



Ulcombe Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

Term 2, Week 6

Diary Week Beginning Monday 4th December 2023

Day	Date	Event
Monday	4 th	Owlets to wear active uniform Hama Beads Club at lunchtime with Mrs Syred 3.15-4.30pm – Football Club
Tuesday	5 th	Tawny Owls to wear active uniform Football Club at lunchtime with Miss Liddicoat 3.15-4.15pm – Young Voices Club 3.15-4.30pm – Yoga Club
Wednesday	6 th	Owlets & Barn Owls to wear active uniform Christmas Choir Club at lunchtime with Mrs U-B
Thursday	7 th	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day Barn Owls to wear active uniform Year 4 Swimming – CANCELLED Drawing Club at lunchtime with Mrs Martin 3.15-4.30pm – Dance Club
Friday	8 th	Funky Feet Friday FUS Christmas Chocolate Lollies on sale – 50p each (max. 4 per child) Tawny Owls to wear active uniform 1.45pm – Christmas Nativity at All Saints Church (please collect children at 1.30pm)



Mrs Masters – The Week Ahead

Hello Everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful weekend. For many I would imagine you were putting up Christmas decorations. That is what we will be doing this week in school. The tree has arrived, nativity rehearsals are in full swing and Amanda is getting ready in the kitchen. Remember we have Christmas jumper day later this week. If you can spare a donation for the Save the Children Charity who run it that would be great. We also have 16 of our children braving the cold at Bowles residential centre doing a whole range of amazing activities. I look forward to hearing about their time when they return later this week.

This week marks the beginning of advent which comes from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'Coming'. Advent begins the church year starting four Sundays before Christmas. The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation since the 6th century. Advent is a time for preparing for Christ's second coming, even as Christians remember and celebrate his first coming at Christmas.

John 8:12 - I Am the Light of the World

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."





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Advent is a time of waiting for Christians – this can be related to the concept of Incarnation – waiting for God to come to the world as a human being, waiting for Jesus, the Light of the World to be sent to bring God's light to this dark world.

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

TRUST RESPECT HOPE ENDURANCE

House Points – well done to everyone awarded house points this week

Doves	Eagles	Ravens
85	 114	110
519	629	526

Weekly Awards

	Owlets	Barn Owls	Tawny Owls
Star of the week (nominated by staff)	Leo	Nathan	Josephine
Christian Value Term 4 - Honesty (nominated by pupils)	Joseph nominated by Miley D	Rebecca nominated by Honey	Jackson nominated by Lily

Spirituality Sizzler of the week	Harry W
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Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance winners this week are Tawny Owls with 83.05% - Well Done!! Owlets came second with 71.93% and Barn Owls had 70.8% attendance. This gave us a whole school attendance of 75.14%.

Punctuality Pup goes to both Owlets and Tawny Owls this week with 5 late arrivals each! Barn Owls had 6 late arrivals. Remember, please keep us informed if your child is off school or the absence will be unauthorised.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 7th December 2023

In support of the Save the Children charity we will be inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform on Thursday in exchange for a small donation to this amazing cause.



Nativity Service, All Saints Church – Friday 8th December 2023, 1.45pm

Everyone is welcome to join us at All Saints Church, Ulcombe for the Nativity Service. The service will start at 1.45pm but we would be very grateful if you **collect your child from the school at 1.30pm** and transport them to the church. Unfortunately we don't have use of the minibus so if you could arrange among yourselves to transport as many children as possible, we would really appreciate it. Please contact us if you have any queries.





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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).

FUS – Chocolate Lollies & Christmas Celebrations

FUS will be selling chocolate Christmas lollies again on Friday 8 December for 50p each (max. 4 lollies per child). Thank you again for all your support!

Please also remember to send your child in with a £4 contribution towards the Christmas activities happening in school over the next couple of weeks.



New Year R

Do you have a child born between 1st Sept 2019 and 31st August 2020?

Come and view Ulcombe School and meet our team.

Please contact our school office to book a date for a tour.

01622 842903

The application closing date is Monday 15th January 2024.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

Clubs

This week is the last week of afterschool clubs until after the Christmas holiday. We'll be in touch next term with details of the clubs for Term 3.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 4–Wednesday 6 December – Year 5 & 6 Bowles Residential Trip

Thursday 7 December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7 December – New Year R Open Afternoon (2pm)

Friday 8 December – Nativity at the Church (1:45pm)

Tuesday 12 December – FUS Christmas Fun Afternoon

Wednesday 13 December – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14 December – Last day of Term

Tuesday 2 January '24 – Start of Term 3

Monday 15 January – New Year R (2024) Application Closing Date

