



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 10th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Stars of the Week from last week and this week will be given out at next week's assembly.

Kites enjoyed a special visit from Mr Simic, and we learnt how to make apple juice! We even tried some that we made together.

Year 1 have been recording the weather and planting a forest of acorns!

Year 2 have enjoyed pretending to be crayons and writing letters of complaint in Literacy.

Year 3 have LOVED clapping and tapping to Flamenco this week with Mrs Iglesia. They have been busy drafting their own rainforest story based on the Great Kapok Tree book.

Year 4 have enjoyed writing a description of a character known as the 'Dreamgiver' and trying Flamenco dancing.

Year 5 loved their flamenco dance workshop with Mrs Yglesia!

Year 6 have enjoyed learning about the Titanic disaster in literacy and have also taken part in a fantastic flamenco dance workshop.

SCPS Explained

Parent Consultations

This year, in response to the Parent Survey, we will be offering some opportunities for face-to-face meetings at Parent Consultations in December. Whilst most parents find the online meetings an efficient way to meet, as they mean that parents don't need to leave work or find childcare, some of you have said that you find them too difficult to manage. For this reason, we will reserve the first hour of each evening for face-to-face meetings, with the rest of the meetings online. We will review this after December's consultations and revise the plan if needed for the March ones. Appointments will be available to book on MCAS at the end of November.

Cross Country

On Saturday, we had the first MECE run of the year. This is much flatter than the one at Greys Court, which helped as it was really windy! Well done to those who came!

Year 2: Isaac C 1st

Year 3: Maxime P 2nd

Year 4: Myles S 4th, Mhairi R 4th

Next MECE race is Saturday 8th Nov. Races start at 10am. All welcome – we would love to see some more runners so why not come and give it a go?

There is also a race organised by Sacred Heart School on Sunday 19th October at AFC Henley Football Ground, Jubilee Park Henley RG9 4HA. Races for Nursery years through to yr 6. Boys and Girl,.10.00am start.

Final Pool Fundraiser (we hope!)

As you are aware, we successfully raised the money to refurbish the pool over the summer. We thank all those who contributed towards this project. We now need to finish the project off by raising enough to refresh the changing rooms – if you have been in there recently, you know that they are very tired and in need of an update. We need to raise around £9000 more before we can book this work in. We would now like to give our pupils the chance to participate in a fun event so that they feel they have contributed to the refurbishment of this community asset.

On **Friday October 17th** there will be a huge football tournament, in which all children will be able to participate. There will also be a sponsored event for each class. Every child will be able to participate in these two events, regardless of whether they bring money in, although I know that lots of them will enjoy persuading family and friends to sponsor them. Your child has brought home a sponsorship form this week.

PTA News

Congratulations to Harriet H who won the family ticket to Didcot Railway Centre.

PTA Disco Thursday 16th October

Kites, Years 1, 2 & 3 - 4.15pm to 5.15pm

Years 4, 5 & 6 – 5.30pm to 6.45pm

Tickets are £3 and are available to purchase on MCAS until Wednesday 15th October. Cash only tickets will also be available on the door.

Charity Fundraising Bake Sale 15th October

Fundraiser Bake sale on Wednesday 15th October at 3.20pm, cash or QR code payment.

Hello, my name is Ami and I have 2 children currently at Sonning Common Primary.

Here is a little why I am fundraising:

I am running the London Marathon for a charity that provides Holidays for families on a low income. This is important to me as I work in a school where some of my students have never had a holiday before. Family Holiday Charity helps provide a holiday for families in need and provides money to travel to UK destinations and food vouchers.

This is also close to my heart having been one of these children myself and not going away from the area until I was in my late teens.

I would like to help fund around 5 Families and to do this I need to raise £2500. This bake sale will help me get a little closer to my target. All money will be donated to the Family Holiday Charity.

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.

It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves – the concern is only with the outdated link.

Space to learn, grow and be inspired

www.sonningcommonprimary.co.uk

We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

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	
Tuesday 14 th	School Photos – individual and sibling photos. Children to come to school in normal school uniform and bring PE kit to change into if they have PE.
Thursday 16 th	Open Morning, 9.30am to 11am
Thursday 16 th	PTA Disco, KS1 & Y3 4.15-5.15pm, Y4, Y5, & Y6 5.30-6.45pm Tickets £3 are available to purchase on MCAS until Wed 15 th
Friday 17 th	Fundraiser day
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
Tuesday 25 th	Christingle
Wed 26 th to Fri 28 th	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 28 th	Non-Uniform Day
Saturday 29 th	Christmas Fair
DECEMBER	
Tuesday 2 nd	Parent Consultations, 4-5pm in person, 5.30-7pm online
Thursday 4 th	Open Morning 9.30am to 11am
Thursday 4 th	Parent Consultations, 4-5pm in person, 5.30-7pm online
Saturday 6 th	Cross Country at MECE 10am
Friday 12 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17 th	Carol Concert 6pm
Friday 19 th	Last day of Term 2, school finishes at 1.15pm

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