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Ulcombe Church of England Primary School

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Diary Week beginning 5th October

Day	Date	Whole School	Owlets	Barn Owls	Tawny Owls
Monday	5th			• Active uniform	• Active Uniform
Tuesday	6th		• Active Uniform		
Wednesday	7th			• Active uniform • Raincoat and change of shoes	
Thursday	8th	• 9.30am - New Year R 2027 Open Event	• Active Uniform		• Y6 swimming – remember towel, costume & £3 • Active uniform
Friday	9th	• SENCO Coffee & Cake 1.15pm • Followed by a Scavenger Hunt outside with your children 1.45pm • Followed by celebration Worship **2.30pm.** Everyone welcome.			

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Message from Mrs Parsons

It has been another very busy week at Ulcombe, with lots of fantastic learning taking place across the school. It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged, enthusiastic and ready to learn.

We were particularly excited this week to see some of our Tawny Owl children represent Ulcombe at a football tournament at Gallagher Stadium in Maidstone. What a brilliant experience! It was lovely to see the children representing our school, showing great teamwork and enjoying the opportunity to play at such a fantastic venue.

Yesterday, we enjoyed our Pirate Day lunch, which was a huge hit with the children! There were plenty of smiles and lots of excitement as everyone got into the pirate spirit. Thank you to everyone involved in making lunchtime such fun.

I have also had the pleasure of meeting with some children at lunchtime this week who wanted to share their ideas about how we could improve our school. I absolutely love hearing directly from the children about their ideas and suggestions. Their creativity, enthusiasm and willingness to think about how we can make Ulcombe even better is something to be really proud of. We will certainly be taking their ideas on board!

It has been a week full of learning, opportunities, fun and, most importantly, children having their voices heard. Well done, everyone, and thank you to all the staff who continue to make each week at Ulcombe so special.

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This week in worship

This week in worship, we explored the idea of a **"bucket" that could be filled or emptied by the way people treated us**. We thought about how kind words, encouragement, helping others and showing love could fill someone's bucket, while unkind words and actions could empty it.

We read Tom Rath's *How Full Is Your Bucket?* and followed Felix's experiences, noticing the things that filled his bucket and those that emptied it. We reflected on how our words and actions could affect the way other people felt and considered how we could make a positive difference to those around us.

We then thought about **John 10:1–15**, where Jesus described himself as the **Good Shepherd**. We reflected on how Jesus knew his sheep, cared for them and wanted them to be safe. We considered how knowing that Jesus cared for us could make us feel and how we could show that same care to others.



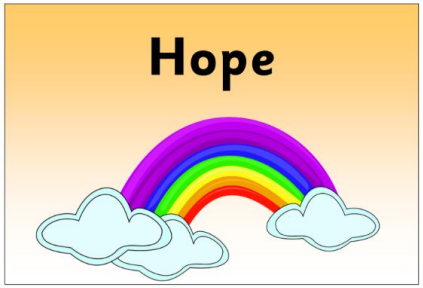
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Star of the Week

Owlets	Barn Owls	Tawny Owls
Beverley For trying to make the right choices, even when it feels difficult. She is taking such pride in her writing and maths learning, it is a joy to see.	**Presley** For showing fantastic effort and enthusiasm this week. You have been especially brilliant in your writing and music, sharing your ideas confidently and taking pride in your work. Well done!	**Robyn** For showing so much care and respect for the world around her. Robyn has written an incredible letter this week about the importance of protecting wildlife and also used her own time to take care of the plants in our school

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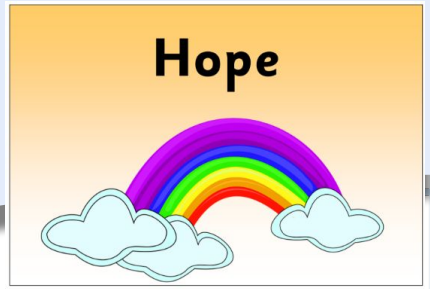
Christian Value of the Week

Owlets	Barn Owls	Tawny Owls
Deanna	**Teddy**	**Angelina**
		
Nominated by the Owlets teachers	Nominated by Ernie	Nominated by Tommy









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Value Raffle Tickets

Owlets	Barn Owls	Tawny Owls
Dave 20, Roseanna 32, Montana 22, Janey 34, Cecilia 120 Deanna 21, Santanna 19, Beverley 23, Vienna 12, Annalise 11, Joey 19, Peggy 21, Rihanna 19, Jorgie 26, Jimmy 26, Paulina 17	Italia 25, Luke 17, Vienna 29, Noah 19, Nancy 21, Jimmy 11, Shay 26 Derick 16, Arthur 21, Frank 34, Presley 23, Ruby 5, Ernie 21, Teddy 27, Joseph 19, Harry 6, Johnny 21, Beverley 16,	George A 14, Eileen 23, Angelina 11, Thomas 29, Lily 15, Cara 31, Rosie 29, Aaron 25, Tommy 29, Robyn 35, Erica 34 Paddy 20, Freddie Joe 11, Scarlett 22, April 15, Antony 9, Joseph 19, Albert 22, Rebecca 50, George H 27, Casey 38, Olivia 20, Margaret 11

