



# Sonning Common Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Harvest Assembly

Year 3 and 4 delivered a lovely assembly today, full of thoughtful words and lively singing. Thank you to all parents who donated for Springwater Church Food bank.

### Happy News

**Stars of the Week will be given out at Monday's assembly.**

**Kites** have enjoyed digging out the vegetables from the mud, and covering themselves in it!

**Year 1** have enjoyed learning all about brushing their teeth and have been making some colourful vegetable prints!

**Year 2** have enjoyed maths this week, mastering their 2-, 3-, 5- and 10-times tables!

**Year 3** have enjoyed creating their own TV-style reports about the Amazon rainforest, as well as performing songs in the Harvest Assembly.

**Year 4** have been learning the words for their Harvest Assembly on Friday and learning more about tectonic plates.

**Year 5** have been writing their own haiku poems and looking at photographs of Aboriginal artefacts.

**Year 6** have had another busy and productive week. In science, we have discussed microorganisms and started an experiment into mould growth on bread.

### SoCo10k

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is taking place this weekend. Good luck to all runners and a huge thanks to the many volunteers. If you can be outside on Sunday morning to cheer on the runners, this will really help to create a great atmosphere.

### KS2 Stationery Shop

We have noticed that there are quite a few children in KS2 who have not brought in pencil cases this year, or they have pencil cases which do not contain the items that they need. Please can you make sure that your child has the following items (as they are not provided in KS2 classes):

- A small pencil case which fits in their drawer
- A couple of pencils
- A rubber
- A pencil sharpener
- A small ruler

- A glue stick (named!)

They do not need colouring pencils and pens as we have lots of these, although they are welcome to bring their own if they like. Please can you ask your child regularly if they have everything they need and re-stock during the term as needed.

We are mindful that many parents are busy, so going forwards we will run a small stationery shop at playtimes, where we will sell basic pencil-case items (pencils, rubbers and glue sticks) for up to £1. Mr Coates will run this stationery shop in a Year 6 classroom at playtimes every day.

### October's Big Thank You

Congratulations to Miss Patrick (KS2 teaching assistant) who was nominated by her colleagues for her cheery smile, kindness and patience.

### 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.

We are proposing that on **Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>** we organise 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 will be bringing home a sponsorship form on Monday.

### PTA News

We are always grateful for the army of volunteers who help at our events, we cannot fundraise without you. As a thank you if you helped at the summer fair or other recent events, your name will be put into a draw with the winner receiving a family ticket to Didcot Railway Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. This has kindly been donated by the Centre.

### 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	
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
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 – <b>no children in school</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning, 9.30am to 11am

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Disco, KS1 & Y3 4.15-5.15pm, Y4, 5, & 6 5.30-6.45pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fundraiser day
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
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning, 9.30am to 11am
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at MECE 10am
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
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning 9.30am to 11am
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at MECE 10am
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/>