



## Sonning Common Primary School

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### Weekly Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

#### Happy News and Stars of the Week

**Kites** have jumped into a world of fairytales! We have enjoyed decorating Hansel and Gretel's house and designing baskets for Little Red Riding Hood.

Star of the week is Oliwier S.

**Year 1** have had fun printing with Lego this week and becoming number bond experts!

Star of the week is Iris T.

**Year 2** have worked really hard on measuring lengths these past two weeks. They enjoyed measuring each other and comparing their heights and foot sizes this Friday in Big Maths!

Star of the week is Wesley H.

**Year 3** have enjoyed starting to read limericks in literacy.

Stars of the week are Megan T and Albie R.

**Year 4** have completed a wonderful piece of writing based on the wordless book Flotsam by David Wiesner.

Stars of the week are Flavia M and Miles R.

**Year 5** have been drafting, editing and writing their own Greek myths.

Stars of the week are Sam T and Ava H.

**Year 6** have had another hard-working week creating scientific drawings of the heart and practising their reading skills.

Stars of the week are Mata M and Araya B.

#### Speak Up! Conversation corner

- If you could ask Mrs Salmons one question right now, what would it be?
- When do you think you become a grown-up? How would you know?

#### SCPS Explained

**Values and Value Bands:** Each week we focus on a different School Value – Respect, Truth, Kindness, Politeness and Doing-Your-Best. Children earn the relevant Value Band when they are Star of the Week. One week per small term, we aim for RAINBOW bands. These are given to children who regularly show all our School Values. This week we have focused on TRUTH, including being true to yourself through INTEGRITY (making sure you match your actions to your values) and COURAGE (the bravery to be different, speak your own mind and make your own choices).

#### Big Thank You

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Congratulations to January's recipient of the Big Thank You award, Mrs Fenning! She was nominated by staff for always being a constant face of kindness, resilience and calm, especially when a child has hurt themselves, she always makes them feel better and has the magic touch to make everything better again!

### **Y5/6 Girls' Football League Match v Fir Tree (away)**

On Monday the girls began the defence of their league title away to Fir Tree Junior School in Wallingford. Click on the link to find out how our season started:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2026/01/27/monday-26th-janu...4-2-on-penalties/>

### **Costume donations**

If you have any costumes from Egyptian, Greek, Roman or Medieval Days that you no longer require, the PTA would like them! The PTA will then hold second hand costume sales later in the year. There is a box in reception for donations.

### **PTA Disco 12<sup>th</sup> February**

The KS1 disco is from 4.15pm to 5.15pm and the KS2 disco is from 5.30pm to 6.45pm. Tickets are available to purchase on MCAS for £3. Tickets are available online until the 11<sup>th</sup> February and then cash only tickets will still be available on the door.

### **Recycle To Read**

We're delighted to let you know that our school is taking part in the [Recycle to Read](#) campaign – a national initiative helping families reduce waste and recycle more by recycling broken hard plastic toys, while also earning school and personal rewards that support reading and literacy. An email has been sent today with further details.

### **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](mailto:swimming@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk) with any enquiries.

### **Village Quiz Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Calling all quizzers! The Village Quiz is taking place in the school hall on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to enter a team, please contact Rosemary Dunstan by email at [rmdunstan@hotmail.com](mailto:rmdunstan@hotmail.com)  
This is a fundraising event for the PTA.

### **Oxfordshire We Are With You Forum**

Parent/Carer sessions for anyone caring for a child or young adult (up to age 25) facing mental health challenges. Connect, share and learn by joining online or in person for relaxed and insightful sessions led by CAMHS Mental Health professionals, Social Prescribers and Parent Peer Support Workers. Explore topics around mental health and neurodiversity in a safe and welcoming space.  
To register: <http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/involvement/oxon/www/>

### **Clubs and Activities**

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

### **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

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sportshall Athletics at MECE, Y3/4 & Y 5/6 9.30-11.30am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Boys' Football League match v Fir Tree (away) 3.45pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Cake Sale after school, KS1 playground
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at Shiplake College, 9am
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Science Oxford workshop – Floaty Boats (£3.75)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Science Oxford workshop – Active Evolution (£3.75)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Disco, KS1 4.15pm to 5.15pm, KS2 5.30pm to 6.45pm (£3)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 3
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Author (Gareth Jones) workshops for all year groups (£2)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Science Oxford workshop - Circuit Detectives (£4)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Science Oxford workshop – Knex (£4)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at MECE 10am
<b>MARCH</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2 Castles Day (£19) – outfit needed
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	STEM week
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Hill End - one class visiting
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Hill End – one class visiting
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 drama workshops
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Village Quiz
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kites Earth Trust visit
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Boys' Football League match v Goring (away) 3.30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes at 1.15pm

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