



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 12th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites have been polishing up their singing ready for their performance on Tuesday!
Star of the week is Paige H.

Year 1 have done some lovely descriptive writing about the Nativity story.
Star of the week is Rory V.

Year 2 We are so proud for Year 2's Nativity performance to the school. Bring on next week!
Stars of the week are Isaac C and Tomie M.

Year 3 have loved designing a festive banquet on a budget for Mrs Salmons during big maths today!
Stars of the week are Tristan B-M and Maxime P.

Year 4 have enjoyed watching the KS1 Nativity play and acting out a scene from 'The Grinch'.
Stars of the week are Adeline Y and Ocean S.

Year 5 have been practising their Christmas song ahead of next week's concert.
Stars of the week are Sam A and William C.

Year 6 have enjoyed writing Christmas-themed stories for their buddies, planning some street art and designing computers of the future.

PTA events

Thank you to everyone for making our Christmas fair a great event last weekend. There was a lovely atmosphere and we raised an amazing £3338! We are also grateful to everyone who brought in items for the Secret Gift room on Wednesday. Special mention to Henley Tesco who supported with generous gift donations. Children loved selecting and wrapping a secret gift and it raised £944! We have some big projects in mind for next year to improve sports facilities and playtimes. Watch this space for how to help out and more information on exactly what the projects involve!

SCPS Explained

Christmas Lunch: On Wednesday 17th we will be eating Christmas Lunch in school. This is usually great fun. Children are served lunch by their teachers and enjoy Christmas music and jokes. Lunch is the usual cost at £2.65 and no pre-ordering is required. For any children choosing to have a packed lunch, they still get a cracker to enjoy!

Christmas Jumper Day

Thanks to your generous donations, we have raised an impressive £294.69 for Save the Children.

Y5/6 Boys' Football Tournament

Last Thursday our boys headed to Moulsoford Prep School for their first competition of the year. Find out more here: <https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2025/12/05/year-5-6-boys-es...day-4th-december/>

MCAS Payments

Please ensure that you child's account is cleared of all outstanding balances before the start of next term.

MCAS notifications

Text messages from school are automatically sent as MCAS messages if you have an active account. Please ensure that you have notifications turned on for MCAS in your phone settings.

Illnesses

Please follow the NHS guidance in relation to illnesses and if your child is well enough to attend school:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

School Council Charity this year

This year School Council have decided to link up with the Watoto Program, which runs schools in Kibera (a suburb of Nairobi in Kenya). We have good links with a school and its staff, and a reliable way of sending some of the things they need. We hope that our occasional fund-raising activities might be able to help in some small way. Currently, the school is short of student exercise books, pencils and staff diaries, so that will form the focus for our next efforts. School Council will help to lead the initiative, and several Year Six children have volunteered to produce display and other materials. This weekend, the Kenyan children will receive some seasonal cards hand-made by our Y6 group, who are looking forward to hearing back from them – hopefully in a week or so.

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

DECEMBER 2025	
Monday 15 th	Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance, 2pm
Tuesday 16 th	Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance, 9.15am
Tuesday 16 th	Kites singing to parents at 2.30pm
Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17 th	Carol Concert 6pm
Thursday 18 th	Parish Carol Service at Christ the King, Sedgewell Road 7.30pm
Friday 19 th	Last day of Term 2, school finishes at 1.15pm
JANUARY 2026	
Monday 5 th	INSET day – no children in school
Tuesday 6 th	First day of Term 3
Thursday 8 th	Y4 Life in Roman Britain Day at school – outfit required
Monday 12 th	Young Voices

Thursday 15 th	Y3 Life in Ancient Egypt Day at school – outfit required
Monday 19 th	Kites & Y6 weighing and measuring
Wednesday 21 st	Y5 Ancient Greece Day at school – outfit required
Thursday 22 nd	Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament at The Oxford Academy, 10am
FEBRUARY	
Thursday 12 th	Y1 & Y6 Science Oxford workshops
Friday 13 th	Last day of Term 3
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th	Half Term
Monday 23 rd	Author visit – Gareth Jones
Thursday 26 th	Y4 & Y6 Science Oxford workshops
Saturday 28 th	Cross Country at MECE 10am

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