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Weekly Newsletter 16th January 2026

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites have loved learning all about different people who help us! We have practiced being doctors, vets, teachers and much more...

Star of the week is Freddie F.

Year 1 have enjoyed sharing the story of the Three Little Pigs and writing speech bubbles for the characters.

Star of the week is River L.

Year 2 have loved using money to buy items to decorate biscuits. They had to work out the cost and if they needed any change back. Plus, it was delicious!

Star of the week is Alice N.

Year 3 have had a fantastic week. The biggest highlight was our ancient Egyptian day yesterday. Thank you to History off the Page and all the adults who came to help us!

Stars of the week are Matthew A, Riley B, Charlie B and Roman H-B.

Year 4 It has been a busy week with some children attending Young Voices and some starting swimming sessions!

Stars of the week are Florence Co and Florence Ch.

Year 5 have been learning how to attack and defend in netball and football during their PE lessons, and also in their new Chess lessons which started today!

Stars of the week are Noah D and Maleek J-W

Year 6 have been discussing religion and the common features and significance of both religious and non-religious gatherings.

Stars of the week are Charlie C and Olivia P.

Speak Up! Our new oracy project

On Monday, we launched our brand-new initiative to help develop and improve our children's speaking, listening and communication skills, called Speak Up! Part of the project will involve helping children develop their oracy skills at school – both in the classroom and through clubs and events – but we would also like to help you continue this work at home. For example, in the newsletter from now on, you'll find a Speak Up! section, which will give you a couple of questions each week to hopefully start conversations with your children. Feel free to give them a try!

- Do you think it's more fun to be a parent or a child?
- What does your teacher do really well?

SCPS Explained

Happy News!

As part of our new Speak Up! initiative, we thought it might be useful to explain one of the reasons why we share Happy News with you each week. We know how reluctant some children can be with sharing the details of their school days with you, so Happy News was invented as a way to give you a nugget of information to hopefully begin a conversation. Our weekly year-group posts on the website also serve the same purpose. Why not give it a go this weekend?

Pencil cases

All children in KS2 need their own pencil case containing pencils, rubber, pencil sharpener, short ruler and a glue-stick. We currently have lots of children who can't even find a pencil! Teachers have been asked to send pencil cases home this weekend for you to check and refill. We also run a STATIONERY SHOP at playtimes in Y6 classroom, where your child can buy all these items for a small amount of money (glue-sticks at £1 being the most expensive item).

Young Voices 2026

On Monday 12th January, choir embarked on an exciting trip to the Birmingham BP Pulse Live arena to take part in the 30th Anniversary of Young Voices, the biggest children's choir worldwide!!! We left school for a day of rehearsing with thousands of children and staff from other schools before the lights went low, the parents arrived and showtime began. It was EPIC! And SCPS were a part of it! A huge thank you to all the families who have supported their children to learn the words, practise the moves and make the journey to support on the night of the event itself. It was a truly uplifting experience for everyone involved.

PTA AGM

Our PTA Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd January at 3.30pm in The Nest (the old Year 2 classroom). Everyone is very welcome to come along and meet the committee, see what they have been doing and how we raise money and what the school spend it on. All ideas are welcome! To confirm your attendance, please email pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk

Sonning Common Swim School

Spaces are available in adult and child, preschool, after-school and adult classes. Please email swimming@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk with any enquiries.

Clubs and Activities

Information on after school clubs running this term are available on our website: <https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/activities/>

MCAS (My Child At School)

An online instruction guide for parents is available here: [MCAS Parent Guide](#)

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

JANUARY 2026	
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
Thursday 22 nd	PTA AGM 3.30pm, held in The Nest next to Y2 classroom
Monday 26 th	Y5/6 Girls' Football League match v Fir Tree (away) 3.45pm
FEBRUARY	
Tuesday 3 rd	Sportshall Athletics at MECE, Y3/4 9.30-11.30am, Y5/6 12.30-3pm
Thursday 5 th	KS1 Cake Sale after school
Saturday 7 th	Cross Country at Shiplake College, 9am
Tuesday 10 th	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 10 th	Y5/6 Boys' and Girls' Football Tournaments at MECE, 12.15-2.45pm
Thursday 12 th	Y1 & Y6 Science Oxford workshops
Thursday 12 th	PTA Disco, KS1 4.15pm to 5.15pm, KS2 5.30pm to 6.45pm
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
MARCH	
Monday 2 nd	Year 2 Castles Day
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 th	Year 3 Hill End - one class visiting
Thursday 12 th	Year 3 Hill End – one class visiting
Thursday 12 th	KS1 drama workshops
Monday 16 th	Kites Earth Trust visit
Friday 20 th	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24 th	Year 5 Maidenhead Mosque visit am
Friday 27 th	School finishes at 1.15pm

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