



## Sonning Common Primary School

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### Weekly Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### Happy News and Stars of the Week

**Kites** enjoyed dressing up as kings and queens on Friday to learn about King Charles III, in preparation for his upcoming birthday!

Stars of the week are Eli T-H and Edas P.

**Year 1** have enjoyed learning to perform a poem about hatching!

Star of the week is Charlotte M.

**Year 2** CAPYBARAS!!! Yes, that's right, Year 2 saw real capybaras up close on Tuesday at Cotswold Wildlife Park. Take a look on the school website and social media pages for photos of the trip.

Star of the week is Ffion W.

**Year 3** have been writing adverts for a new diving giraffe.

Stars of the week are Mika F and Imogen L-O.

**Year 4** have done brilliantly in the Multiplication Tables Check.

Stars of the week are William V and Samuel W.

**Year 5** have been gathering information on Roald Dahl ready to write a biography about him over the next couple of weeks.

Stars of the week are Ethan T and Logan B.

**Year 6** have been writing narratives based on the picture book "Quest" as well as continuing learning their lines for the end of year production.

Stars of the week will be announced on Monday.

#### SCPS explained

For KS2 Sports Day, children are allowed to select two events from: sprint, one lap, egg & spoon, Vortex throw, speed bounce and long jump. There are also year group and House relays for those that are interested. Children bring their chairs and sit on the field (near the pool) in their year groups, with parents sitting the other side of the track (nearest to the Courts). Parents are allowed into Dobinson's Paddock to watch the field events but are not allowed to cross the track to where the children are sitting.

For KS1, all children participate in all races. Children sit under the trees (nearest to the Courts) and parents sit on the inside of the track. Again, please do not come and join your child for safeguarding reasons. There are often children who feel overwhelmed or upset and school adults will support them. Please note that all the options for shade will be used to keep the children cool, so there is little shade for spectators.

**Pokémon Cards and Magnets** - please can these items not be brought into school. Pokémon cards may only be brought in if your child is attending Pokémon Club on Fridays during lunchtime.

### **OPAL**

It looks dry for next week, so we want to let the children do some den-building. If you have any suitable **blankets, sheets or duvet covers**, please bring them in on Monday so we can use them in the coming weeks. **Pegs** would be great too!

Our new OPAL shed has been installed this week on the KS1 playground. It looks fabulous – go and have a look!

We are now looking for a couple of **clothes rails and a load of coat-hangers** so that wet items can dry. Please let us know if you have one we can use.

### **Shiplake College Cricket Tournament**

Last Friday some Year 5 children took part in a cricket tournament at Shiplake College. Find out how they got on here: <https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2026/06/12/shiplake-cricket-tournament-friday-5th-june/>

### **Speak Up! Conversation corner**

- If animals could talk, which animal do you think would gossip the most?
- Would you rather have a pet dragon or a pet unicorn to ride to school? Why?

### **Summer Fair 27<sup>th</sup> June, 12pm to 3pm**

In assembly this week, children have been reminded about the Summer Fair. The theme of AT THE BEACH is to raise money to pay for a wonderfully huge sandpit! Children wearing non-uniform should bring a jar, bottle or other item from the PTA wish list. We need some more volunteers, so children have been promised 5 team points for each adult they can persuade to help – expect to be nagged (sorry)! Finally, this year's competition is to PAINT A PEBBLE. We will then use these to create a "pebble beach" at the fair. Bring them into school (name and class on the back) in the week leading up to the fair or the day of the fair itself. Prizes for the best ones in each year group. They will be displayed for all to see at the Fair.

Volunteers sign up form: <https://forms.gle/pfq6UG7xEzxVMGA7>

### **Summer Fair timings**

12.15pm - Maypole Dancing, first Kites and then Year 1

1pm-1.30pm Live music from Within the Blood

1.45pm - 2pm Choir and Glee

2pm-2.30pm Live music from Within the Blood

2.30pm-2.45pm Mrs Duncan's dancing group

2.45pm Raffle

**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

### PTA Grand Summer Draw

Your children should have brought raffle tickets home for you to sell to friends and family. Please return all ticket counterfoils, money and unsold tickets to the PTA box outside the office by Wednesday 24th June.

We have had some more brilliant prizes donated for our raffle including £100 cash prize sponsored by Go Green Taxis, 2 week class membership from Frost Functional Training, one month membership from The Body Training Studio, a meal for 4 at Chalkstone (the new restaurant at Widmore Park), £20 voucher for BKRY, Bluejay Dog Wellness have donated one voucher for a half-day boarding and another voucher for a dog walk, and the New Inn have donated a voucher for a one night stay with breakfast and another voucher for dinner for two including wine.

### Colour Run - New Date & Time

Please note our Colour Run will now take place after school at 3.30pm on Friday 10th July. Tickets are available to purchase on MCAS. 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)

### KS2 dinners

We are proud to have had Kites Kitchen as our school dinner provider since 2012. Kites Kitchen shares our commitment to ensuring our pupils have access to tasty and nutritious lunches that contribute to their wellbeing and concentration. Following a benchmarking exercise against local primary schools, from September 2026 the price of our school dinners for KS2 children will be increasing to £2.75 per meal. This will allow us to continue to provide a varied menu catering for diverse tastes and dietary needs that prioritises the use of high quality, fresh ingredients. We also remain committed to on the day lunch choices for children, with no need for parents to order meals in advance. We do request that school dinner balances are kept topped up and do not fall into arrears to prevent the accrual of large debts.

### Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter

[Summer Term \(6\) : Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter June 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

JUNE	
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Ufton Court visit
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Quad Kids at The Triangle, Didcot, 11.15am to 4pm
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
JULY	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Kites induction session 2-3pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	New Kites induction session 10-11am
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Seaside Day

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Colour Run, 3.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Piano Concert 2.15pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Performance to parents 1.45pm & 6.30pm, followed by the Y6 Leavers' Ceremony
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

- 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