



## Sonning Common Primary School

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### Weekly Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

#### Happy News and Stars of the Week

**Kites** As well as sports day, Kites loved going on a fantastic sensory walk on Thursday, going on their own bear hunt!

Star of the week is Oliwier S.

**Year 1** were brilliant on Sports Day - enthusiastic and beautifully behaved!

Star of the week is Lenny L.

**Year 2** enjoyed an art morning with the Year 3s, creating teacher portraits.

Star of the week is Noar R.

**Year 3** enjoyed sharing an Art morning with Year 2, during which they made some excellent teacher portraits. Also, well done to Year 3 for performing wonderfully at their first KS2 sports day. We are all very proud of you!

Stars of the week are Layla H-P and Zack S.

**Year 4** have had a great time building small theatre stages.

Stars of the week are Layla H-P and Tegan B.

**Year 5** have begun to make some great backgrounds for their poem portraits!

Stars of the week are India S-B and Sam T.

**Year 6** have continued rehearsing for their play this week and have started creating all the backdrops and props - safe to say Year 6 is a bit of a mess at the moment!

Stars of the week are Millie-Anna K and Andy B.

#### SCPS explained

Reports have been handed out to your children today. We hope you enjoy reading them together over the weekend. We will make them available to you via MCAS next week.

#### Speak Up! conversation corner

- What has given you the biggest laugh this year?
- What is something you've learned this year that you will remember forever?

#### OPAL

This week, we have had some new wooden carts (or "dollies" as Mr Reid calls them) delivered which we will use for storing OPAL "loose parts". These dollies will help us to tidy up more quickly. We are still working on improving tidy-up time so that EVERYONE is involved but it is getting much better.

### **Colour Run**

Please note our Colour Run will take place on Friday 10th July.

In light of our postponed Summer Fair, we are hoping to increase the funds raised at the Colour Run by adding a mini Summer Fair too! We will start at 2.30pm with some pocket-money activities organised by the teachers and PTA (help very welcome). Children will use the pre-paid cards from the Summer Fair. These are available for purchase on MCAS.

At 3.20pm we will open the gates and parents can join us on the field ready for the Colour Run at 3.30pm. There will be refreshments and a BBQ, along with lots of fun throwing paint at each other. Tickets are available to purchase on MCAS.

Children attending the Colour Run can come to school in non-uniform that day so they can wear something suitable for getting covered in paint.

### **PTA Second-Hand uniform shop**

The shop will be open next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 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)

### **Lamda**

Today in assembly we celebrated the LAMDA children's fantastic exam results as they received their certificates. 100% of children passed; all with Merit and Distinction! Well done to all the children for their hard work and their great courage to perform. The examiner really enjoyed visiting SCPS and meeting the children.

### **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

| JULY                      |                                                                                         |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>    | Eco Council at the Village Hall, 1.30pm to 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 mini Summer Fair at 2.30pm followed by the Colour Run at 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