



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 15th May 2026

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites loved participating in the drama workshop and have been practising their skills in Maypole dance!

Year 1 have enjoyed making posters about London landmarks and making plans to catch a giant!
Star of the Week is Lottie W.

Year 2 have enjoyed taking part in the interhouse challenge this week. They had to work in teams to transport water with a sponge. It was great fun!
Star of the week is Lily W.

Year 3 had a great morning in Big Maths with lots of practical measuring in Miss Green's group and a biscuit shop in Miss Stone's group.
Stars of the Week are Megan T and Nelly H.

Year 4 have enjoyed making wire sculptures of butterflies and flowers.
Stars of the Week are Ella W and Toby T.

Year 5 loved their WOW Day at MECE!
Stars of the Week are Quinn C and Rafa F.

Year 6 have been absolutely amazing all week while sitting their SATs papers. We are incredibly proud of the character, determination and resilience they have shown throughout the week. As Year 6 enjoyed a very well-earned day off timetable, there were no individual Stars of the Week in assembly this week.

Speak Up! Conversation corner

- Describe your perfect day.
- Did you know that bees talk to each other by dancing? What language would you invent with your friends?

Word of the Week

This week's word has been **vivid**, meaning 'something that is very bright or clear, like bold colours or a memory that feels real'.

Year 3 Plant Sale

Year 3 have been growing plants from seeds with Miss Cherowbrier. They will be holding a plant sale at 3.20pm on Monday 18th May, on the KS2 playground. There will be plants that the children have grown themselves and some which have been kindly donated. Please note this will be a cash only

sale. Plants available: green and yellow courgettes, dwarf sunflowers, tomato and baby aubergine plants.

Illnesses guidance

<https://www.nhs.uk/symptoms/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/> Diarrhoea and vomiting can spread easily.

Please follow the NHS guidance which states: *Stay off school until you've not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days.*

KS1 Drama workshop

Children in KS1 received a visit from Perform on Thursday 14th May. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of *Peter Pan* and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Sonning Common Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Friday 3rd July.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **SCPW030726** or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.

On Your Bike

The 19th running of this annual event took place last Sunday and we had 270 cyclists out on the course. It was lovely to see so many families being active and enjoying the local countryside. £2500 was raised to split between SCPS, MECE and Sonning Common First Responders. A special mention to **Tristan M** in Year 4 who used this opportunity to get himself sponsored for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of his aunt, Carly Hunt, who was a previous treasurer here. Tristan has raised over £2000!

Summer Fair

We are pleased to announce that our Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 27th June 12-3pm.

There will be lots to enjoy and we hope you can join us on the day. We will be hosting games, activities, BBQ, performances from the children, as well as a special performance from Dr. Loader's band Within the Blood. We will also be joined by local companies and charities. If you have or know a company or charity that would like to host a stall at our Summer Fair, please get in touch with us on pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk

To be able to hold the Summer Fair as best we can, we need plenty of volunteers to help us set up before and help on each stall during the fair. Without enough help we may not be able to hold all the activities we'd like to. We would be very grateful if you could find some time to help us with the Summer Fair by clicking the link below and filling out the form:

<https://forms.gle/pfq6UG7xEzxVMGAZ>

Friday 26th June is a non-uniform day for the children. On this day, we ask that you bring in a donation for the Summer Fair of either:

Bottle for the adult's tombola

A jam jar filled with sweets or little toys for the children's tombola

Preloved toys for our sale

Suitable donations for our raffle

We have had many kind donations for our raffle recently including a meal for 2 from the Hare & Hounds, a money off voucher from Pressed for Time, a free cut from Village Barbers, a bag of coffee from Anonymous Coffee, TG Gym and Wellness have offered a month's membership, Shiplake College have donated passes to their summer camp, Kennylands Gymnastics have offered passes to their play gym sessions for under 4s and the Herb Farm have donated a herb planter pot. If you have something you would like to donate please email pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk

Colour Run - New Date

Please note our Colour Run will now take place after school at 4pm on Friday 10th July. If you are able to help throw paint at the children and adults as they run around, please email us at pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk

PTA Uniform Shed

As we say goodbye to some families at the end of the school year, we are also losing some brilliant volunteers who have run the 2nd hand uniform shed for nearly 7 years! Thank you so much to Stephanie Atkinson and Kate Webb. From September we will be needing new volunteers to help at the uniform shed after school on Fridays (this day could be changed depending on availability of those volunteering). If you are interested, please contact pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk

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.

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

MAY	
Monday 18 th	Kites eye screening
Monday 18 th	Year 3 Plant Sale at 3.20pm KS2 playground
Tuesday 19 th	KS2 Quad Kids at MECE, 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Friday 22 nd	Kites visit to Bucklebury Farm Park (£24)
Mon 25 th to Fri 29 th	Half Term – children not in school
JUNE	
Monday 1 st	Start of Term 6
Monday 1 st	Science Oxford workshops for Years 2 & 3 (£5 & £4)
Tuesday 2 nd	Science Oxford workshops for Kites & Year 6 (£4)
Wednesday 3 rd	Year 1 Harcourt Arboretum visit (£21)
w/c Mon 8 th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
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, KS2 9.15am & KS1 1.15pm
Wed 24 th to Fri 26 th	Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 26 th	Non-uniform day, please bring in a Summer Fair donation
Saturday 27 th	Summer Fair
Sunday 28 th	Sonning Common Village Day
JULY	
Wednesday 1 st	New Kites induction session 2-3pm
Friday 3 rd	New Kites induction session 10-11am
Friday 10 th	PTA Colour Run
Tuesday 7 th	Year 2 Seaside Day
Friday 17 th	Last day of Term, school finishes at 1.15pm

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