



Ulcombe Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

Term 3, Week 1

Diary Week Beginning **Monday 13th January 2025**



Day	Date	Event
Monday	13 th	Tawny Owls to wear active uniform 3:15-4:30pm – Football Club
Tuesday	14 th	Owlets to wear active uniform Barn Owls to wear active uniform School Council (Healthy Heroes) Taste a Fruit Day 
Wednesday	15 th	
Thursday	16 th	Census Day – All Day Breakfast Menu Owlets to wear active uniform Tawny Owls to wear active uniform Year 5 Swimming – please remember costume, towel & £3.00 swim money 3:15-4:30pm – Young Voices Club 
Friday	17 th	Barn Owls to wear active uniform 2:45-3:15pm - Celebration Worship – everyone welcome

Message from Miss Hickling

The weather at the moment is very cold with sub zero temperatures in the morning. We have made sure that all classrooms have heating, as we know that was an issue when we first returned to school. Please make sure that your child is dressed warmly and has a coat for outside play.

Year 5 are swimming this term on a Thursday - please make sure your child has a swimming costume, towel and goggles if they need them.

This week we are talking about Epiphany.

The colours of Epiphany are the same as Christmas, white and gold, which are the colours of celebration and newness.

Not many people knew how important Jesus was when he was born but gradually other people began to be told about the secret. They were given clues about how special Jesus was. This time of the Christian year is called 'Epiphany'. The word Epiphany means 'showing' or 'revelation' and it is the time when Christians hear the stories about all the different clues in the Bible which reveal what is special about Jesus.

As part of our worships this week we looked at the story of the three kings from the book of Matthew.

The Magi Visit the Messiah

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.





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When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

TRUST RESPECT HOPE ENDURANCE

Weekly Awards

	Owlets	Barn Owls	Tawny Owls
Star of the week (nominated by staff)	Delilah	Casey	Jackson
Christian Value (nominated by pupils)	Endurance award to Joseph S. Nominated by Alfie.	Endurance award to Erica. Nominated by Casey.	Respect award to Paul H. Nominated by Paddy.

Christian Values Awards

Children are awarded raffle tickets when they show signs of our Christian values. Please talk to your child to find out how they earned their tickets.

All of the tickets are added together at the end of the week and converted into house points.

Owlets

Endurance: Italia, Jacob 3, Luke 3, Vienna, Noah, Nancy 2, Francesca 2, Georgi, Shay, John, Tyler, Derick, Arthur, Frank, Presley, Teddy, Joseph, Harry, Johnny, Delilah, Jimmy

Respect: Luke, Vienna, Francesca, Presley, Harry 2

Hope: Jacob, Luke 2, Tyler, Presley, Harry

Trust: Luke, Vienna 2, John, Arthur, Ruby, Joseph

Barn Owls

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Endurance: Eli 3, Miley, Annabella 3, Angelina 5, Cara 2, Tommy 2, Aaron, Robyn 5, Erica 3, Paddy 2, Freddie-Joe 4, Lacey 4, Scarlett 3, April, Bonnie 2, Harry 2, Joseph

Respect: Eli 4, Miley 2, Alfie 4, Annabella 7, Angelina 5, Cara 4, Tommy 3, Aaron 3, Robyn 2, Erica 4, Paddy, Freddie-Joe, Lacey 8, Scarlett 2, April 2, Bonnie, Harry 3, Joseph, Annie 7. Albert 12, Rebecca 7, George H 4, Casey 6, Olivia 6

Trust: Eli, Alfie 3, Annabella 4, Angelina 3, Cara, Tommy 2, Aaron, Robyn 3, Erica, Paddy 2, Freddie-Joe, Lacey, Scarlett, April, Bonnie, Harry 3, Joseph, Annie. Albert, Rebecca, George H, Casey, Olivia 2

Hope: Eli, Angelina 2, Robyn 2, Scarlett, Harry. Joseph, Albert, Rebecca, Olivia

Tawny Owls

Endurance: Paul H, Ruby, Evalyn 3, Valintina, Millie, Paul C, Olivia, Belle 2, Holly, Tilly, Willow, Miley S, Jackson, Hugh

Respect: Honey 3, Paul H 2, Ruby 3, Evalyn 4, Absey, Millie 2, Olivia 2, Belle 3, Holly 2, Tilly 2, Willow, Miley S 3, Jackson 6, Hugh 6

Hope: Honey, Absey, Valintina, Millie

Trust: Honey, Paul H, Ruby, Evalyn, Absey, Valintina, Millie, Paul C 2, Olivia, Belle, Holly, Tilly, Miley, Jackson 2, Hugh

Bronze Award

Well done to **Miley D, Alfie, Annabella, Erica, Annie, Albert** and **Olivia** for receiving their Bronze Christian Value certificate after reaching 25 raffle tickets for **respect**. Congratulations and thank you for being so incredibly respectful to other people and the school environment.

House Points

Doves	Eagles	Ravens
123	69	90
Term 3 Totals		
123	69	90

Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance winners this week are Barn Owls with 88.4% - Well Done!! Owlets came second with 85.96% and Tawny Owls had 67.43% attendance. This gave us a whole school attendance of 81.03%.

The best punctuality goes to Tawny Owls with only 6 late arrivals! Owlets had 8 late arrivals and Barn Owls had 10. Remember, please keep us informed if your child is off school or the absence will be unauthorised.

Healthy Heroes Taste a Fruit Day – Tuesday 14th January

On Tuesday our School Council Healthy Heroes will be inviting all of the children to try a new fruit. The children will be encouraged to try new flavours to try and increase their eating repertoire.





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Census Day All Day Breakfast Menu – Thursday 16th January

Thursday is Census Day and we'd really appreciate your support. The more children who attend and have a school lunch on Thursday will result in the school receiving more funding from the government. This money is spent on your children to improve their experience in school. Thank you in advance for your support.

We have a special All Day Breakfast menu for the children (please see attached flyer) which includes sausage, hash browns & baked beans and a chocolate & banana oaty biscuit.



New Reception Class 2025

Just a final reminder that if your child is due to start Reception class in September '25, you need to apply online before midnight on Wednesday 15th January.

Please visit www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions for more details on how to apply.



If you need any help, Mrs Coleman will be available on Monday 13th January from 2pm to assist.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th January – Start of Term 3

Tuesday 14th January – Healthy Heroes Taste a Fruit Day

Wednesday 15th January – Primary School Admission Deadline (midnight)

Thursday 16th January – Census Day Special All Day Breakfast Menu

Wednesday 29th January – Owlets Wingham Trip

Friday 31st January – Tawny Owls Church Visit

Monday 3rd February – Young Voices Trip to O2

Wednesday 12th February – Barn Owls Kent Life Trip

Friday 14th February – FUS End of Term Movie Night

Wednesday 23rd April – Tawny Owls Dover Castle Trip

