



# Sonning Common Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Happy News and Stars of the Week

**Kites** have loved bugs galore! They enjoyed weeding the garden and spotting lots of minibeasts along the way!

Star of the Week is Summer G-V.

**Year 1** have enjoyed planting sunflower seeds and using the balances to weigh things!

Star of the Week is Penny F.

**Year 2** have settled back wonderfully, getting stuck into all of their new topics. Their favourite lesson of the week has been designing their own disgusting sandwich and playing 'Would you rather?' to come up with the ingredients. Would you rather eat soup with ear wax in or yogurt with toenails in?

Star of the week is Leo D.

**Year 3** showed great resilience during their mini marathon attempt on Wednesday, well done Year 3!

Stars of the Week are Isaac F and Rudi D-C.

**Year 4** had lots of energy and completed the Mini Marathon with ease!

Stars of the Week are Alexis S and Josh M.

**Year 5** have enjoyed reading 'This Is NOT A Fairy Tale' by Jeremy Strong.

Stars of the Week are Mia B and Wilbur H.

**Year 6** thoroughly enjoyed completing the mini marathon this week and a couple of children went above and beyond and completed the equivalent of a 10k!

Stars of the Week are Theo E-A and Ivy H.

### SCPS explained

**Sports Day 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – As usual, we would like all children to wear a t-shirt that is the colour of the house they are in (Air = Yellow, Fire = Red, Earth = Green, Water = Blue).

### Speak Up! Conversation corner

- What is the one thing you would like to learn how to do and why?
- Of all the things you have, what is your most treasured possession? Why is it so special?  
Would you sell it if someone offered you lots of money?

### Word of the Week

This week's word has been **courageously**, meaning 'doing something brave, even when you feel scared or nervous'.

## OPAL, Outdoor Play and Learning

We are busy preparing for the launch and are now starting to collect items. If you are having a Spring clean, please can you keep an eye open for things which we could use, such as pots and pans, crates, cones, ropes, cable drums etc. Please check the list at the bottom of the newsletter, then contact our OPAL team on [opal@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:opal@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk) to let us know what you have. We will be opening school on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 4pm for you to drop items. There will be further drop off sessions on Saturdays in the coming weeks, dates and times to be confirmed.

## Y5/6 Girls' Football - Oxfordshire County Final:

On Thursday our girls' team visited the MGroup stadium - home of Oxford United Women and Oxford City FC - to play in the Oxfordshire County Final. Could we earn another title to go with our league success? Find out here:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2026/04/16/y5-6-girls-footb...-16th-april-2026/>

## On Your Bike

Remember to sign up before 24<sup>th</sup> April to be entered into the free prize draw to win a new bike! The prize draw will take place during assembly on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

## Clubs and activities

Details of after school activity clubs are on our website:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/activities/>

The JNR booking link for this term is now live.

## Scholastic Book Fair

This week's Travelling Book Fair (after school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>) is a '3 for the price of 2' book fair - so if you choose 3 books, the cheapest one will be free, either for yourself, or for the school. Don't forget to bring cash - or, if paying by card, please remember the passwords/codes to be able to use it with a QR code.

## Community Noticeboard

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

**NEW** Free football for children in Reception year at Caversham AFC

Rachel Salmons  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

APRIL	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos – Kites, Mr Witcomb's Year 6 class, Year 1 and Year 3
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Class Photos - Years 2, 4, 5 and Mr Foley's Year 6 class
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Science Oxford Planetarium workshop for Years 3 & 4 (£4)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair (after school), Buy 2 get 1 free!
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Maidenhead Mosque visit 9am to 12.30pm (£9)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Poetry Performance Evening 6pm
MAY	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	On Your Bike
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	SATS week
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Kites eye screening
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Kites visit to Bucklebury Farm Park
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term

<b>JUNE</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Start of Term 6
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Science Oxford Workshop for Years 2 & 3
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 1 Harcourt Arboretum visit
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Cotswold Wildlife Park visit
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Ufton Court visit
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fair
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sonning Common Village Day

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

### **OPAL Wishlist: Drop to school on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2pm – 4pm**

<b>Scaffolding wooden planks or unused decking boards</b>
<b>IBC water tanks 1000l</b>
<b>Playground slides, large 4-5m</b>
<b>Swings, monkey bars, rings, outdoor ropes</b>
<b>Swing or rope attachments (Amazon £15 each, tree friendly)</b>
<b>Large grass mats (min size 1mx1.5m)</b>
<b>Metre strong (3-5mm) stainless steel chains, could be shorter</b>
<b>Brooms, dustpans and brushes, lightweight mucking out/snow shovels</b>
<b>Anything on wheels/castors, e.g. pushchairs</b>
<b>Plastic milk crates/supermarket delivery crates/plastic bread trays</b>
<b>Road signs and cones</b>
<b>Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, wooden spoons, chopping boards</b>
<b>Tools like small spades/shovels, trowels</b>
<b>Buckets &amp; pipes (e.g. vacuum cleaner hoses)</b>
<b>Nets and thick ropes</b>
<b>Foam sheets/bodyboards/camping roll mats/yoga mats</b>
<b>Cable drums</b>
<b>Guttering</b>
<b>Pegs (to help to set up dens)</b>
<b>Tuff trays</b>
<b>Lightweight plastic tarpaulins</b>