



Ulcombe Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

Term 2, Week 6

Diary Week Beginning Monday 16th December 2024

Day	Date	Event
Monday	16 th	Tawny Owls to wear active uniform
Tuesday	17 th	Owlets to wear active uniform Barn Owls to wear active uniform
Wednesday	18 th	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day</p> <p>Owlets to wear active uniform Tawny Owls to wear active uniform</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FUS Xmas Fun Afternoon Suggested Spending Money (£5-10)</p>
Thursday	19 th	Last Day of Term
Friday	20 th	<p>INSET DAY</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;"><i>Merry Christmas</i></p> <p>From everyone at Ulcombe School</p>



Message from Miss Hickling

Today we received the inspection report from our SIAMS inspection – it's a fantastically positive read. It has been sent to parents in an email. Please do read it if you can. Congratulations to all staff and pupils on such a wonderful report!

Next week is the last week of this term, and the last day for the children is Thursday 19th December. Friday is an INSET day for staff only. Term starts on Monday 6th January.

We hope you enjoyed the nativity at the church today. The children have worked really hard and I hope you could see this in their performance.

Next Wednesday 18th December is our Christmas lunch and the children may wear a Christmas jumper on this date. The Christmas fair is in the afternoon following Christmas lunch.

This week we have been learning about the origins of advent in Worship.

Isaiah was a prophet in the eighth century BC, working in the south of Israel. Through his writings he brings a message of warning to the people of God, because they are not living in the way they should, but he then has a message of comfort for his readers as they go through difficult times.

Isaiah looks forward to the distant future when there will be a new heaven and a new earth. It is the message of hope that Christians turn to during the season of Advent, as they get ready for the mystery of Christmas.





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In Advent, Christians prepare for Jesus – who comes to bring light in the darkness as we thought about yesterday. Long before Jesus was born, prophets including Isaiah brought messages from God about what the 'Messiah' would be like. Christians believe Jesus is the one they were talking about.

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

TRUST RESPECT HOPE ENDURANCE

Weekly Awards

	Owlets	Barn Owls	Tawny Owls
Star of the week (nominated by staff)	Jacob	Erica	Paul C
Christian Value (nominated by pupils)	Respect award to Georgi. Nominated by Belle.	Respect award to Joseph. Nominated by George.	Endurance award to Phoebe. Nominated by Miss Tapsell.

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: Jacob, Vienna, Nancy, Francesca, Georgi, Ruby, Teddy

Respect: Vienna 3, Nancy 3, Shay, Derick 2, Joseph 3

Hope: Jacob 2, Vienna, Nancy, Francesca, Derick 2, Presley, Joseph 2, Johnny

Trust: Vienna, Noah, Derick, Ruby

Barn Owls

Endurance: Aaron 2, Angelina 2, Annie, April, Casey, Eli 6, Erica 2, George, Joseph 3, Lacey, Miley 6, Paddy, Rebecca, Robyn 3

Respect: Aaron 3, Albert 3, Alfie 5, Angelina 5, Annabella 2, Annie, April 3, Casey, Eli 8, Erica 2, Freddie Joe 3, George 2, Harry 3, Joseph 5, Miley 5, Paddy 3, Olivia, Rebecca, Robyn 3, Scarlett

Hope: Aaron 3, Angelina, Annabella, Annie, Eli 6, Erica, Freddie Joe, George, Miley 5, Olivia, Robyn 2

Trust: Aaron 2, Albert, Annie, Eli 7, Erica, Freddie-Joe, George 5, Joseph 2, Miley 2, Olivia 2, Rebecca, Robyn 2

Tawny Owls

Endurance: Absey 2, Valintina 5, Paul C, Honey 2, Phoebe, Paul H 2, Olivia, Belle 2, Holly 2, Ruby 3, Evalyn, Tilly, Willow, Miley

Respect: Absey 3, Valintina 3, Paul C 3, Phoebe, Belle 3, Ruby, Evalyn 2, Tilly, Miley

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Bronze Award

Well done to **Eli** and **April** for 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
	101	77	51
Term 2 Totals			
	379	369	244

Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance winners this week are Barn Owls with 82% - Well Done!! Owlets came second with 77.27% and Tawny Owls had 69.84% attendance. This gave us a whole school attendance of 76.72%.

The best punctuality goes to both Owlets and Tawny Owls with only 4 late arrivals! Barn Owls had 10 late arrivals. Remember, please keep us informed if your child is off school or the absence will be unauthorised.

Trading Cards

Please note - all trading cards, such as football cards, Pokemon cards etc... are not permitted in school. If children bring them in, they will be held by a teacher or the office until home time.

Christmas Fun Afternoon – Wednesday 18th December

Please find attached a flyer regarding the Christmas Fun Afternoon on **Wednesday 18th December**. FUS have an amazing afternoon arranged where the children can take part in Christmas games, the chocolate tombola and buy snacks and drinks. If you'd like your child to join in, please send them into school with spending money (suggested amount £5-10) on this day.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Fair (Children only – please send your child into school with spending money on this date)

Thursday 19th December – Last Day of Term

Monday 6th January 2025 – Start of Term 3

Wednesday 8th January – Open Class Event (see separate letter sent)

Monday 3rd February – Young Voices

14th February 2025 – End of Term Movie Night

