



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites read the book 'Squiggles on the Loose'. We then drew our own squiggles and hid them around Kites for others to find.

Star of the week is Ewan R.

Year 1 have had a busy week vegetable printing and counting backwards!

Star of the week is Beau W

Year 2 have enjoyed writing descriptive sentences about an autumn picture.

Star of the week is Aurora H.

Year 3 have learnt what 'tootling' means, which is when children notice others' positivity and we celebrate this together. We have tried hard to work as a team all week!

Star of the week will be awarded next week.

Year 4 have produced some lovely Christmas card designs.

Stars of the week are Rory W and Eva Mae W.

Year 5 have had a brilliant Big Maths lesson this week, where they put into practice their place value skills with some outdoor maths activities!

Stars of the week are Luke J and Jayden B.

Year 6 are at Woodlands and we look forward to hearing of their exploits next week!

SCPS explained

Next Friday is an INSET day so the children are not in school. Teachers will be in school to work on refreshing the curriculum in Foundation Subjects (we are particularly targeting Music, DT, RE and History), looking at new resources for Writing and sorting out OPAL resources to stimulate imaginative play.

We understand that INSET days can add extra strain on working families and apologise for this.

Statutorily, we have to have 5 training days per year, some of these dates are specified by the Local Authority. For the others, we choose a date when families might then be able to get a cheap weekend away or visit an attraction at a quiet time.

Sonning Common Primary Shout Outs!

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.

OPAL

This week, we have introduced some new bars on the field suitable for spinning and hanging upside-down. It's really good active play (proprioceptive, if you are interested in the technical term), which often girls seem to particularly like. Some of the older boys have asked for a chin-up bar so we will look into that soon. There is now small world play on the time capsule, which makes a great rocky surface for vehicles.

Thanks to families who have recently dropped donations of dressing-up clothes and toy cars. These are much appreciated!

Sonning Common 10K (Sunday 4th October)

Our race is happening this Sunday. We will take entries on the day if you are a last-minute runner. If you don't fancy running, please spend 10 minutes somewhere around the village cheering runners on. It all makes for a brilliant atmosphere and shows how welcoming our school community is. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make this race possible, particularly to Cate and Tom Sturgess, who conceived and organised this race for the past four years. The wonderful new run track is now fully installed, thanks to their sustained efforts!

After school activity clubs

Information on all after school activity clubs are available on the website:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/activities/>

Year group website "News" posts

If you would like to receive an email each time your child's year group's "News" page is updated, you can sign-up for this here:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/email-updates/>

These emails come from the webmaster@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk with the heading SCPS- Year X – News.

Please note these automated emails, sent at 7pm, just tell you the website page has been updated that day, if you prefer not to subscribe you can still look for the information on the school website news page for your child's year group at any time.

Vacancy

We are looking for a Forest Camp assistant. Details are on our school website

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/our-school/vacancies/>

Donations for Springwater Foodbank

We have recently celebrated Harvest Festival during an assembly and are collecting donations for the local foodbank at Springwater Church in Sonning Common. We will be collecting goods until Monday 12th October. Please leave any donations in reception.

Springwater Foodbank currently supports 45 households, which includes over 50 children, in Sonning Common and surrounding areas. They are totally reliant on the generosity of the community to supply emergency food parcels fortnightly to those who are struggling. The items they are short of changes weekly, depending on what donations they have received.

All donations are welcome, but at the moment they are particularly short of:

Tinned vegetables/fruit/soup, baked beans/tinned spaghetti, pasta, rice, long life milk (dairy), squash/juice, cakes/biscuits, cereals and toilet rolls.

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.

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	
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 Kites 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
NOVEMBER 2026	
Saturday 7 th	Cross Country at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge 1pm
Tuesday 10 th	Year 1 Toys Day (in school)
Thursday 12 th	Open morning for prospective Kites pupils 9.30am to 11am
Friday 13 th	Year 5 Milestone Museum visit
Friday 13 th	Children in Need
Wednesday 18 th	Year 3 visit from a Rabbi
Saturday 28 th	PTA Christmas Fair

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