



# Sonning Common Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### Happy News and Stars of the Week

**Kites** have enjoyed learning all about how to stay healthy!

Star of the week is Alba B.

**Year 1** loved their musical visit from the author Gareth Jones on Monday and have also made some amazing tube tower sculptures this week!

Star of the week is Ronnie D.

**Year 2** have loved learning about Kenya this week. They used an atlas to find the country, designed traditional necklaces and took part in the jumping dance.

Star of the week is Tommy E.

**Year 3** have enjoyed starting to learn about the Stone Age, especially looking at how they lived and what the Earth used to be like during the Ice Age.

Stars of the week are Logan R and Isaac F.

**Year 4** loved their K'nex workshop!

Stars of the week are Wilfie Y, Myles S and Alex D.

**Year 5** have been enjoying their new story, 'The Boy At The Back Of The Class.'

Stars of the week are Sophie P and Harvey W-B.

**Year 6** have had a fantastic week, with not one but two visits! On Monday, we enjoyed a visit from children's author Gareth P. Jones, and on Thursday, Science Oxford came in to run a workshop on electrical engineering, where they solved problems using circuits.

Stars of the week are Max O and Claudia V.

### SCPS Explained

**Home reading:** All children are expected to read at home four times per week. We are trying to develop three things: an ability to "decode" (or read the words); their understanding of what the text or story is about, and finally a love of reading. We encourage you to read with and to your child, or to share audio books together, so that their love of books and understanding of the story can develop beyond the words they are able to decode for themselves. Even better, make sure your child sees YOU reading for pleasure too!

### Speak Up! Conversation corner

- What was the nicest thing you did for someone else today?
- What is one thing you hope you'll learn before the school year is over?

## Big Thank You

February's award goes to the team who did a fantastic job of painting and decorating the staff room over the half term holiday – Dawn, Kimberley, Mrs Lowe and Miss Snowden.

## Eat Them to Defeat Them

Next week our school will be taking part in the national *Eat Them to Defeat Them* campaign, which inspires children to eat more vegetables in a fun and engaging way. Each child will bring home a sticker chart this week, and they can add a sticker every time they try a vegetable. In school, children will also earn stickers for finishing the vegetables on their lunch plates. If your child has packed lunch, they will also get stickers for eating fruit and vegetables included in their packed lunch!

We would love your support at home. If the children manage to complete their sticker chart, they will earn team point rewards to celebrate their efforts and healthy choices.

## 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/>

To help limit the spread of vomiting and/or diarrhoea bugs, please follow the NHS guidelines: *Diarrhoea and vomiting can spread easily. Stay off school or work until you've not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 48 hours.*

## Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-2K7HO7S7> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

World Book Day vouchers can be used: one £1.00 voucher per book, up to a maximum of 4.

Please place your order online by March 12th, 2026. The books will be delivered to the school soon after March 12th, and then to the children in their classrooms.

**The Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show** is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 years old. If your child would like to submit a piece of artwork, they will need to do this by 4th March (5pm deadline). Any submitted pieces of art will then be judged by a panel of artists and art professionals with selected artworks being displayed online and onsite at the Royal Academy of Arts. SCPS has been registered and children in attendance at the school are eligible to take part if they wish. For further general information about this, please do take a look at their website: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

One piece of artwork can be submitted per person and there is no theme, so you are free to express yourself in any way you wish. If you would like to see previous entries, please click on the link: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibitions/2025>

To take part, your child will need to create a piece of original artwork which will need to be photographed and **submitted by parents/carers** using the RA website:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/submissions/1>

You will need to include some information about the artwork including a title, some text about the artwork and an image of the piece.

We know SCPS is full of talented artists so why not give it a go?

## World Book Day

This year, World Book Day is being held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. We've got a full day of exciting activities planned, and we wanted to give you a heads-up that children will be invited to come to school in their bed clothes on the day. This means pyjamas, plus a dressing gowns or hoodie, please! However, we'd like to avoid onesies as they can make for tricky (and potentially unhygienic) toilet

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trips. Slippers are allowed but please arrive at school in normal outdoor shoes so that slippers can stay inside for the day.

### Poetry Performance Showcase – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

We're extremely excited to announce a new event in our calendar that you are all invited to - the Poetry Performance Showcase. This will involve a wonderful evening of poetry recited and performed by children across our school. We are currently in the middle of our Poetry Fortnight, part of which is a series of recital competition across classes. From this, teachers will choose performers who they think would make perfect candidates for the showcase. In the meantime, though, please save the date!

### PTA Easter Trail

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding an Easter Trail for children to complete and win an Easter egg. It starts at 1.15pm on the KS1 playground (early finish that day as it's the end of term). Tickets are £4 and are available on MCAS until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Non-dairy eggs will be available. Non-school siblings of pupils are welcome. Whilst the trail is on school grounds, children will need to be supervised by a parent/carer. Bridges Estate Agents have kindly sponsored this event.

### Community Noticeboard

Remember to look at the [Community Noticeboard](#) for events and activities that may be of interest.

### NEW – SoCo Spring Clean 1<sup>st</sup> March

Rachel Salmons  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at MECE 10am
<b>MARCH</b>	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	SoCo Spring Clean 10am-12.30pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2 Castles Day (£19) – outfit needed
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5/6 Girls' Football League Match v All Saints (home), 3.45pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – wear your bedclothes!
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	STEM week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Girls' Football South Oxon Finals at MECE 1pm – 4pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3, Miss Stone's class to Hill End (£43)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3, Miss Green's class to Hill End (£43)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 drama workshops
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Village Quiz
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kites Earth Trust visit (£21)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Boys' Football League match v Goring (away) 3.30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations, 4-5pm in person, 5.30-7pm online
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations, 4-5pm in person, 5.30-7pm online
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Easter Egg Trail, tickets £4 via MCAS
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes at 1.15pm
<b>APRIL</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 5

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Class Photos
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Maidenhead Mosque visit (am)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Poetry Performance Evening

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