



Ulcombe Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

Term 2, Week 6

Diary Week Beginning **Monday 8th December 2025**

Day	Date	Event
Monday	8 th	Year R & 6 National Child Measurement Programme Tawny Owls to wear active uniform
Tuesday	9 th	Owlets to wear active uniform
Wednesday	10 th	School lunch menu change – as it's Christmas lunch tomorrow, today will be beef lasagne with garlic bread or potato & courgette layer bake. Plus, syrup sponge & custard Barn Owls to wear active uniform Tawny Owls to wear active uniform
Thursday	11 th	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day Owlets to wear active uniform Barn Owls to wear active uniform 3:15-4:30pm – Young Voices Club
Friday	12 th	FUS Christmas Fun Afternoon Suggested spending money £5-10 per child (please send your child in with the money on the day) 2:45-3:15pm – Celebration worship, everyone welcome

Message from Mrs Parsons

It has been a wonderful week at Ulcombe. I've really enjoyed spending time talking with many of the children about what they love most about school — from their favourite lessons to the activities they enjoy around the school and, of course, the friendships that mean so much to them. A huge well done to all of our pupils for being so sensible, polite and enthusiastic during these conversations.

We were also delighted to welcome our Improvement Advisor this week. She was incredibly impressed with the quality of learning taking place across the school, particularly the maths lessons she saw in action. Her positive feedback is a real credit to both the staff and the children.

Today, I was lucky enough to go on a day trip to Bowles to join some of the Tawny Owls at their residential. The children represented the school beautifully and were an absolute credit to Ulcombe. We are all extremely proud of them and hope they had a truly memorable trip.

Looking ahead, next week brings a wonderful festive trio: Christmas Jumper Day, our Christmas Lunch, and the Christmas Fayre. We can't wait to celebrate together and continue building the excitement of Christmas.



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Staffing News

As you know from Miss Hickling's recent letter about funding, we have had to have a staff restructure here at Ulcombe. We are sadly having to say goodbye to two members of staff at Christmas.

Mrs Shepherd has worked in the office on a Tuesday and provided some invaluable support to Mrs Rumsey, staff, parents and children- thank you so much. We wish you every success in your future endeavours.

Mrs Webb has worked at Ulcombe for over 20 years and has been an invaluable asset as TA and HLTA. Thank you so much for all of your hard work. We are hoping this is not goodbye but a see you later to Mrs Webb, as we hope to work with her again in the future.

This week in worship, the children began the season of Advent, focusing on the theme of Hope as we lit the first candle on the Advent wreath.

We explored the idea of *waiting*—what we wait for and how waiting can sometimes feel busy or unsettled. Using examples like a jar of muddy water, we thought about how our lives can feel rushed, and how Advent invites us to slow down.

The children learned that Advent is a time of waiting for Jesus, the Light of the World, and we talked about the meaning of the five candles on the Advent wreath: four for the Sundays leading up to Christmas, and the final one lit on Christmas Day.



We spent time reflecting on how the simple act of lighting a candle can bring calm and peace, and what "hope" looks like as we wait for Christmas. The children were encouraged to take a quiet moment to focus on hope.

TRUST RESPECT HOPE ENDURANCE

Weekly Awards

	Owlets	Barn Owls	Tawny Owls
Star of the week (nominated by staff)	Vienna G	Derick	Ruby
Christian Value (nominated by pupils)	Trust award to Rihanna. Nominated by Scarlett.	Hope award to Teddy. Nominated by Aaron.	Trust award to Olivia. Nominated by Scarlett.

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 earnt their tickets.

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

Owlets

Endurance: Beverley 2, Vienna C 3, Annalise 2, Joey 3, Peggy 2, Rihanna 3, Jorgie 3, Jimmy W 2, Italia 2, Luke 10, Vienna G 9, Noah 5, Nancy 9, Jimmy N 3

Respect: Beverley 2, Vienna C 2, Annalise 3, Joey 3, Peggy 3, Rihanna 2, Jorgie 4, Jimmy W 5, Italia 2, Luke 8, Vienna G 10, Noah 10, Nancy 2, Jimmy N 2, Shay 4

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Trust: Beverley, Joey 2, Peggy 2, Rihanna, Jorgie 3, Jimmy W 2, Italia 7, Luke 8, Vienna G 10, Noah 2, Nancy 2, Jimmy N 2, Shay 7

