



## Sonning Common Primary School

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### Weekly Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Happy News and Stars of the Week

**Kites** enjoyed their danceathon today - throwing some fantastic shapes!  
Stars of the week are Mollie N, Rory M and Harriet S.

**Year 1** have made some fabulous pictures inspired by their favourite book, "No, David!" by David Shannon.  
Stars of the week are Skyla F, Ethan Q and Isabella F.

**Year 2** enjoyed listening to a sensory story about Autumn, which included puppets, water, fruit and musical instruments.  
Stars of the week are Lyra P, Leo D and Busby H.

**Year 3** have enjoyed singing in our sponsored singathon and enjoyed our fantastic 'sounds rubbish' workshop on Monday.  
Stars of the week are Brody D, Nelly H, Rowan K, Albie-George R, Lana H and Hiromi C-K.

**Year 4** have had an exciting week made up of drumming, Just Dance and the disco.  
Stars of the week are Luke J, Max C, Samuel W, Anya C, Mhairi R and Evie C.

**Year 5** had a brilliant time this week learning to play the didgeridoo! Bonza!  
Stars of the week are Casper T, Robin B-M, Gracie B, Rafa F, Kit G and Bell A-C.

**Year 6** held a scintillating debate on who was responsible for the sinking of the Titanic - watch out for some future barristers!  
Stars of the week are Jensen P, Harrison E, Poppy C and Millie B.

#### Fundraising Day

What a brilliant day! It was packed with closely-contested games of football, dance- and sing-a-thons, cake tasting and happy children. A lovely way to hopefully conclude our pool fundraising. Please could all sponsor forms and monies be brought into school by the end of this term so that we can announce the final amount raised next Friday. A huge thank you to friends and families for your generous sponsorship, and to all staff for organising the events.

#### Years 1, 2 & 3 Swimming Lessons Donations

We offer high quality support to our pupils to learn to swim by offering swimming lessons throughout Years 1 to 6. This is significantly more than most other primary schools are able to do. We employ our own swimming teachers who know the children well. Pupils are taught in small groups of less than 10. We place a particular emphasis on water safety.

Our ability to offer this level of support for swimming is dependent on having access to our onsite pool. However, the costs of operating this facility have increased substantially in recent years due to price increases for electricity, water and pool chemicals – all the stuff you need to run a pool! To help us continue to provide swimming lessons for pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3, we are asking for a contribution of £15 for Terms 1 & 2 per pupil for those year groups. The payment for this donation can be made on MCAS, in the 'Clubs' area. Thank you for supporting us to provide this opportunity for your child.

### NHS illness guidance

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

### Teaching Assistant Vacancy

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/our-school/vacancies/>

### PTA News

#### Christmas Cards

Christmas card order instructions have been sent home with children this week. Orders must be placed by 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

#### Christmas Fair

We are very excited to be holding our annual Christmas Fair this year on Saturday 29th November 12-3pm. In order for us to be able to hold the Christmas 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 Christmas Fair by filling in the form below.

<https://forms.gle/Fi1X3nnrBkjcVxHA>

### 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	
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
NOVEMBER 2025	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of Term 2
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning, 9.30am to 11am
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at MECE 10am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 & 6 Fire & Safety Workshop, 1.30pm-3pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 History of Toys Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Milestone Museum Trip
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	KS1 Road Safety Week
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 visit from a Rabbi
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Children in Need
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Consultations, 4-5pm in person, 5.30-7pm online
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning 9.30am to 11am
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations, 4-5pm in person, 5.30-7pm online
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at MECE 10am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Gift Room – details to follow
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Concert 6pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 2, school finishes at 1.15pm

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