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Weekly Newsletter 9th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites had a banquet to round up their Castles topic. They made jam tarts and pottage stew for it!
Star of the week is Farrow H-B.

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their session with Korky Paul and have been drawing their own versions of Winnie and Wilbur.
Star of the week is Isla A.

Year 2 have had an amazing time creating a minibeast bug hotel! They are keen to get exploring for insects in their gardens.
Stars of the week are Bella N and Billy W.

Year 3 are feeling inspired after their visit from illustrator Korky Paul this week. In science, we have enjoyed using magnets and exploring magnetic fields.
Starts of the week are Bailey B and Olivia G.

Year 4 have enjoyed researching their mountain ranges and celebrating VE day by making the longest Union Jack paper chain!
Stars of the week are Sam A and Darragh F.

Year 5 have learnt about VE Day and how to gather ideas for a balanced argument.
Stars of the week are Adomas B and Ella Y.

Year 6 have been crossing the t's and dotting the i's after a hard-working week (and, frankly, year!). We wish them all a restful weekend and the best of luck for next week.
Stars of the week are Freddie P and Hana R.

VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration

Yesterday, we marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a special school-wide event. Pupils learned about the significance of Victory in Europe Day and reflected on its importance in British history. We listened to an excerpt from Winston Churchill's iconic speech and enjoyed KS1's joyful performance of a song about street parties. It was a thoughtful and celebratory way to honour this historic occasion.

SCPS explained

Water bottles: as the weather gets hotter, it becomes even more important that children drink throughout the day. Please check that your child has a named water bottle in school. Whilst staff will encourage children to drink regularly, they are unable to check individual water bottles.

Cheerleading Success

A huge congratulations to Millie B in Year 5 who, along with her Kick Start Cheer team, competed at the Nfinity Finals Cheerleading Championships in Florida recently. Millie competed against top teams from across Europe, USA, Australia and South America. She showcased outstanding skill, helping her team secure the top spot! Well done, Millie!

Kites and Year 1 bake sale

Thank you to all the parents and helpers in Kites and Year 1 for their fantastic donations towards our May Day bake sale. Kites enjoyed showing off their May pole dancing whilst the bake sale was in full swing under the old oak tree.

We raised a wonderful £254 to be shared between the two year groups for summer classroom resources and games.

Year 4 Fundraising

Last Friday, three girls in Year 4 held a sale of jewellery which they had made themselves. They raised an impressive £58.71 to put towards the swimming pool refurbishment. Thank you to Poppy N, India SB and Lottie H!

PTA News

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

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 | |
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| Monday 12 th | Year 6 SATS week |
| Monday 12 th | Year 5/6 Girls' Football League Match v Stephen Freeman, away |
| Thursday 15 th | Skipping workshops funded by the PTA |
| Friday 16 th | Skipping workshops funded by the PTA |

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| Tuesday 20 th | VR Climate Change Workshop for Years 4, 5 & 6 |
| Tuesday 20 th | Quad Kids Year 3/4 & 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 |
| JUNE 2026 | |
| Sunday 8 th | On Your Bike |
| Mon 9 th to Fri 13 th | Year 6 at Woodlands |
| Tuesday 17 th | Year 2 visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park |
| Thursday 19 th | Year 4 cake sale |
| Tuesday 24 th | Sports Day (KS1 am, KS2 pm) |
| Thursday 26 th | Reserve Sports Day |
| Friday 27 th | Non-uniform Day |
| Saturday 28 th | PTA Summer Fair |

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