



Ulcombe Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

Term 1, Week 4

Diary Week Beginning **Monday 29th September 2025**

Day	Date	Event
Monday	29 th	No crossing patrol all week Owlets to wear active uniform
Tuesday	30 th	School Photos Portrait & Siblings Tawny Owls to wear active uniform Library van in lay-by
Wednesday	1 st	Owlets to wear active uniform Barn Owls to wear active uniform
Thursday	2 nd	Census Day Special Carnival Festival Lunch Menu Crispy Coated Chicken/Veggie Dippers with Chips & Beans + mini doughnuts or fruit Tawny Owls to wear active uniform Year 6 Swimming – please remember costume, towel & £3.00 swim money 3:15-4:30pm – Young Voices Club
Friday	3 rd	Harvest Festival Service Ulcombe Church (2-3pm) Please collect your child from their classroom at 1:45pm Everyone welcome



Message from Mrs Parsons

It has been another busy but fun week of learning at Ulcombe. Well done to all of the children for continuing to show respectful and kind behaviour and focusing on your learning in the classroom. I have been blown away by some incredible writing this week, especially in Year 1! Well done for writing your story of Little Red Riding Hood so well - Miss Brooks and I are so proud of you.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Service next week at the church and hope many of you can join us. We are busy preparing and learning parts for the service ready to share.

It is with great sadness that Mrs Baker - our Owlets teacher (Monday-Wednesday) - has decided to leave Ulcombe to focus on her young family. We will be sad for Mrs Baker to leave but wish her the best for the future. We will be recruiting for the part time role as soon as possible and I will keep you updated as soon as I can.

So far this term, the children have been having teachers at the start of the week that they know within school to provide consistency and nurture still for the class. Miss Brooks has been doing a fantastic job as the Owlets teacher (Wednesday-Friday) planning and resourcing engaging lessons for the whole week! Thank you.



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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

This week in worship, we focused on one of our Christian values of hope. We thought about what gives us hope and how hope helps us when things are hard. We shared examples of hope in school, such as helping a friend or trying a new challenge. We also reflected on how hope can help us make good choices and how God's love can give us hope in our everyday lives.

TRUST RESPECT HOPE ENDURANCE

Weekly Awards

	Owlets	Barn Owls	Tawny Owls
Star of the week (nominated by staff)	Annalise	Robyn	Margaret
Christian Value (nominated by pupils)	Hope award to Peggy. Nominated by Rebecca.	Trust award to Cara. Nominated by Erica.	Endurance award to Casey. Nominated by Rebecca.

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: Shay 2, Italia

Respect: Nancy 3

Trust: Joey, Peggy, Jimmy W

Hope: Beverley 6, Vienna C 2, Annalise 2, Joey 2, Peggy 2, Rihanna 2, Jorgie 2 Italia 2, Luke 2, Vienna G 6, Noah 2, Jimmy N 6

Barn Owls

Endurance: George 3, Eileen 3, Alfie 3, Annabella 3, Arthur 1, Angelina 7, Frank 3, Ruby 2, Tommy 5, Cara 5, Teddy, Joseph, Aaron 3, Robyn 5, Erica 8, Harry 3, Johnny 2

Respect: George, John 4, Eileen 5, Derick, Alfie 3, Annabella 3, Arthur 6, Angelina 6, Presley, Ruby, Tommy 2, Cara 4, Teddy 2, Joseph, Aaron, Thomas, Robyn 2, Erica 6, Harry 4, Johnny 4

Trust: George 2, Derick 2, Ruby, Tommy, Aaron, Erica 5, Harry 3, Johnny 5

Hope: George, John 2, Alfie, Ruby 2, Tommy 4, Cara 2, Joseph, Aaron, Thomas 4, Robyn 4, Erica 10, Harry 2

Tawny Owls

Endurance: Paddy 4, Freddie-Joe 4 Scarlett H 2, April 2, Bonnie 2, Joseph 3, Annie 4, Albert 2, George 3, Rebecca 3, Casey 3, Olivia 3, Honey 5, Phoebe 7, Paul 4, Summer 3, Margaret 8, Ruby 5, Hugh 5, Scarlett D 4

Respect: Paddy 7, Freddie-Joe 5, Scarlett H, April, Bonnie 2, Joseph 3, Annie 3, Albert 2, George 3, Rebecca 2, Casey 4, Olivia 4, Honey 4, Phoebe, Paul 2, Summer, Margaret, Ruby, Hugh 2, Scarlett D 2

Trust: Paddy, Freddie-Joe 2, April, Bonnie, Annie 2, Albert, George 2, Rebecca 2, Casey 2, Olivia 2, Honey 4, Phoebe 3, Paul 4, Summer 4, Margaret 2, Ruby 4, Hugh 6, Scarlett D 2

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Hope: Freddie-Joe 2, Scarlett H 2, April 2, Bonnie 2, Annie 6, Albert 4, George 4, Rebecca 10, Casey 6, Honey 4, Phoebe 10, Paul 8, Summer 4, Margaret 4, Ruby 6, Hugh 8

