



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 1st May 2026

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites have loved creating a fantastic dinosaur museum!

Star of the Week is Myles H-J.

Year 1 have enjoyed using Google Earth to travel to New York, Greece and Emmer Green!

Star of the Week is Oscar S.

Year 2 Happy May Day! Year 2 have learnt how to Morris Dance this week. With a couple of tissues in hand, they look like the real deal!

Star of the week is Isaac C.

Year 3 have worked hard drafting and editing the first part of their newspaper article about Veruca Salt finding her golden ticket.

Stars of the Week are Zoe P and Joseph M-J.

Year 4 enjoyed carving soap as part of their art lesson this week!

Stars of the Week are Leo C and Mia H.

Year 5 are making great progress with drafting their story sequels.

Stars of the Week are Sam A and Theo G.

Year 6 have put in a heroic effort with their SATs revision this week and, thanks to their hard work, are feeling ready to give it their best.

Stars of the Week are Oliver J, Aniyah C and Jack A.

Speak Up! Conversation corner

- If you could make three family rules, what would they be?
- Tell me about one thing you don't need, but you're really grateful you have.

Word of the Week

This week's word has been **squabble**, meaning 'a noisy argument about something small and not very important.'

Y5/6 Boys' Football League Match v Chilton

On Tuesday we welcomed Chilton Primary for our final match of the season. Could we win by the five-goal margin required to win the league? Read all about it here:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2026/04/30/y5-6-boys-footba...-28th-april-2026/>

Sports Day 23rd 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).

Parental Consents - MCAS

Please review the current parental consents that are recorded for your child on MCAS and amend if necessary.

Summer Fair Raffle

Our annual summer fair will be held this year on Saturday 27th June 12-3pm. It proves to be a very exciting day with lots planned around our theme of the seaside. In order to help support the school's OPAL project goals, the Summer Fair will be raising money for extra play equipment including the tonnes and tonnes of sand required for our new large sandpit.

As well as our stalls, games, performances, BBQ and bar we will be holding a raffle. We are hoping parents can help us with some more prizes. If you run a local business or know someone who does, we'd really appreciate it if a donation could be made to our raffle. You may even have something in your own home that could be a raffle item. This could be vouchers for services or goods, large items to be raffled or smaller ones to be included in a hamper. Any companies that donate to the raffle will be mentioned in Summer Fair publicity. For example, one of our first donors to the raffle so far is Sonning Common Garages who have donated a £50 voucher for petrol at their garage!

If you would like to make a donation for the raffle, 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.

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>

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 4 th	Bank Holiday – children not in school
Wednesday 6 th	Year 4 Ufton Court meeting at school, 3.30pm in Mrs Fox's classroom
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 (£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)
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
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
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/>

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