



# Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, Week 3

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## Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,  
Hope,  
Friendship,  
Wisdom and  
Trust

## Friendship is our focus, this half term.

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

## Online Resources and Safety:

1. [www.swiggle.org.uk](http://www.swiggle.org.uk)

## General Notices

Mr Gillan, Mrs Moore, Mrs Carter

- **A PTA letter is coming home, today (Friday) on pink paper. It gives an outline on the vital role it plays and what value it has added over last year. The PTA Annual General Meeting** will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm, in our school hall. At this meeting, roles will be voted in (such as PTA Chair!), reports on the previous year shared, and the plans ahead for 2022-23 will be discussed! It is a crucial meeting so, if you want to be part of this vital group, come along, have a listen and even come armed with any ideas to share. You will be most welcome.
- **PAYMENTS** for our after-school sports clubs are now due, please. Cash or cheque (made payable to Thurlbear School, please) are the options for payment, as our SIMS Pay is still experiencing issues. This problem is not exclusive to our school and I thank you for your understanding and patience.
- **It has still been warm**, this week, which has meant jumpers/cardigans have been off and lots of fun at breaktimes. Our Years 5 and 6 love to Hoover up any stranded jumpers at lunch and hand them back to pupils. They can't do this without a name! Please check you have your child's name in all clothing and we will endeavor to return it to its owner asap!
- **CLASS DOJO and Tapestry go from strength to strength.** There is so much on every class page that shows the engagement between home and school. Pictures, documents, information and discussions all feature heavily and each one gives a great snapshot of what goes on in school.
- **Most of our dates for this half term** – and a few beyond – now feature on our website front page.
- **Well done to the Chestnut and Rowan teaching team** for hosting 20+ trainee teachers for an afternoon, showing them exemplar phonics lessons. It was a very productive and successful time and our pupils were fantastic.

## Safeguarding

Mr Gillan

- **Thank you for filling in your consent forms and general information from home.** Please ensure we have **at least 2** contact numbers for your child (ideally, 3) so we have more options available to us.
- **FOOD ALLERGIES:** Please be vigilant with lunch boxes on a daily basis. As a reminder: **absolutely no egg or nut products**, please.

Safer online searching – it creates search lists from educational sites only. Please do give it a go at home, as it should bring up some very interesting sites for home projects / research.

3. <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/uk/> Some beautiful images and great facts on this National Geographic site.

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### Bible Thought:

“You welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim.”

Psalms 23

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# The Week(s) Ahead

Mr Gillan

Our 2023 family tours are now on our website calendar. If you know a family who is interested, get them to look at these dates

**Tuesday:** Family Tours 10am.

**Wednesday:** Tennis taster sessions all day

**Thursday:** Year 3 to Taunton Museum

**Thursday:** Family tours 2pm.

### Dates for Term 1

Harvest Celebration Worship 20<sup>th</sup> October (FS, Y1 and Y2) 9:15  
2:30pm Key Stage 2.

Parent Consultation Week – October 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

Individual portrait photos – 13<sup>th</sup> October

Bikeability (Year 6) – 10, 12, 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> October

Whole school flu vaccinations – 19<sup>th</sup> October

INSET Day 21<sup>st</sup> October

Christmas Play TBC

Christmas Carol Service Key Stage 2 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

Christmas Lunch TBC

**Dress Down Fridays:** They occur on the first school Friday of a new month. Here are the dates for the rest of the year:

7<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July.

There has been some brilliant science going on in school, this week. Here is year 6 mixing all the ingredients that we find in our blood! How many can you name?



At Thurlbear CoE VA Primary School, the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and volunteers to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.