



# Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, Week 2

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## Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,  
Hope,  
Friendship,  
Wisdom and  
Trust

## Our Christian focus for this term is:

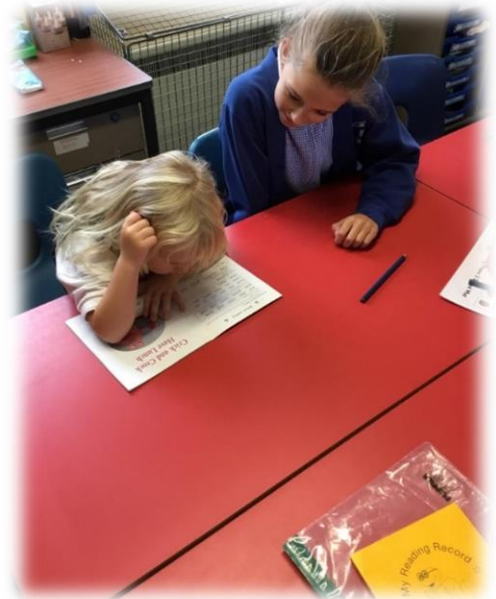
### Friendship

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

## Week 2 in words (and a few pictures!) Mr Gillan

**At the end of the last school year**, our Values Team met with Mrs Hetherington-Prissell – parent governor – to discuss ways in which we could improve the school from the point of view of our pupils. Our VT is a collection of pupils ranging from Year 2 to 6 – voted in by their peers – and tasked with ideas based on our 5 Christian values (see below!). One main request was the return **READING BUDDIES!**

“What is a reading buddy?” older year groups ‘buddy-up’ with younger pupils and both read **to** them as well as read **with** them. They share a love of a book, as well as learning names and personalities! Here, you can see Year 5 have buddies up with Year 1! Over the year, the relationship and bonds grow between the classes and memories are made. It deepens the reading experience and promotes a sense of achievement with words, stories and speaking and listening.



Year 5 have always been great supporters of the Churches Conservation Trust – a national charity that aims to protect churches at risk. This week, their officer came in to work on a mapping session and our pupils had a brilliant time learning about our locality using aerial photographs and OS maps. They found the position of our school in relation to Taunton and found St Thomas Church and what changes have occurred in our locality over

generations. These in-depth, practical sessions really help our pupils engage with their learning and adds creativity and variety to the curriculum. Thanks to Mrs Chedzoy for organising this.

### Our Christian Values:

**Thankfulness, Hope, Friendship, Wisdom and Trust**

We focus on these values in many of our Collective Worships and our Church visitors from the Seven Sowers benefice – Rev Joanna and her team – also uses

## Online Resources and Safety:

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

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.

2. <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> Resources for reading and other online 'bits'.

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

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these to keep us all united in thought and vision. In each half term, we look at a new value and classes lead their own Key Stage worship with this theme at its heart. Rev Joanna also sends us updates of Benefice worship in our local churches, which we then pass on to our families.

Your children are part of 4 church groups in our school:

### St Thomas, St Mary, St Michael and St Peter.

We use these groups at events, such as Sports Day and for Interhouse competitions!

Our VICE CAPTAINS (or joint captains!) have now been chosen and so a big well done to:

**Logan and Sophie, Harry and Scarlett, George and Daisy, Isaac and Summer!**

These pupils will lead their teams into competitions held throughout the school year.

## General Notices

Mr Gillan, Mrs Moore, Mrs Carter

- **Our governors play** a vital role in shaping the strategic vision of our school, holding me to account for the educational direction in which we travel, and liaising with all the Thurlbear community (including you, the families) on anything that you feel important. Mr Hurn is our Chair and he is supported by Mr Tomkins, Mrs Salter, Mrs Carter, Miss Kelloway, Mrs Linthorne, Mrs Hetherington-Prissell and Mr Duncan. Mrs Hill is our clerk and assists with the smooth running of meetings! Please check out our web page should you wish to know more.
- **Our (your) 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.
- Some information on clubs: Thanks for your patience regarding payments for clubs. Our online payment problems are ongoing, so we have a general appeal to, **please, pay for the clubs either by cash or cheque** (made payable to Thurlbear School) and a huge thanks to those that have already sent in cash. We appreciate that this is not ideal, but it is our best option until a solution is found by the company managing our online system. With some clubs disrupted for various reasons, we believe these are the accurate costings:  
Monday street surfing = £10, Tuesday football = £12, Wednesday Ukulele = £12, Wednesday football = £12, Thursday netball = £18, Thursday tag rugby = £12, Friday multi-skills = £10
- **There are currently SPACES in our Ukulele club!** If your child is Y3 to Y6 and would like them to join, get in touch asap. We have kept it as KS2 because the group is larger and some independence is needed to sustain the practice and focus as a whole group.
- **Uniform: Pre-loved.** The school has some used uniform that is in excellent condition. Families can access this at very low prices and Mrs Linthorne, both a parent and parent governor, kindly oversees this for us.

## Bible Thought:

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

Psalm 23

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

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

## VALUES TEAM:

Each year, we look to our pupils to help us create the ethos in our school, to drive the standards of behavior, attitude and spiritual development. A selection of pupils from each key stage 2 class will, once again, meet and discuss improving our school alongside the staff and parents.

# 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.
- **Just as a general reminder**, I (Mr Gillan) am the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Miss Kelloway is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Both Mrs Lucas and Mrs Moore have also had the relevant safeguarding lead training.
- **COVID is still here. This week, we have had 2 members of staff off with COVID and quite unwell.** Thank your for still being considerate of the vulnerable members of staff we have here at Thurlbear. If you find that you have the virus, we are happy to arrange a pick up / drop off system.

# The Week(s) Ahead Mr Gillan

- **Our PARENT TOURS for our 2022 intake begin next week.** If you know a family who is interested, get them to look at these dates:

### Dates available:

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 10am	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 10am	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 10am	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 10am	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm

**Ring our Office Team to book a place: 01823 442277**

**Monday:** designated Bank Holiday – school is closed.

**Tuesday:** Family Tours 10am.

**Tuesday:** Chestnut families' phonics session 2:30pm.

**Wednesday:** SCITT: trainee teachers visiting school to see good practice in phonics.

**Thursday:** Year 5 out at Magdalene farm.

**Thursday:** Family tours 2pm.

**Thursday:** Bishop Fox's opening Evening: 5:30pm

**Friday:** Multi-skills Years 1 and 2      Healthy Metres Matter Years FS, 1 and 2

### Dates for Term 1

**Harvest Celebration Worship (FS,Y1 and Y2) 9:15 20<sup>th</sup> October    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 Services TBC**

**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>st</sup> July.**

