



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites have enjoyed rolling conkers down ramps and even made a conker cannon! They have also enjoyed telling stories.
Star of the week is Ivie W.

Year 1 have been making use of Google Earth to view our school from above!
Star of the week is Paige H.

Year 2 have enjoyed learning how to write letters and writing to Mrs Salmons!
Star of the week is Maisie H.

Year 3 have enjoyed looking at information texts and have started to learn about the Jewish faith and listened to some classic ballads.
Star of the week for this week and last week are Marlow P and Tomie M.

Year 4 have been making collages in Art.
Stars of the week are Tristan B-M, Alexander C, Albie R and Zack S.

Year 5 have been busy writing their own version of the new picture book 'The Gruffalo Granny'. They have loved introducing new fairy tale characters into the story.
Stars of the week are Wilfie Y and Chloe C.

Year 6 have tried their hands at being songwriters and written some stirring lyrics.
Stars of the week are Gracie B and Kit G.

OPAL

Today, each class has been given an Opal Bingo board. The aim is to try and bring in as many of the items on the board as possible that will then be used at lunchtimes to help us to improve our play. The prizes for being the first class to get a line and then, later, a full house will be bonus Opal time! As an eco-friendly school, we are conscious that we want to try to avoid buying items brand new wherever possible, so we are simply asking you to donate any of these items if you already have them and no longer need them. A copy of the Bingo Board is at the bottom of the newsletter. Thank you in advance.

Christmas card orders

Products from your child's Christmas card design are now available to order. Please visit <https://myfundraisinghub.com/welcome> to place any orders before 23rd October.

Vacancy

We are looking for a Forest Camp assistant. Details are on our school website <https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/our-school/vacancies/>

PTA Disco

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. Final day for buying tickets on MCAS is Wednesday 21st October.

Christmas Fair Saturday 28th November 12 noon - 3pm.

Volunteers

In order for us to be able to hold the Christmas Fair we need YOU! We rely on volunteers to help us set up before and help with the stalls and games on the day. All we ask is an hour of your time. If you could find some time to join in the fun, please fill in this form: [Christmas Fair 2026 Volunteers](#)

After school activity clubs

Information on all after school activity clubs are available on the website: <https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/activities/>

Reading FC Schools & Grassroots Offer

You have been invited to Reading FC's Schools & Grassroots fixture against Bromley on Saturday 21st November!

Get 40% off tickets. Use code #SonningCommonPrimary when booking. The code is available on tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Codes are valid until midnight on Friday 20th November. To redeem your discount, visit tickets.readingfc.co.uk, log in, select your tickets and enter your unique code in the basket. Your 40% discount will then be applied. If we sell 25+ tickets, we'll be entered into a draw to win a Reading FC matchday experience! We could also be named School/Club of the Match if we sell the most tickets!

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

OCTOBER 2026	
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
Mon 26 th & Tues 27 th	Years 5/6 Bikeability Level 1 & 2
Thurs 29 th & Fri 30 th	Years 5/6 Bikeability Level 1 & 2
NOVEMBER 2026	
Saturday 7 th	Cross Country at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge 1pm

Tuesday 10 th	Year 1 Toys Day (in school), £23
Thursday 12 th	Open morning for prospective Kites pupils 9.30am to 11am
Friday 13 th	Year 5 Milestone Museum visit, £23
Friday 13 th	Children in Need
Wednesday 18 th	Year 3 visit from a Rabbi
Wed 25 th to Fri 27 th	Scholastic Book Fair after school
Saturday 28 th	PTA Christmas Fair

Further dates are available on the website: <https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/calendar/>

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO				
Laundry basket 	Baking pans 	Wooden spoons 	Action figures 	Corrugated pipes 
Mythical creature figures 	Cake moulds 	Hard hats 	Pans 	Christmas tableware (plastic or metal) 
Pool noodles 	Barbie dolls 	Funnels 	Christmas clothing 	Sand toys 
Beach spades 	Buckets 	Sticker books 	Colouring books 	Large cardboard tubes 
Barbie clothing 	Plastic trucks 	Jugs 	Measuring spoons 	Chalk 

