



# Thurlbear Matters

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Spring Term End of Week 8

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## Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,

Hope,

Friendship,

Wisdom and

Trust

## Our Christian focus for this term is:

### Thankfulness

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

### Bible Thought:

'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all

## Around School Mr Gillan

This first week back has seen the Thurlbear family reaction in full force. Your response to the Ukraine appeal has been incredible and it reflects the depth of feeling and support in our community. For our young pupils, it is no doubt a worrying time. Lots of them are talking about it in class and at break times and I hear "who" "why" and "where" questions across the school. It is a difficult subject and concept, especially for our youngest pupils. They have been faced with COVID and the resulting restrictions for more than 2 years, but this was something that they could directly experience. Many of them could understand it was a 'bug' that they could (and did!) catch or the adults in their lives could get; they understood why safety measures have been in place.

Conflict, though, is a very different concept and especially when it doesn't affect their daily lives, but they hear words like 'war' 'bombing' 'threat'. It can be a very worrying time. In school, we have:

- Focused on the Ukrainian families and the difficulty they face, so they have had a concrete representation of what can be done to help.
- Been careful with our own tone when talking, as children are adept at picking up the tenor of conversations.
- Made ourselves available to **any** child who has worries or questions and not dismissed **any** questions/opinions/worries.

The Diocese of Bath and Wells have a page dedicated to resources and support, should you need anything at home for discussion points:

[bathandwells.org.uk/how-do-you-talk-to-children-about-war.php](https://bathandwells.org.uk/how-do-you-talk-to-children-about-war.php)

There is also a prayer from Bishop Ruth and can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/2hgylUoSsQI> . I have the privilege of being a member of the Diocesan Board of Education with Bishop Ruth and she is a brilliant person and always finds the right words for the right time.

### Book Boost message from the PTA:

To coincide with World Book Day we are launching The Thurlbear Book Boost! 📖 The School have created a wish list of books which they would like to add to their existing collections. The list can be viewed and books purchased via Amazon. All books gifted to the School will have a book plate inserted in the front to display who donated them. Please ensure you

understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' The Bible, Philippians, chapter 4.

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

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purchase your books with Amazon Smile to help boost our fundraising efforts further!

To access the list either copy and paste the link below into your browser which will take you (hopefully) direct to Amazon or contact the PTA and we can send the link to you.

- Click the link
- Find the class list
- Purchase from Amazon Smile!
- Get it delivered to your home
- Send it in and we will insert a 'plate' to say who made the donation and recognise your generosity!

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/gxh1eYM...>

Thank you for supporting this new campaign!

### Lunch menus:

Our new lunch menu comes out Monday and will need to be back by THURSDAY **at the latest**, please!

### Parent/Carer Consultations:

We have our phone-consultations, next week, and the timetable looks like this:

<b>Monday</b>	Y2 and Y3
<b>Tuesday</b>	Foundation Stage, Y4, Y5 and Y6
<b>Wednesday</b>	Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y5
<b>Thursday</b>	Foundation Stage, Y1, Y3 and Y6

Your letters explain the process and the 'window' of time for the call!

### Heights and Weights Y6 and Foundation Stage only:

Just to be aware that you only need to return the form should you **NOT** wish for your child to take part on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

### After-School Sports Clubs

Mr Gunstone will be running after-schools sports clubs **WEEK BEGINNING 14<sup>th</sup> March**. This will be for 4 weeks and WILL include the final week. They will not start next week because of the consultations and we felt it could cause unnecessary complications! The slip will come home next week.

## The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

### CONSULTATION WEEK

**Tuesday:** Maths hub visiting school to see our work.

**Wednesday:** Y6 SATs Booster Group

**Thursday:** Yrs 1 – 6 Gymnastics Competition: B/C College Mr Gillan attending.