



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 10th July 2026

Happy News and Rainbow Band Awards

Kites have loved making boats and testing their success out down the pipes into the water trays!
Rainbow band awarded to Harriet S.

Year 1 enjoyed the mini Summer Fair this morning and then getting wet after!
Rainbow bands will be awarded on Monday.

Year 2 were transported to the Victorian seaside on Tuesday. They loved making souvenirs, visiting the pier attractions and dressing up.
Rainbow band awarded to Isaac C.

Year 3 loved the mini summer fair, playing games and buying ice lollies.
Rainbow bands awarded to Maxim P, Jonas R and Ellison H.

Year 4 have made some amazing Pop-Up Books!
Rainbow bands awarded to Florence C, Toby J, Tristan M, Jesse D and Flavia M.

Year 5 have been learning about communities as part of Sustainability Day.
Rainbow bands will be awarded on Monday.

Year 6 are busy putting the final touches to their play, ready for next week's performances.
Rainbow bands awarded to Anson M and Jensen P.

SCPS explained

Next week the children will get the chance to spend an hour in their new classroom with their new teacher. This happens on Thursday morning and they will also experience assembly and playtime in new places. All teachers have put time this week into transition preparation with their classes – thinking about new cloakrooms, toilets and routines. There are always some children who find this transition difficult - the thought of being in a new class with different friends. The classes have been very carefully considered, and we believe are well-balanced and conducive to a good year from September. We appreciate your support with keeping children calm and open to new friendships next year!

Speak Up! conversation corner

- What has been your favourite part of this year?
- What are you most looking forward to doing over the summer?

KS2 Quad Kids: Oxfordshire County Final

On Wednesday our Year 3, Year 5/6 'B' and Year 5/6 'A' teams travelled to the wonderful setting of Tilsley Park in Abingdon to compete in the final round of the outdoor athletics season. Click here to find out more:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2026/07/08/ks2-quad-kids-ox...ay-8th-july-2026/>

Choir at Shiplake College

On Thursday 9th July 2026, we took choir to participate in a cross-school choral event at Shiplake College.

We met with children from other local primary schools to practise singing the songs we had independently rehearsed and began to sing them together in unison. We then split into our school's separately to have the chance to practise our own song that we had prepared for our school only. It was a long day of rehearsals, but the children rose to the challenge and thoroughly shone as they performed to an audience in the evening. Thank you to all the parents who supported us! The children were fantastic!

Piano Lessons

The piano tutor has some availability for lessons from September. Lessons are for Years 3 and above and take place on a Tuesday or Thursday during school hours. Please contact the tutor, Sandy Hubble, directly for any further information and booking details at hubble2@mail.com

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

JULY	
Monday 13 th	Piano Concert 2.15pm
Tuesday 14 th	Year 6 Performance to parents 1.45pm & 6.30pm, followed by the Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony
Thursday 16 th	Meet Your Teacher
Friday 17 th	Last day of Term, school finishes at 1.15pm
SEPTEMBER	
Tuesday 1 st	INSET Day – no children in school
Wednesday 2 nd	INSET Day – no children in school
Thursday 3 rd	First day of Term 1

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