Hope: Beverley 2, Joey 2, Peggy 2, Rihanna 2, Jorgie 2, Jimmy W, Italia 2, Vienna G 7, Jimmy N 2

Barn Owls

Endurance: John, Derick, Frank 5, Presley 5, Ruby 6, Teddy 7, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Harry 5, Johnny 3, Alfie 2, Annabella 7, Angelina 5, Cara 9, Tommy 3, Aaron, Robyn, Erica 2, Ernie

Respect: John 3, Derick 4, Arthur 3, Frank 3, Presley 2, Ruby, Teddy 4, Joseph 3, Thomas, Harry 2, Rosie, Alfie 3, Annabella 7, Angelina 8, Cara 3, Robyn 2, Erica 4

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

Hope: Joseph, Harry 5, Annabella 6, Robyn

Tawny Owls

Endurance: Freddie-Joe 4, Scarlett 2, April, George 2, Rebecca 5, Olivia 5, Honey 3, Paul, Margaret 10, Ruby 3

Respect: Paddy 5, Freddie-Joe, Scarlett, April 3, Joseph, Albert 4, George, Rebecca 2, Casey 2, Olivia 4, Honey 5, Phoebe 2, Margaret 3, Hugh 2

Trust: Paddy 10, Freddie-Joe 2, Scarlett 2, April 3, Joseph 2, Albert 3, George 4, Rebecca 4, Casey 2, Olivia 8, Honey 5, Phoebe 6, Paul 4, Margaret 5, Ruby 4, Hugh 2

Hope: Paddy 3, Scarlett 2, April 2, George 2, Rebecca 2, Casey 2, Olivia, Honey 2, Margaret 2

Bronze Award

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



Respect: Annalise, Erica

Hope: Italia

Trust: Luke, Eileen

Silver Award

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



Endurance: Harry

Trust: Teddy, Rebecca, Phoebe

Gold Award

Well done to the following children for receiving their **Gold** Christian Value certificate after reaching 75 raffle tickets for:



Trust: Paddy

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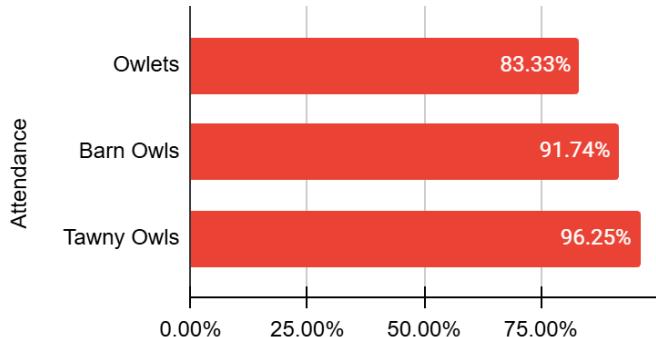


House Points

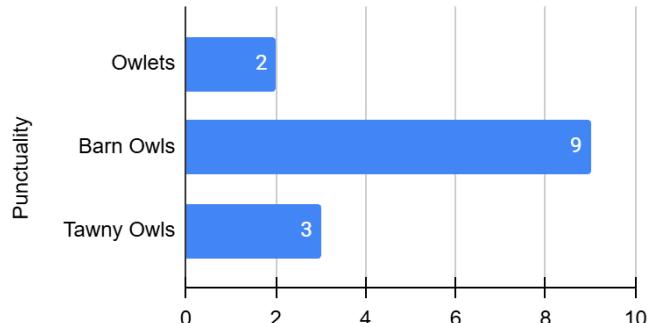
Doves	Eagles	Ravens
147	201	192
Term 2 Totals		
1234	1646	1190

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance



Punctuality



Congratulations to this week's attendance and punctuality winners!

This gave us a whole school attendance for this week of **90.74%**.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post box is now in reception if your child would like to send their classmates or friends any Christmas cards.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th December – Year R & 6 National Child Measurement Programme
 Thursday 11th December – Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
 Friday 12th December – FUS Christmas Fun Afternoon (£5-10 per child suggested spending money)
 Wednesday 17th December – Nativity at Ulcombe Church
 Friday 19th December – Last day of Term 2
 Monday 5th January – INSET Day (children not in school)
 Tuesday 6th January – Start of Term 3
 Wednesday 7th January – New Year R 2026 Open Morning (9:30am)
 Thursday 15th January – Census Day All Day Breakfast Menu