



# Sonning Common Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Happy News and Stars of the Week

**Kites** have loved reading The Gingerbread man story. We have baked some yummy gingerbread biscuits, and decorated paper gingerbread men.  
Star of the week is Poppy H.

**Year 1** have had a lovely week learning about shape and pattern and painting snowmen!  
Star of the week is Sully G.

**Year 2** have loved testing out different materials to see if they can bend, stretch or break.  
Star of the week is Dominic T.

**Year 3** have embraced the challenge of writing a playscript this week and have practiced singing our song for the carol concert on the 17<sup>th</sup> December.  
Stars of the week are Brody D and Jonas R.

**Year 4** have finished reading the Iron Man and some have labelled it 'the best book they have ever read'.  
Stars of the week are Jayden B and Layla H-P.

**Year 5** have been researching Victorian workhouses and are ready to write reports about them next week.  
Stars of the week are Nia B and Albie W.

**Year 6** have focused on GPS (grammar, punctuation, and spelling) this week in literacy, learned about the theory of evolution in science, discussed Hinduism in RE and started a unit on street art and graffiti in art.  
Stars of the week are Emma W and Ben N.

### SCPS Explained

**Gift Room (Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec):** This event has developed over a few years into something really special at Christmas time. Children are able to visit the gift room to buy and wrap a secret gift for a parent. The gifts are between £1 and £5 and each child is allowed a **maximum of two** purchases. If you would like your child to visit the gift room, please send them in with some money on Wednesday.

### Piano Concert

Well done to all who performed in yesterday's piano concert. You were very impressive and Mrs Hubble said she felt very proud of you. Particular mention goes to the Year 6 pianists who helped tidy everything away afterwards.

Y6: Ella Y, Claudia V, Adomas B, Oscar P, Issy C, Saule B  
Y5: Jessica C, Elliana D, Georgie E, Elodie D, Vivienne RH  
Y4: Toby J, Sam P  
Y3: Mika F  
Mrs Rae and Mrs Dickinson

### **November's Big Thank You**

Congratulations to Mr Burrows who is this month's recipient. Mr Burrows was nominated for always being positive and enthusiastic, inspiring the pupils and making lessons fun. He always gives 110% and really cares about everyone and we all benefit from his informative weekly teaching newsletter.

### **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.

### **Clarinet**

We have had a clarinet donated to school which would be suitable for a child to learn on. Please let the office know if your child is intending to take lessons and would like this instrument.

### **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.

### **Parish Carol Service Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**

The Director of Music, Frances Brewitt-Taylor, at St John's church (who attended our Christingle service) would like to invite enthusiastic singers to their annual Parish Carol Service. All interested children are welcome! Children (accompanied by a parent) will need to attend practices at Christ the King church on Friday evenings 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Please contact Frances at [francesbt@hotmail.com](mailto:francesbt@hotmail.com) if your child would like to attend.

### **After school club need your help!**

ASC need lots of empty cereal boxes for a craft project. Please either bring to reception or hand to your child's teacher. Thank you!

### **Parking**

Please remember to park considerately and do not block driveways and access to vehicles for local residents.

### **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

<b>DECEMBER 2025</b>	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at MECE 10am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gift Room
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance, 2pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance, 9.15am
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kites singing to parents at 2.30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Concert 6pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Carol Service at Christ the King, Sedgewell Road 7.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 2, <b>school finishes at 1.15pm</b>
<b>JANUARY 2026</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day – no children in school
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Term 3
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Life in Roman Britain Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Young Voices
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Life in Ancient Egypt Day
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kites & Y6 weighing and measuring
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y5 Ancient Greece Day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament at The Oxford Academy, 10am

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