



Sonning Common Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back

We are pleased to see everyone back looking so happy and healthy and we are working hard to settle children quickly into their new classes. We have some great events and activities for the year ahead, which we look forward to telling you more about in the coming weeks. We hope you have enjoyed seeing the amazing new run track on the field. We are so delighted with this new facility and grateful to the organisers of the SoCo10k who have contributed all the funds for this installation.

SCPS explained

In this section, we try to explain how things work at school. Often they might seem really obvious to those in the know, but are more difficult to navigate when you don't. Do feel free to send requests to the office – if there are things you are unsure about, there will probably be several other people thinking the same!

Birthdays: please do not bring in sweets or cakes to hand out for your child's birthday. We do not want parents to feel under pressure to provide these items and, since in the past many children brought enough for the whole year group, children were being given sweets on 60 days of the school year – that's almost twice per week.

Sonning Common 10K

This is the 4th year of this brilliant race, which starts and finishes at school. As you can see, we have had the run track installed over the summer but we still need to finish raising the funds! Please can you either VOLUNTEER to marshal on the day or ENTER THE RACE as a runner (preferably persuading your friends and family to join you!). We want our whole school community to support this event as it is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Sign up [here](#) to volunteer

Sign up [here](#) to enter the race

Run Club

Our school Run Club starts at 8am on **Wednesday 9th September**. Children from Year 1 to 6 can attend, although Year 1 will need to be accompanied by an adult. The club is led by Tom Sturgess, who is a qualified and experienced run coach and provides structured sessions. These are great fun and are aimed at children who enjoy being active, whatever their level of speed and endurance.

Book via MCAS this year. The cost is £15 until the end of Term 2. Notifications about Run Club (cancellations etc) will only be sent to those who are enrolled.

Cross Country races

These are open to ALL children from Years 1 to 6. You don't need to attend Run Club. Feel free to come along and try it – Mrs Salmons is always there with the school flag and a bag of goodies! Dates

are at the bottom of the newsletter. The first one this year is at Greys Court on Saturday September 12th, starting at 9am.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

The track and the sandpit have been in great use this week. We have moved the mud kitchen and created lots of new welly racks. Lots more new things are planned for next week and throughout the term.

Please note that the core principle of OPAL is for the children to use ALL the grounds, ALL the time. So, even when it is wet, the children will have access to the (wet) field and the (very soggy) sandpit. Please provide waterproof trousers, a change of socks and shoes (preferably wellies), a coat and a change of clothes in case they get wet.

OPAL wish list: Do you have any plastic buckets and spades left over from your holiday? Please donate them to school so we can put them in our sandpit. We are also hoping to launch a dressing-up section next week. Please donate any suitable items, e.g. hats, waistcoats, chunky bead necklaces, scarves etc.

Summer Reading Challenge at the Library

The Read to the Beat challenge is now coming to an end. The library will continue to hand out rewards for another few weeks so please encourage children to finish the challenge and pop into the library to collect their rewards if they haven't already.

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	
Monday 7 th	Kites – Henley Standard taking photo of the class
Monday 7 th	Year 4 online Curriculum Sharing meeting at 5.45pm
Monday 7 th	Year 3 online Curriculum Sharing meeting at 6.30pm
Tuesday 8 th	Year 2 online Curriculum Sharing meeting at 5.45pm
Tuesday 8 th	Year 1 online Curriculum Sharing meeting at 6.30pm
Wednesday 9 th	Year 6 online Curriculum Sharing meeting at 5.45pm
Thursday 10 th	Year 5 online Curriculum Sharing meeting at 5.45pm
Saturday 12 th	Cross Country at Greys Court 9am
Monday 14 th	Kites online Curriculum Sharing meeting at 7pm
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
Tuesday 13 th	School photos (individual and siblings)
Thursday 15 th	Open morning 9.30am to 11am
Saturday 17 th	Cross Country at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge 1pm
Friday 23 rd	Last day of Term 1
Mon 26 th to Fri 30 th	Half Term