



# Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, Week 4

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## Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,  
Hope,  
Friendship,  
Wisdom and  
Trust

## Our Christian focus for this term is:

### Friendship

Our classes will focus on this value around school and in our collective worships, led by Mr Gillan and individual classes.

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## Bible Thought:

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted,

## This Week Mr Gillan

**Parent/Carer are next week – 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> – so please make sure you have arranged a time to meet with teachers.** They have sat together and apportioned time slots to families. We try and maintain a 10-minute timeframe and, should you need another time to speak further, please talk to your teacher. I will be on the bell and signal when 10mins is up. We will also be giving out a small survey to garner your opinions on school, so please do look out for that. It is important we get your voice in making school as effective as we can for all.

Our Christian Values is **Friendship**, this half term and, I will be celebrating those golden moments that go above-and-beyond our usual high standards:

**This week, I give thanks to Sienna, who is such a wonderful friend to many. Her kindness, patience and quiet humour is appreciated by so many – including our staff – at Thurlbear and I thank her for a wonderful attitude.**

It has been great to present these pupils with a message in our Friday Class Celebration Worships, this half term. The atmosphere has been wonderful and so great to share these moments, once again, with proud families. Psalm 133 tells us: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" and there is no better example than our Friday time.

**YEAR 6 NEWS:** A reminder to all Year 6 families that **the deadline for secondary applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October. You can find out more on Somerset County Website under 'admissions'.**

**PTA News: Christmas Cards** are beginning to come home, so you can organise your orders. Teachers will update you on individual Dojo or Tapestry messages.

## Safeguarding Mr Gillan, Mrs Moore, Mrs Carter

**You can find our latest safeguarding policy on the following link:**

**<https://www.thurlbear.somerset.sch.uk/parents/safeguarding/>**

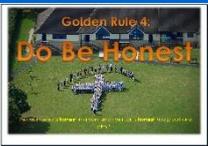
- Our County Safeguarding gave us a thorough audit of our documentation and it was a thorough and positive experience. We are always happy to take on board specific advice that can make any

forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

We are a proud part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells:

[www.bathandwells.org.uk](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk)

## School Prayer



incremental gains when it comes to safeguarding practices around school.

- Less than positive news is an update, from DfE, that Somerset has the highest authorised absence rate in the whole country. This brings an inevitable focus from government onto schools, to ensure that attendance is always encouraged and absence is respectfully investigated. Please do not be offended if our Office Team ask you for evidence of any absences, whether it is a whole or part of a day.

## The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

**Monday:** Years 5 and 6 Mixed Football Comp

**Tuesday:** New Parent 2024 Tours.

**Tuesday:** Year 6 Bikeability

**Tuesday:** Family Consultation Meeting

**Wednesday:** Year 6 Bikeability

**Thursday:** Year 6 Bikeability

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**Thursday:** Year 5 Magdalen Farm Visit

**Friday:** Year 6 Bikeability

**Friday:** Year 3 Celebration Worship