



# Sonning Common Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Welcome back

We are pleased to see everyone back looking so happy and healthy and we are working hard to settle children quickly into their new classes. We have some great events and activities for the year ahead, which we look forward to telling you more about in the coming weeks. We hope you have enjoyed seeing the new Kites garden and have spotted other smaller changes around the site!

### Happy News and Stars of the Week

**Kites** have loved exploring their new environment this week and making lots of new friends. We have had lots of fun playing on the equipment in the garden!

**Year 1** have settled in really well and have been collecting and counting acorns so we can grow our own forest!

Star of the Week is Annabel M.

**Year 2** have enjoyed listening to our new class book 'The Danger Gang'.

Star of the week is Bailey W.

**Year 3** have been busy settling into their new classes, creating bookmarks using ICT and impressing us with their handwriting.

Stars of the week are Layla-Mae P and Riley B.

**Year 4** have made an excellent start to the term and they have settled in well. They have enjoyed sharing their postcards from the summer and starting the topic 'Extreme Earth'.

Stars of the Week are Ella W and Theo W.

**Year 5** have had a fantastic start to the new school year. They have enjoyed writing about their summer holidays and have made a good start to their topic on Australia.

Stars of the Week are Cairo H and Zachary H.

**Year 6** have had an excellent first few days back and have impressed us with their ability to hit the ground running, already completing their first 'Big Write' of the year.

Stars of the Week are Jaxson J and River A.

### PTA Colour Run Saturday 20th September 3 to 5pm.

Come and support our first fundraising event of the year. Children and adults run (or walk) laps of the field for an afternoon of colourful fun. It will be messy!! Tickets are available to purchase on MCAS.

On the day, report to the check in desk and you will be given a wrist band.

We need plenty of spectators to come and throw paint, so please bring along friends and family. Small packets of paint will be on sale for £3 each (please bring cash). There will also be a BBQ providing burgers and sausages.

If you would like to volunteer to man a paint throwing station, please email [pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk)

### **Sonning Common 10K**

Entries Now Open for the 3rd Sonning Common 10K – Sunday 5th October!

The third Sonning Common 10K is taking place on Sunday 5th October! Starting and finishing at Sonning Common Primary School, this road race takes runners through the village and out into the countryside around Wyfold, and back via Kidmore End. All proceeds from the event go directly towards supporting the school. **Register now at:** [www.SoCo10k.co.uk](http://www.SoCo10k.co.uk)

If you are not running but you are able to help on the day, please email: [sonningcommon10k@outlook.com](mailto:sonningcommon10k@outlook.com)

A huge thank you to our generous sponsors for their ongoing support: Focus at Badgemore Park, Shiplake College, and Beville Estate Agency.

### **Piano Lessons**

Our piano tutor (Sandy Hubble) has availability for pupils in Year 3 and above. Please email the school office for further information and costs and your enquiry will then be forwarded to Sandy.

### **Run Club**

Our school Run Club starts at 8am on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. Children from Year 1 to 6 can attend, although Year 1 will need to be accompanied by an adult. The cost is £20 per family and can be paid for on MCAS. You do not need to book for Run Club – just show up wearing sporty clothes (it doesn't need to be school PE kit). Bring your school uniform and a change of shoes/socks as the field is often very wet. Meet on KS2 playground.

If any parents are interested in helping at this club, please let the School Office know. It's usually great fun running around with the children and a good start to the day to have some exercise and share their enthusiasm!

### **Lands End to John o'Groats**

Just before the end of last term Rosemary Dunstan and husband David started travelling from Land's End to John O'Groats by local bus, and you were invited, on payment of £1, to guess the number of miles they would travel on buses.

We can now tell you that the total mileage, by bus, was 1136. The lucky winner of the packet of chocolates was Juliet Legg, our library manager, with a guess of 1125 miles - only 11 miles out! £25 was raised for the swimming pool fund.

### **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

<b>SEPTEMBER 2025</b>	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of Term 1
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 Curriculum Sharing Meeting online 5.45pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kites Curriculum Sharing Meeting online 5.45pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 & 6 Junior Active Leaders Course
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Curriculum Sharing Meeting online 5.45pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Curriculum Sharing Meeting online 6.30pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Curriculum Sharing Meeting online 5.45pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Curriculum Sharing Meeting online 5.45pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Curriculum Sharing Meeting online 5.45pm
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at Greys Court 9am
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Colour Run 3pm – 5pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Perform Workshops for Kites, Y1 & Y2
<b>OCTOBER 2025</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harvest Assembly
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge 10am
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sonning Common 10K
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations – details to follow
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Flamenco Workshops for Years 3 & 6
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Flamenco Workshops for Years 4 & 5
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – no children in school
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos – year groups to be confirmed
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos – year groups to be confirmed
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Disco – timings to be confirmed
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 at Woodlands
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 1
<b>NOVEMBER 2025</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of Term 2

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