



## Sonning Common Primary School

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### Weekly Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Thank you for your patience and flexibility this week as plans have been changed due to the weather. Your kind words of support have been most appreciated as we have faced these difficult decisions.**

#### Happy News and Stars of the Week

**Kites** have loved splashing about in the water, to keep them cool from the heat.  
Star of the week is Roxy G.

**Year 1** have had a great week, despite the heat, because two chicks (Tallulah and Bluey) have hatched and a butterfly has emerged!  
Star of the week is Sully G.

**Year 2** have enjoyed learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly and releasing our own butterfly Pippy into the wild.  
Star of the week is Michael N.

**Year 3** have enjoyed making story maps about Max from Hodgeheg and releasing the butterflies!  
Stars of the week are Ellison H and Alexander C.

**Year 4** finished making their Viking runes this week.  
Stars of the week for last week were Wilfie Y and William V.  
Stars of the week for this week are Evie C and Anya C.

**Year 5** have enjoyed composing their own music on a variety of instruments.  
Stars of the week will be chosen next week

**Year 6** have been working hard on their end-of-year production, rehearsing lines, songs and scenes in the sun.  
Stars of the week are everyone in the year group who managed to get through an afternoon in the heat. It certainly took grit and determination, and possibly a cheeky ice lolly!

#### SCPS explained

In the coming weeks, teachers will be preparing the children for the move to their new class. Some of this work will be done as a whole class – such as looking at new classrooms, thinking about cloakrooms and discussing changes to routines. Teachers will also make more tailored plans for any individual children who need more support. The children will then find out their new class teacher on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July when the whole school has a “Meet the Teach” session.

**Speak Up! conversation corner**

- What is your favourite cold summer treat? Describe it. How does it make you feel when you eat or drink it?
- What is favourite thing to do in hot weather?

**OPAL**

We have loved having lots of water sprayers on the field this week!

**Colour Run**

Please note our Colour Run will take place on Friday 10th July. Tickets are available to purchase on MCAS.

In light of our postponed Summer Fair, we are hoping to include many of the Summer Fair activities into the Colour Run. Watch this space!

**Book Fair**

There will be a Book Fair on the KS2 playground after school next week, on Monday 29th June, Tuesday 30th June, Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (but NOT on Friday 3rd).

This is a '3 for the price of 2' book fair - so please take advantage of this offer so that the school can get free books for the classrooms! (cheapest book free, of course).

**PTA Second-Hand uniform shop**

The shop will not be open next Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> July). It will be open on 10<sup>th</sup> July and this will be the final opening date before the end of term.

From September we need new volunteers to help run the uniform shop 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)

**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.

**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>JUNE</b>                                   |                                                                                         |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>                       | Sonning Common Village Day                                                              |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Book Fair after school, 3 for the price of 2                                            |
| <b>JULY</b>                                   |                                                                                         |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>                     | Sports Day, KS2 9.15-11.15am, KS1 11.15am – 12.15pm                                     |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>                     | New Kites induction session 2-3pm                                                       |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>                       | Year 2 Seaside Day (£19)                                                                |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>                      | Choir at Shiplake College                                                               |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>                      | New Kites Meet Your Teacher session 1.30pm – 2.30pm                                     |
| 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 Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>                     | Meet Your Teacher                                                                       |
| 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