



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 26th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites have enjoyed their visit from the nurse, learning how to wash their hands.
Star of the week is Esmé L-B.

Year 1 have been making delicious fruit kebabs for their friends!
Stars of the Week are Florence P.

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London and creating a timeline of the events.
Star of the week is Freddie M.

Year 3 have enjoyed researching rainforests ready to write their non chronological reports next week.
Stars of the week are Lola D-C and Eviee F.

Year 4 have had a fun week writing a newspaper report about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.
Stars of the Week are Olivia G and Toby T.

Year 5 have been writing some great setting descriptions and designed their Christmas cards ready for ordering.
Stars of the Week are Elodie D and Nanaka S.

Year 6 have been busy researching sea creatures ahead of their next writing challenge, learning to play Danish longball in PE and experimenting with colour mixing for an upcoming art project.
Stars of the Week are Sam M-S and Bella B-L.

Lockdown drill

We wanted to let you know that we practised a lockdown drill today in case your child comes home and mentions it. We usually tell them that we practise this in case an incident such as a bee swarm happens. The children behaved very sensibly and were back at their desks within a few minutes.

Manners at SCPS

This year, we are raising expectations in terms of the manners used by our pupils. We have started the year with explicitly teaching what we mean by “good manners”, as we want them to have an understanding beyond simply saying Please and Thank You (although those are nice too!). We have asked that children practise the following:

- Hold doors open for others, especially adults, accompanied by the phrase “After you”
- Look at people when you meet them or speak to them, and use their name
- When meeting people, ask about others before you talk about yourself

We are making a point of noticing and praising children who show these nice manners and we would appreciate you as parents talking about and expecting them at home too! Manners are something that EVERY child can achieve and they make a real difference in life beyond school. We are keen to work together to make sure our pupils have these skills to succeed.

Donations for Harvest Assembly

We will shortly be celebrating Harvest Festival and will be collecting for the local foodbank at Springwater Church in the village. We will be collecting goods until Friday 3rd October. Please leave any donations in Reception.

Springwater Foodbank supports households in Sonning Common and surrounding areas. They are totally reliant on the generosity of the community to supply emergency food parcels fortnightly to those who are struggling. The items they are short of changes weekly, depending on what donations they have received.

All donations are welcome, but at the moment they are particularly short of:

Tinned vegetables/fruit/soup, pasta, long life milk (dairy), squash/juice, cakes/biscuits, cereals, toilet rolls, baby wipes, toiletries and incontinence products.

Clubs and activities

Details of current after school clubs and activities for this Term are on our website:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/activities/>

Sonning Common 10k Sunday 5th October

A reminder that we need your help in a variety of ways. If you can help at all with this event, please sign up below:

[Sign up here!](#)

Community Noticeboard

Remember to look at the [Community Noticeboard](#) for events and activities that may be of interest.

Rachel Salmons
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER 2025	
Friday 3 rd	Harvest Assembly
Saturday 4 th	Cross Country at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge 10am
Sunday 5 th	Sonning Common 10k
Monday 6 th	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 8 th	Flamenco Workshops for Years 3 & 6
Thursday 9 th	Flamenco Workshops for Years 4 & 5
Friday 10 th	INSET Day – no children in school
Tuesday 14 th	School Photos – year groups to be confirmed
Wednesday 15 th	School Photos – year groups to be confirmed
Thursday 16 th	Open Morning, 9.30am to 11am
Thursday 16 th	PTA Disco, KS1 & Y3 4.15-5.15pm, Y4, 5, & 6 5.30-6.45pm
Mon 20 th to Fri 24 th	Year 6 at Woodlands
Friday 24 th	Last day of Term 1
NOVEMBER 2025	
Monday 3 rd	First day of Term 2

Friday 7 th	Open Morning, 9.30am to 11am
Saturday 8 th	Cross Country at MECE 10am
Tuesday 11 th	Year 1 History of Toys Day
Friday 14 th	Year 5 Milestone Museum Trip
Mon 17 th to Fri 21 st	KS1 Road Safety Week
Tuesday 18 th	Year 3 visit from a Rabbi
Friday 21 st	Children in Need
Friday 28 th	Non-Uniform Day
Saturday 29 th	Christmas Fair

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