** are now open!

Taking place on Sunday 8th June at 10am, there is the option to cycle 6, 12 or 20 miles.

Entry is £8 per person in advance and if you enter before Wednesday 21st May, you will be entered into a free prize drawer to win a brand-new bike, kindly donated by AW Cycles.

Register here: <https://www.onyourbikesonningcommon.co.uk/>

## Community Noticeboard

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

Rachel Salmons  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

MAY 2025	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	VR Climate Change Workshop for Years 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Quad Kids Year 3/4 & 5/6
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 1 visit to Odds Farm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Kites visit to Bucklebury Farm Park
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5/6 Girls Football Festival at Oxford FC
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of Term 5
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
JUNE 2025	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	On Your Bike
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 at Woodlands
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 cake sale
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day ( <b>KS2 9.30am, KS1 1.30pm</b> )
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform Day
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Fair
JULY 2025	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Kites Induction Session 2 – 3pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	New Kites Induction Session 10 – 11am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day – no children in school
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Seaside Workshop in school
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Water Sports Day (one class)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Water Sports Day (one class)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of Term 6, school finishes at 1.15pm

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