



# Thurlbear Matters

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Term 2, Week 1

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## Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,  
Hope,  
Friendship,  
Wisdom and  
Trust

Our Christian  
focus for  
this half  
term is

**TRUST**

“Trust in  
the Lord  
with all your  
heart...”

## Welcome Back

Mr Gillan

A huge welcome back from all of us, as we see in 2024 back at Thurlbear School. With a long term behind us, we look ahead to a Spring term full of opportunity and learning. Already, in only two days, I have seen numerous books full of quality writing, art and 'sticky knowledge' that the pupils have loved sharing.

On Thursday, subject leaders from Art, DT, history and geography, computing and PSHE met with pupils to get the Pupil Voice on our curriculum areas. It was a very fruitful session and we will share some of their comments with you in the near-future. What came shining through was the enthusiasm and attitude of our pupils and their enjoyment in a broad and balanced curriculum. The pupils were from a broad spectrum of our school and not cherry-picked to get the answers we were looking for. As we move into term 2, we will be listening further to those voices and adapting our offer to suit our learners.

I have already suggested to pupils that they speak with their **VALUES TEAM** classmates about what clubs they would like to see after half term. For this term, we have decided to stick with Mr Gunstone's clubs, as it is usually colder/darker weeks and we can then focus on widening our offer after half term.

Day	Club	Time	Years	Price	Teacher
Monday	Girls' Football	3:30 – 4:15	Years 3 to 6	<u>£15</u>	<u>Mr Gunstone</u>
Tuesday	Dodgeball / Netball / Basketball	3:30 – 4:15	Years 4 to 6	<u>£15</u>	<u>Mr Gunstone</u>
Wednesday	Street Surfing	3:30 – 4:15	Years 3 and 6	<u>£15</u>	<u>Mr Gunstone</u>
Thursday	Multi-sports	3:30 – 4:15	Years 1 and 2	<u>£15</u>	<u>Mr Gunstone</u>
Friday	Mixed Football	3:30 – 4:15	Years 3 to 6	<u>£15</u>	<u>Mr Gunstone</u>

These clubs will be for 5 weeks and please notice they will finish 15mins earlier, just so we can hand over pupils in better light. These clubs will be

next week on our payment system, so please pay in full **by next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January.**

Our church links have been a real strength in this academic year, and this will continue into Term 2. We have received this notification of Messy Church, **this Saturday.**



A fresh new way of experiencing church  
for families and individuals of ALL  
ages and stages

crafts & activities    stories & music    afternoon tea

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January from 3.30pm - 5pm**  
**Hatch Beauchamp Village Hall**

**Theme: Creation**

- 3.30pm - Doors Open - Welcome Activity
- 3.40pm - Celebration Time - Listen to a Bible Story & Sing together
- 4.00pm - Creative Time - Crafts & Games
- 4.30pm - Tea Time



Please book your space to attend by contacting [holly@SevenSowers.org](mailto:holly@SevenSowers.org)



Lunch menus have gone out today – **they need to be back by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**, please, or we cannot complete the order.

We still have some Christmas lights that families supplied for the grotto! If you gave us a set and would like them back, we have them stored away!

Teachers will be updating all families with their latest curriculum letters for this half term. These will be personalised to your children's classes and will include dates / areas for curriculum focus / top tips for the class and other information relevant for the class.

## Safeguarding Mr Gillan

Perhaps family members got a new phone and number for a present! If so, please let us have your updated numbers for our records. As stated before, we need at least 2 contacts for your child for our records.

You can find more information on safeguarding on our website:  
<https://www.thurlbear.somerset.sch.uk/parents/safeguarding/>