



Sonning Common Primary School

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Dear parents and guardians,

I am delighted to let you know that I will be your child's new class teacher from the beginning of the next academic year. I look forward to officially welcoming your child into Year 5 on Thursday 3rd September 2026.

During the summer, we would like everyone to keep their brains ticking over by participating in the library reading challenge. All details are available from the library. We would also like to help everyone to keep boredom at bay over the long summer days, so we have created a **Boredom Buster Challenge!** Find out more on the back of this letter.

Our school is also proud to be taking part in the **National Read-Aloud Challenge** this summer. Throughout the challenge, children engage in independent reading using Fonetti, the reading platform. The goal is to enhance reading skills during the summer break, while helping to foster a passion for reading. During the challenge period, children will receive certificates for reaching various milestones and compete on national leaderboards alongside children both locally and nationally. To enter, please scan our school's custom QR code below to set up profiles for your children.

We will be holding our Year 5 Curriculum Sharing meeting via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday 10th September at 5:45pm**. A link will be sent out nearer the time, as well as confirmation of which days the children will do PE.

To kick off the year, we will be reading *Malamander* by Thomas Taylor. It would be great if you could provide your child with their own copy. Finally, please can you make sure that your child comes back with the correct school uniform, PE kit and a pencil case.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Snowden



Outdoor equipment: All children will need a change of shoes, spare socks, wellies and waterproof coat and trousers (for OPAL lunchtimes and/or Forest Camp)

Classroom equipment: Pencils, rubber, glue stick, sharpener, ruler, colouring pens or pencils