



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 24th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites have loved celebrating Diwali together, the highlight being making Rangoli patterns.
Star of the week is Oliwier S.

Year 1 have worked incredibly hard this week producing some great writing about the weather and seasons **and** doing some awesome adding!
Star of the week is Skyla F.

Year 2 have enjoyed making cars in DT this week. They had to attach wheels and axels to carboard boxes, which they then designed and raced to test out the durability of their creation.
Star of the week is Olivia W.

Year 3 have lit up the classroom with their dazzling firework poems, bursting with brilliant alliteration and spectacular similes!
Stars of the week are Grace B and Ronnie W.

Year 4 have enjoyed learning and performing poetry this week.
Stars of the week are John S-B and Jessie C.

Year 5 have had a go at making their own prints with ink and polystyrene in Art!
Stars of the week are Ellianna D and Tilly H.

Year 6 have had an amazing week at Woodlands!

Fundraising Day

We have been absolutely blown away by your generosity throughout the swimming pool campaign and last Friday finished this off in style with a massive £5362 being donated by friends and families of our pupils. In fact, we are delighted to say that the pool project is now "mission accomplished" – the work on the changing rooms will be booked in as soon as the contractor is finalised. What a brilliant way to end the five months of fundraising, thank you!

SCPS Explained

The Nest is staffed by our pastoral team and used as a really nice place for children needing a re-set. Some children need this during lesson time, but mostly it is used at playtimes and lunchtimes, to get away from the hubbub of a busy classroom or playground. To keep it calm, there are a limited number of children allowed in at any one time. The pastoral team often take this opportunity to check-in informally with children who might be struggling, although many of the Nest visitors do not need this at all and simply enjoy doing puzzles, playing board games, colouring, or doing a craft activity.

Inter-House Challenge, Term 1

Who can balance on one leg for the longest time? Teachers have been amazed by the impressive balancing skills shown across all year groups. Some children even managed to balance on one leg for over six minutes – incredible!

The following children have earned team points for their houses:

Year 1: Penny F, Maisie H and Aurora H.

Year 2: Lyra P, Ivy T, Isaac N and Robyn J.

Year 4: Anya C, Mhairi R, Toby J, Joshua M, Layla H-P, Tristan M, William V, Ariel D, Rhys H, Max C, Miles R, Joey Q, Jessie C, Alex D, Ellie P and Myles S.

Year 5: William C, Tilly H, Sam M, Georgie E, Vitya P, Harvey B, Robin B-M, Harlow M, Beau H, Ethan T, Theo G, Jack S, Poppy N and Noah D.

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.

MCAS accounts

Please ensure that all outstanding balances for school dinners and wraparound care are cleared as soon as possible.

PTA News

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/Fi1X3nnrBkjuVxHA>

Friday 28th November is a non-uniform day for the children. On this day, we ask that you bring in a donation for the Christmas Fair of either:

- Bottle for the tombola
- Wrapped gift for the children's tombola
- Cakes for the cake stall
- Preloved toys for our sale
- Suitable donations for our hamper raffle

Community Noticeboard

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

Rachel Salmons
Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

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
Monday 10 th	Years 5 & 6 Fire & Safety Workshop, 1.30pm-3pm
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 – further details to follow
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
Thursday 11 th	Gift Room – details to follow
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/>