



Thurlbear Matters

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Summer Term Week 3

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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and
Trust

Our Christian focus for this term is:

Wisdom

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

Bible Thought:

1 Corinthians 6:14:

"And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power."

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School Notices

Mr Gillan

- **Year 6** are on a well-deserved walk in the woods, today, after successfully traversing their SATs tests, this week. A huge well done to them for their energy, focus and commitment, as well as Miss Warrington and Mrs Scadden for their leadership! Next week, they head off for 5 days at Mendip Activity Centre.
- **It is another sporting announcement**, this time a huge well done to our cross-country runners Miles, Thomas, Noah, Josephine, Noah, Cornelia, Jack and Isabella, who have all recently attended an event and, I am delighted to announce, that the last 3 names have been invited to represent the Taunton and West Somerset area at the Somerset Inter Area Primary Schools Cross Country Competition on May 25th!
- **Our Office Team** have requested that families please ensure they have booked their children in through official routes and in a timely manner. This is important for safeguarding regarding our registers, so staff are aware of numbers and names.
- **Thank you** to those that turned up to the recent PTA Meeting and found out about our Summer Celebrations that are planned, as well as our potential return of the **Summer Disco** to be confirmed!



Safeguarding

Mr Gillan

The Government have updated their guidance on attendance of pupils at school. This includes statutory details on attendance codes, punctuality and expectations for families:

- It states: "Only exceptional circumstances warrant an authorised leave of absence. Schools should consider each application individually taking into account the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind the request." We try and work with **all families** to ascertain the reasons behind a pupil's absence and approach every discussion positively and on its own merits.
- "Schools should encourage parents to make appointments out of school hours. Where this is not possible, the pupil should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment." We ask every family to consider when appointments are planned for, but we also understand that some appointments are unavoidable in the current national circumstances. We ask **every family** to provide us with the appointment evidence should you be picking up early. This can come in the form of confirmation of an appointment. Without this, it will be classed as unauthorised.
- **Currently**, we are 96.6% for attendance, this year, which is well above national average, but we try and keep our engagement as high as we can. Our pupils enjoy coming to school and we should be encouraging that with everything we do and say throughout the week!

The Week Ahead

Mr Gillan

Year 6 Residential week

Monday: Year 6 leave for Mendip residential!

Tuesday: Selected Year 5 pupils attending a drama day

Tuesday: Year 5 After School Sports

Wednesday: Year 3 After School Sports

Thursday: Year 2 After School Sports

Thursday: Year 5 swimming

Thursday: Foundation Stage Multi Skills festival

Friday: Year 6 Residential returns

Friday: Year 1 After School Sport