Bronze Award

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



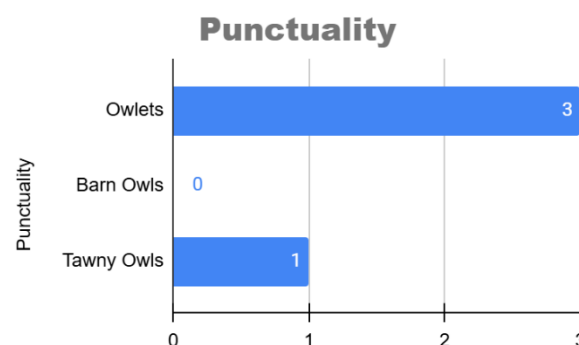
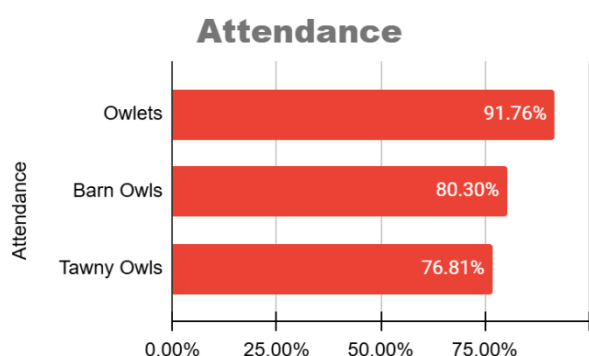
Endurance: Paddy

House Points

 Doves	Eagles	Ravens
167	139	166
Term 1 Totals		
486	582	646

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to this week's attendance and punctuality winners!



Census Day Special Carnival Festival Lunch Menu – Thursday 2nd October

On Thursday it's Census Day and we have a special Carnival Festival treat lunch menu for the children including coated crispy chicken or veggie dippers, chips & beans/peas all finished off with a yummy mini doughnut. Please see attached flyer for more details.



We really do appreciate your support as the more children who attend and have a school lunch on Thursday will result in the school receiving more funding from the government.

Harvest Festival Service at Ulcombe Church – Friday 3rd October

We're excited to celebrate our Harvest Festival at Ulcombe church on Friday. This is a wonderful time for us to come together, give thanks, and help those in need.

The service will start at 2:00pm but we would be very grateful if you collect your child from the school at **1:45pm** and transport them to the church. Any children who are unable to be transported will be walked up/driven up to the church by a member of staff.



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Thank you in advance for all your help and co-operation and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us. All children must be collected from church at the end of the service (by **3:00pm**).

All parents are invited to stay and join in with the service which will start at 2:00pm.



Food Donations

We kindly ask everyone to bring in a **food donation** on **Friday 3rd October '25** to support **Maidstone Foodbank** – anything from tins and packets to long-life products is greatly appreciated. Your generosity can make a big difference to families in our community.

New Reading Challenge – Up!

We're excited to share with you our new reading challenge which is focused around the children's movie Up! Just like in the film, we have a display of Mr Fredricksen's house which is being carried away by a bunch of balloons.

To receive a balloon the children will need to complete 10 reads. A 'read' can be given for each day your child reads. Children can receive 1 'read' per day. It doesn't need to be a whole book, just 10 minutes of them reading. Parents/carers should sign the yellow reading records each time they have completed a read.

This is a good opportunity for the children to show you what they can do! It doesn't have to be a book, it can be a chance to practice phonics sounds, spellings, homework or even a magazine. The children have been very excited and are motivated to read in order to receive a balloon.



There's already a real buzz in the corridor and the children were ecstatic when the 'Up' house made its first move this week with 12 balloons. That's a massive 120 reads collected by your children! Each child received a treat for their hard work! Thank you for your support with their learning.

Mental Health Day (Wear Something Yellow) – Friday 10th October

It's Mental Health Day on Friday 10th October and we're inviting the children to wear something yellow – could be a hairband, socks or a t-shirt (doesn't matter how small, could even be a badge).

The children will be taking part in activities during their lessons which touch on the importance of our mental health.



Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 30th September – School Photos (Individual & Siblings)
- Thursday 2nd October – Census Day Festival Lunch Menu
- Friday 3rd October – Harvest Festival at Ulcombe Church (Collect children at 1:45pm)
- Tuesday 7th October – Year 6 Secondary School Transfer Virtual Meeting (6pm)
- Wednesday 8th October – New Year R 2026 Open Morning (9:30am)
- Friday 10th October – Mental Health Day - Wear Something Yellow
- Friday 10th October – Barn Owls UK Day
- Thursday 16th October – Parents Evening
- Friday 17th October – New Year R 2026 Open Morning (9:30am)
- Friday 17th October – Last day of term

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Monday 27th October – Start of Term 2

Wednesday 12th November – New Year R 2026 Open Afternoon (2:30pm)

Friday 21st November – New Year R 2026 Open Morning (9:30am)

Wednesday 7th January – New Year R 2026 Open Morning (9:30am)

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