



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 18th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites enjoyed sharing the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' and producing our own fish.
Star of the week is David C.

Year 1 have had an exciting week with their first school swimming lesson and planning their fruit kebabs for next week!
Star of the week is Miyah J.

Year 2 have enjoyed learning a Great Fire of London dance.
Star of the week is Izzy W.

Year 3 have been starting to write our own *Ten-Word Tiny Tales* and extend them into longer stories. We've also learned more about the rainforest and are excited to have our own resident published author!
Star of the week is Maia D.

Year 4 have written a short newspaper report about the events in their class readers - 'The BFG' and 'Born to Run.'
Stars of the week are Hiromi C-K and Ronnie W.

Year 5 have loved exploring significant places in Australia this week, creating some fantastic posters using the facts they found.
Stars of the week are Theo W and Lucas Y.

Year 6 have been writing some excellent setting descriptions based on a book called The Water Tower.
Stars of the week are Annabell A-C and Rafa F.

SCPS explained

Snacks at school: Children are only allowed fruit and vegetables as snacks at playtime. Children in KS1 are given snacks but children in KS2 need to bring their own. Any fruit or vegetables are acceptable, including natural dried fruit.

Please note these items **are not acceptable and your child will be asked to put them away:**

Nuts, muesli or granola bars, any processed fruit products such as Fruit Winders or Fruit Bears, raisins or other dried fruit if covered in yoghurt or chocolate.

Sonning Common Primary Shout Outs!

We often get emails from parents telling us about the out-of-school achievements of our pupils. We wanted to find a way to regularly celebrate these successes in the hope that they will inspire other children to try new activities. So, here are this week's successes:

- **Robyn J in Year 3** was recently one of the winners in a poetry competition organised by Sodexo in conjunction with Chapter One, a reading charity. Every child in her class received a free copy of the book to inspire both healthy eating and a love of reading. Well done, Robyn!
- **Vivienne RH and Jessica C in Year 6** have both qualified for the showjumping finals of the Sunshine Tour which is being held at the Hickstead Showground this weekend. We wish them and their ponies lots of luck!

If your child has recently done something fantastic outside of school, please click on the link [HERE!](#) to let us know about it and we will add it to a newsletter soon!

Cross Country

Well done to the runners who came to the first race of the year last Saturday at Greys Court. This is a tough course with long grass and steep hills. Luckily our runners were even tougher and came away with a good haul of medals!

Year 1: Harriet S 4th

Year 3: Isaac C 1st

Year 4: Maxime P 2nd

Year 5: Laurence H 1st, Mhairi R 3rd, Jessie C 6th

Next race: Saturday October 17th. Everyone welcome. The course at MECE is fairly flat so suitable for all. It would be lovely to have some new runners, regardless of ability. It is a great opportunity to run off some energy on a Saturday afternoon! **Please note new start time of 1pm** to try to accommodate those who play other sports on a Saturday morning.

Emergency contact details

Please check on MCAS that we hold the correct emergency contact details for your child. You can amend your own details on the app. Please email the school office if other contacts need amending.

Sonning Common 10K (Sunday 4th October)

We have a short list of ways in which we could do with some help before the event. If you are unable to come on the day but are willing to give some time in advance, here are the jobs which we need help with:

Cake baking: We need around 150 cakes. Individual cakes are better than large ones with brownies, muffins, flapjacks and cookies are usually pretty popular. Please click [HERE](#) if you would be able to bake and deliver some cakes to school either on Friday 2nd October or on the day of the race.

Delivering flyers: Due to the road closures on the day, we need to drop letters to all local houses that will be affected. This means hand-delivering around 250 letters around the village between 24th and 27th September. We also need to deliver a reminder to around 100 houses on Friday 2nd October or Saturday 3rd October. If you are happy to help with either of these tasks, please click [HERE](#)

OPAL play day – TOMORROW!

Saturday 19th September 1.30 to 3.30pm, we are opening up school so your children can show you what an OPAL lunchtime looks like. In addition to the usual fun, we will have water play, craft activities and a tuck shop. There is no charge but please book [Opal play day 19th September – Fill out form](#)

Friends and siblings not attending SCPS are also very welcome.

PTA News

The PTA disco is on Thursday 22nd October. Tickets are £4 and are available now on MCAS in the PTA Shop. KS1 4.15pm to 5.15pm and then KS2 5.30pm to 6.45pm.

Thank you to those who voted in our poll about the date and format of the Christmas Fair. Saturday 28th November was the most popular date so we will be going with that. More information next week on how to get involved.

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

SEPTEMBER 2026	
Saturday 19 th	OPAL play day, 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Mon 28 th – Fri 2 nd	Year 6 at Woodlands
OCTOBER 2026	
Thursday 1 st	KS1 Drama workshops am
Sunday 4 th	Sonning Common 10K
Friday 9 th	INSET day – children not in school
Monday 12 th	Flu vaccinations (consent forms emailed to parents 18 th Sept)
Tuesday 13 th	School photos (individual and siblings)
Thursday 15 th	Open morning for prospective pupils 9.30am to 11am
Saturday 17 th	Cross Country at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge 1pm
Thursday 22 nd	PTA Disco, KS1 4.15pm to 5.15pm, KS2 5.30pm to 6.45pm
Friday 23 rd	Last day of Term 1
Mon 26 th to Fri 30 th	Half Term