



## Sonning Common Primary School

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### Weekly Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

#### Happy News and Stars of the Week

**Kites** have enjoyed writing their own version of the three little pigs.  
Star of the week is Isha C.

**Year 1** have been working hard retelling the story of the Three Little Pigs, mixing many shades of green in art, and baking some magnificent cakes for our KS1 cake sale!  
Star of the week is Annabel M.

**Year 2** have enjoyed using different measuring scales to weigh the mass of objects in grams and kilograms.  
Star of the week is Quint O-R.

**Year 3** enjoyed writing and performing funny limericks in literacy!  
Stars of the week are Rudi C and Reuben C.

**Year 4** have been tasting some delicious smoothies and designing their own!  
Stars of the week are Forest G and Sophie W.

**Year 5** have been learning about the Battle of Marathon from Ancient Greek times.  
Stars of the week are Tilly E and Beau H.

**Year 6** have enjoyed learning about the Blitz in history and writing biographies in literacy.  
Stars of the week are Albie H and Lili F.

#### Speak Up! Conversation corner

- What is the most interesting fact you've learned this week?
- What is the thing you most enjoy doing with me?

Also, most of the school has spent part of this week learning about lots of different forms of poetry.  
Ask your children what they have been up to!

#### SCPS Explained

**School start time:** we aim to open the gates just before 8.45am and close them again at 8.55am. Our official start time is 8.50am. The register is taken twice a day, in the morning and in the afternoon. Morning registration opens at 8:50am and closes 20 minutes later at 9:10am. Afternoon registration opens at 13:15 and closes 20 minutes later. Children arriving after registration has started but before registration has closed will be given a L for late in the register. Children arriving after registration is closed will be given a U in the register unless another absence is valid (for example attending a medical appointment). This is counted as an unauthorised absence.

### **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 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!

### **KS2 Sportshall Athletics**

On Tuesday our Y3/4 and Y5/6 indoor athletics teams competed in the annual indoor athletics competition. This was the only event for our Y3/4 team, but the first-round proper for our Y5/6 team. Click on the link to discover how both teams performed:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2026/02/04/ks2-sportshall-a...day-3rd-february/>

### **Y5/6 Boys' Football League Match**

On Wednesday our boys' team travelled to Wallingford for our opening match of the league season. Our opponents were Fir Tree Junior School. Could we start our campaign with a win? Click here to find out:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2026/02/04/y5-6-boys-footba...day-4th-february/>

### **Website new post notifications**

If you would like to receive an email each time your child's year group's 'News' page is updated on our website, you can sign up for this here: [Email updates](#) Please note that some email accounts may flag these as junk/spam so remember to check your junk folder and set the sender as not junk.

### **Cheerleading success!**

A huge congratulations to Mille B who attended the Cheer City Regional Cheerleading Championships last weekend, placing 1<sup>st</sup> in category with her team Kick Twist Pumpkin. Congratulations also to Evie C and Lana H who attended for the first time with their team and also placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their category.

### **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.

### **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. 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.

### 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.

### Widmore Park Restaurant and Café name reveal event

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 11am to 1pm at Sonning Common Village Hall. All entries for the restaurant and café naming competition will be on display and the winner will also be announced. There will also be fun upcycling craft activities.

### 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.

### 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 [rmdustan@hotmail.com](mailto:rmdustan@hotmail.com) This is a fundraising event for the PTA.

### 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

FEBRUARY	
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
MARCH	
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
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Easter Egg Trail, tickets £4 via MCAS
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes at 1.15pm

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