



Ulcombe Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

Term 5, Week 1

Diary Week Beginning **Monday 28th April 2025**

Day	Date	Event
Monday	28 th	Owlets to wear active uniform Tawny Owls to wear active uniform
Tuesday	29 th	Library Van in lay-by Owlets to wear active uniform Barn Owls to wear active uniform
Wednesday	30 th	Tawny Owls to wear active uniform
Thursday	1 st	Gurdwara Trip Barn Owls to wear active uniform Swimming (select children) – please remember costume, towel & £3.00 swim money
Friday	2 nd	2:45-3:15pm - Celebration worship, everyone welcome



Message from Mrs Parsons

What a brilliant first week I have had at Ulcombe. The children and staff have all been so welcoming and kind and I am looking forward to the term ahead. I will be on the gate on Wednesday mornings so please say hello and introduce yourself. Parents are also warmly invited to celebration worship on a Friday afternoon at 2.45pm - please remember to sign in just in case there is a fire drill. Thank you to everyone in the school community for welcoming me so warmly this week.



Sweets

A reminder that sweets should not be brought into school for any reason. Thank you for your support.

Uniform

Please ensure children are wearing the correct school uniform. This is a blue sweatshirt/cardigan/hoodie, white polo shirt, black trousers/skirt/black shorts with black shoes. In the summer months, the girls may wish to wear a blue checked dress. For full details, please visit

<https://ulcombekentsch.co.uk/parents/uniform>

Amanda the chef

Unfortunately, Amanda, our wonderful chef is poorly and hasn't been able to be in school this week. We expect this to be the same for the following week. We have an interim chef, Elizabeth, in the kitchen in the meantime. Get well soon Amanda.

Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Martin

Miss Martin is sadly leaving us next Wednesday. Mrs Martin has been a fantastic Owlets teacher for many years and we wish her all the best in her new adventures. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the school over the years.





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This week in worship we explored the theme of *Faith*, reflecting on the bible story, 'Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas' (John 20: 19-23 and John 20:24-29)

Jesus Appears to Thomas

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

We considered how easy it is to believe in something you can't see. It can be hard to believe in stories that people tell you, but believing in something that you cannot see is called having faith. We then explored ideas of things we have faith in and the children shared some wonderful ideas, such as having faith in their loved ones and in their dreams for the future.

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Weekly Awards

	Owlets	Barn Owls	Tawny Owls
Star of the week (nominated by staff)	Harry	Alfie	Jackson
Christian Value (nominated by pupils)	Respect award to Presley. Nominated by Noah.	Respect award to Albert. Nominated by Joseph.	Endurance award to Miley S. Nominated by Rebecca & Jackson.

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: Vienna, Noah, Nancy, Delilah, Shay, Derick 6, Arthur 2, Frank, Presley 3, Ruby, Teddy, Harry 3, Johnny 3, Thomas

Respect: Italia 3, Luke 3, Vienna, Noah 4, Nancy 5, Jimmy N 3, Delilah 3, Shay 3, Derick 8, Arthur 2, Frank 2, Presley 4, Ruby, Teddy 2, Harry, Johnny 5, Thomas 4

Trust: Italia, Luke, Delilah, Shay, Derick, Arthur, Harry, Johnny, Thomas

Hope: Italia, Vienna, Noah, Shay, Arthur, 2, Ruby, Presley





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Barn Owls

Endurance: Alfie, Annabella 6, Cara, Aaron, Robyn 5, Paddy, April, Annie, Albert

Respect: George A, Alfie 3, Annabella 7, Angelina 3, Cara 3, Tommy, Aaron 2, Robyn 7, Erica 3, Paddy 2, Scarlett, April 3, Joseph 3, Annie 3, Albert 2, Rebecca 2, George H 2, Casey 4, Olivia 2

Trust: Alfie 2, Annabella 6, Angelina, Cara 2, Tommy, Aaron, Robyn 8, Erica, Freddie-Joe 2, April 2, Joseph 2, Annie, Albert, Rebecca, George H, Casey, Olivia

Hope: Alfie, Annabella 5, Angelina, Robyn 5

Tawny Owls

Endurance: Honey 2, Phoebe, Summer, Sarahjane, Ruby, Hugh, Valintina, Holly, Willow, Miley S, Jackson

Respect: Honey 3, Paul, Sarahjane, Margaret 2, Hugh 3, Absey, Valintina, Olivia, Belle, Miley M, Holly, Tilly, Willow, Miley, Jackson

Trust: Honey 2, Phoebe, Paul, Summer, Sarahjane, Margaret, Ruby, Hugh, Tommyjoe, Absey, Valintina, Olivia, Belle, Holly, Miley M, Tilly, Willow, Miley S, Jackson

Hope: Phoebe, Ruby, Tilly 2

Bronze Award

Well done to the following children for receiving their **Bronze** Christian Value certificate after reaching 25 raffle tickets for:

Respect: Sarah-Jane

Trust: Alfie, Cara, Aaron & April

Endurance: Johnny W & Robyn

Hope: Annabella



Silver Award

Well done to the following children for receiving their **Silver** Christian Value certificate after reaching 50 raffle tickets for:

Respect: Annabella, Joseph & Annie



Congratulations and thank you for consistently showing our Christian values.

House Points

	Doves	Eagles	Ravens
	105	92	74
	Term 5 Totals		
	105	92	74

Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance winners this week are Owlets with 82.28% - Well Done! Barn Owls came second with 81.44% and Tawny Owls had 79.31% attendance. This gave us a whole school attendance of 80.99%.





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The best punctuality goes to Tawny Owls with no late arrivals! Both Owlets and Barn Owls had 1 late arrival each. Remember, please keep us informed if your child is off school or the absence will be unauthorised.

Dressing Up Clothes

If you have any unwanted fancy dress costumes at home that you no longer require, Owlets would really appreciate them as our current stock is worn out and needs replacing. The children love dressing up and it really helps their imagination and storytelling skills.



VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations – Thursday 8th May

Dress for Victory

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day), we're inviting children to come into school wearing red, white and blue in order to raise money to support veterans in need. A voluntary contribution of £1 is recommended. All classes will do a special activity to mark the occasion.



Please see attached flyer for more information.

Special Lunch Menu

To celebrate VE Day, Caterlink will be offering the children a delicious lunch including Fish & Chips and Victoria sponge cake!

See attached flyer for more details.

Barn Owls Anglo Saxon Day – Friday 9th May

Barn Owls will be spending the day on Friday 9th May learning about Anglo Saxons. The children will be invited to come in dressed in an Anglo Saxon costume, so you may wish to start thinking about their outfit choice.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 30th April – Deadline for Accepting New Reception 2025 Places

Thursday 1st May – Gurdwara Trip

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday (no school)

Thursday 8th May – VE Day Celebration – Wear Red/White/Blue & Lunch

Friday 9th May – Barn Owls Anglo Saxon Day

W/C 12th May – Year 6 SATs Week

Thursday 15th May – Census Day Menu