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House Points

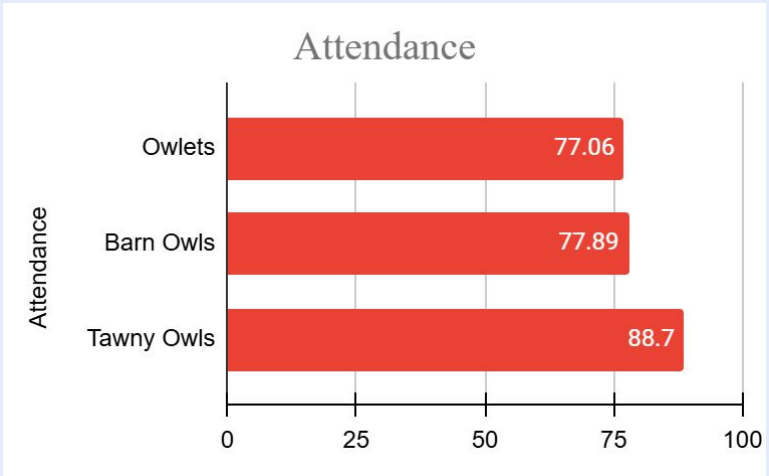
Doves	Eagles	Ravens
417	389	419
Term 1 totals		
1661	1663	1722

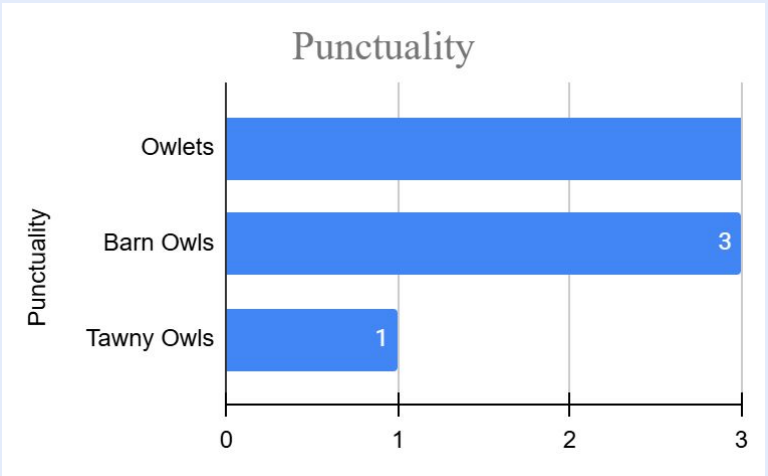
This week's winners were **Ravens.**
Well done!



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Attendance and Punctuality





Congratulations to this week's attendance and punctuality winners!

This gave us a whole school attendance for this week of **81.86%**.

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Announcements

SENCO Coffee & Cake and Scavenger Hunt Afternoon with Mrs Coleman – Friday 9th October at 1.15pm



On Friday 9th October at **1.15pm** Mrs Coleman (SENCO) will be hosting another Coffee and Cake afternoon. This is a chance for an informal chat about your child's progress and/or any concerns you might have.

A member of the NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team will be joining Mrs Coleman should you wish to discuss your child's wellbeing.



Afterwards at **1.45pm**, **all parents and children** are invited to take part in a scavenger hunt around the school. This will finish at 2:30pm.

Celebration worship will then follow at **2:30pm** (for this week only).

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Announcements

School Uniform - Footwear

Just a quick reminder, please can you send your child into school wearing either black school shoes, black trainers or plimsols. Crocs are not suitable footwear for the school.



Clubs - Starting w/c 5th October '26

We have the following new clubs available for the children to enjoy after school. Please complete and return the Clubs Letter if you'd like your child to attend (limited numbers).

Tuesday	3:15-4:15pm	Football Club	Barn & Tawny Owls
Wednesday	3:15-4:00pm	Homework Club	All
Thursday	3:15-4:00pm	Drawing Club	All



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Dates for your diary

October

Thursday 8th October - New Year R 2027 Open Event (9.30am)
Friday 9th October - SENCO Coffee & Cake and Scavenger Hunt
Tuesday 12th October - Individual & Sibling Class Photos
Friday 16th October - Barn Owls Egypt Day
Monday 19th October - Year R-6 Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 22nd October - Parents Evening
Friday 23rd October - FUS Autumn Party
Friday 23rd October - Last Day of Term

November

Monday 2nd November - Start of Term 2

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