



# Sonning Common Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

### Happy News and Stars of the Week

**Kites** had an amazing time at Bucklebury Farm Park!

Star of the week is Luca B.

**Year 1** have made some marvellous art inspired by the work of Romero Britto from Brazil.

Rainbow band awarded to Rory V.

**Year 2** have had a busy week working on masks and maps of Venice. Luckily, we had some cold and refreshing smoothies to end the week in the sunshine.

Rainbow band awarded to Maia D.

**Year 3** have enjoyed thinking about the characters in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, especially the Oompa Loompas, and then we designed yoghurt snacks for Willy Wonka!

Rainbow bands awarded to Grace V and Rudi D-C.

**Year 4** enjoyed finding out all about The Great Wall of China and The Terracotta Army.

Rainbow bands awarded to Chloe C, Sam P, Rhys H and Ariel D.

**Year 5** have had a great week - we have written playscripts, painted our Mayan masks and tasted our muffins!

Rainbow bands awarded to Poppy N and Nanaka S.

**Year 6** enjoyed a day off timetable on Wednesday, learning about Mexico and the Day of the Dead.

They made sugar skulls from clay, ate nachos, designed sombreros and made papel picado.

Rainbow bands awarded to Olivia P and James B.

### Speak Up! Conversation corner (nice weather edition!)

- Do you think the types of birds we see around us change when the seasons change? Why is that?
- What stories do you think this tree could tell us if it could talk?
- Does this outdoor area (garden, park, wood, etc.) look different in the winter? What has changed?

### Word of the Week

This week's word has been **tortuous**, meaning 'something that is very twisty and has lots of turns, so it is hard to follow'.

### **KS2 Quad Kids**

After the cancellation of the opening round of the Quad Kids competition this year, we were incredibly grateful to Mr Nutt, who came in and gave each of our teams an opportunity to practise and compete with each other ahead of the South Oxfordshire Finals in June. To find out how the day went and who was involved, click here:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2026/05/21/ks2-quad-kids-thursday-21st-may/>

### **OPAL Wish List**

For next term, we are keen to continue to collect items to enhance play time. There will be large plastic boxes just outside the School Office to drop these items in the first week after half-term. We would be grateful if you could have a sort out over the holiday and see if you have anything that we can use. The new list is at the bottom of this newsletter.

### **Summer Fair**

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/pfq6UG7xEzxVMGA7>

**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

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk)

### **Henley Youth Festival**

Henley Youth Festival would like your children's help in deciding what next year's theme should be. You can choose from Myths & Legends, Futurama or World Foods. Deadline for votes is Friday 5 June. To vote go to <https://www.hyf.org.uk/single-post/2027-theme-voting>

### **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

<b>MAY</b>	
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Half Term</b> – children not in school
<b>JUNE</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Start of Term 6
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Science Oxford workshops for Years 2 & 3 (£5 & £4)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Science Oxford workshops for Kites & Year 6 (£4)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 1 Harcourt Arboretum visit (£21)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Italian Fashion Show, 1.45pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Water Sports Day (£30)
w/c Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Cotswold Wildlife Park visit (£39)
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Ufton Court visit
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day, KS2 9.15am & KS1 1.15pm
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day, please bring in a Summer Fair donation
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fair
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sonning Common Village Day
<b>JULY</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Kites induction session 2-3pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	New Kites induction session 10-11am
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Colour Run, 4.30pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Seaside Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term, <b>school finishes at 1.15pm</b>

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

## OPAL Wish List May 2026

- Outdoor rugs
- Cushions – all types: large or small, outdoor ones or even sofa cushions
- Blankets
- Small world toys, e.g. cars, Playmobil, small figures, dinosaurs, animals
- Bubble wands, bubble mixture
- Clothing which would be suitable for dressing up, e.g. hats, scarves, waistcoats, dinner jackets, leather jackets, builder's hardhats, lab coats - anything unusual!
- Suitcases on wheels
- Pegs
- Chalk
- Musical instruments like tambourines, small drums, maracas, bells, ukeleles
- Brooms and dustpan and brushes
- Yoga mats or camping roll mats