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Weekly Newsletter 24th April 2026

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites have loved exploring nature in the sunshine!

Star of the Week is Felix G.

Year 1 have loved the fantastic weather and trying out the new play equipment at breaktimes!

Star of the Week is Aurélie P.

Year 2 have enjoyed 10-pin bowling for PE this week, focusing on aiming at a target and the correct way to hold a bowling ball. We actually had a few strikes!

Star of the week is Bailey W.

Year 3 have loved interviewing characters from Charlie and the Chocolate factory. Some have been scarily convincing as Veruca Salt!

Stars of the Week are Jared B and Grace V.

Year 4 enjoyed their trip to Space in the Planetarium with Science Oxford.

Stars of the Week are Lucas Y and Laurence H.

Year 5 enjoyed their trip and some of them went on to perform brilliantly in the Performance Evening!

Stars of the Week are Vitya P and all of 5RB/TC.

Year 6 had their class photos taken and enjoyed an interesting session with Mrs Pepper on ANTs (automatic negative thoughts) and how to deal with them.

Star of the Week is Lucas S.

Performance Evening

Children performed to a packed house on Thursday evening as the culmination of a poetry performance term. Each year group sent their keenest performers and there were also renditions from the Choir, Glee and Recorder groups. A brilliant evening which showcased the children's confidence, courage and resilience, alongside some great natural talent at performing. Thanks to staff and parents for preparing the children, Mr Marples for the recorders and Katie with her Lamda group. If you would like to watch, we will be putting a video on the school website next week.

Speak Up! Conversation corner

- Why do you go to school? Do you think it is important?
- Why do you think birds have wings? What would it be like if you had wings?

Word of the Week

This week's word has been **astute**, meaning 'clever at noticing things and making good decisions.'

Football Shirt Friday

Thanks to your kind donations today, we raised £220 to be split between Sport in Mind and to go towards buying new equipment for the OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) initiative.

Parental Consents -MCAS

Please review the current parental consents that are recorded for your child on MCAS.

Years 1, 2 & 3 Swimming Lessons Donations

We offer high quality support to our pupils to learn to swim by offering swimming lessons throughout Years 1 to 6. This is significantly more than most other primary schools are able to do. We employ our own swimming teachers who know the children well. Pupils are taught in small groups of less than 10. We place a particular emphasis on water safety.

Our ability to offer this level of support for swimming is dependent on having access to our onsite pool. However, the costs of operating this facility have increased substantially in recent years due to price increases for electricity, water and pool chemicals – all the stuff you need to run a pool!

To help us continue to provide swimming lessons for pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 we are asking for a contribution of £15 for Terms 5 & 6 per pupil for those year groups. The payment for this donation can be made on MCAS, in the 'Clubs' area. Thank you for supporting us to provide this opportunity for your child.

On Your Bike, Sunday 10th May

For more information and to register, please visit: www.onyourbikesonningcommon.co.uk

Volunteers needed! Please complete the following form if you are able to help us marshal the event: <https://forms.gle/mNEArpA19X1FR0m79>

Nits

We've received reports of unwelcome visitors in some year groups. Please check and treat, if necessary, your child's hair.

Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter

[Summer Term \(5\): Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter April 2026](#)

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

APRIL	
Tuesday 28 th	Year 5/6 Boys' Football League v Chilton at 3.45pm (home)
MAY	
Monday 4th	Bank Holiday
Sunday 10 th	On Your Bike
Mon 11 th to Thurs 14 th	SATS week
Thurs 14 th	KS1 Drama4all workshop
Monday 18 th	Kites eye screening
Friday 22 nd	Kites visit to Bucklebury Farm Park

Mon 25 th to Fri 29 th	Half Term
JUNE	
Monday 1 st	Start of Term 6
Monday 1 st	Science Oxford Workshop for Years 2 & 3
Wednesday 3 rd	Year 1 Harcourt Arboretum visit
Tuesday 9 th	Year 2 Cotswold Wildlife Park visit
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th	Year 4 Ufton Court visit
Tuesday 23 rd	Sports Day
Saturday 27 th	Summer Fair
Sunday 28 th	Sonning Common Village Day

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

OPAL Wishlist:

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