



# Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, Week 4

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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)

## Learning Updates

Mr Gillan, Mrs Moore, Mrs Carter

- **Great photos from Hazel Class and their time at Taunton Museum!**



- **Class dojo in every class is full of great things that are going on in classrooms across the school.** Some of the photos and comments from teachers really give you an insight into what goes on day-to-day in our lessons. From making poo in (Y4) Willow Class (yes, really) , to some brilliant paragraphs of writing in year Rowan Class (Y1), the breadth of the

curriculum has been on show all half term, so far. Who knew that Thurlbear comes from Old English for 'hill with a hollow'?! Well, I can tell you every pupil in Pine (Y5) knew! This featured on their Celebration Worship, last Friday.



**A parent has asked: "Can we come back in and watch the celebrations, as we did pre-pandemic?"** and this is a very fair request. Firstly, I have to have the hall reassessed with health and safety and fire regulations, as a whole school, with children and staff, plus a whole set of class families and families of workers of the week, equals many bodies in and there will be a safe limit that

has to be adhered to. Secondly, our end of day has changed dramatically since we held these worships for families and a solution would need to be found for when it is Year 6 and Year 2's turn, as they would need to park cars – and we all remember the days past where

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.natgeokids.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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families would be parked all the way past the farm and towards Thurlbear Straight and you wouldn't get away until 3:50! So, please leave this with me **and in the meantime**, we will try and video parts of the worship and post them into Dojo stories for the families to enjoy. I hope you feel that this is a good compromise at the moment.

- **Please remember** to register your child for the flu vaccinations. More information can be found in a previous post:  
<https://www.thurlbear.somerset.sch.uk/somerset-saints-re-flu-vaccinations/>
- **DRESS DOWN FRIDAY and charity thoughts:** Next week is our Dress Down Friday and, with your agreement, I would love us to support 2 fantastic 'things'.....
  1. **St Margaret's Hospice.** This wonderful place has been played a wonderful part in the support of some Thurlbear families in the recent past and next Friday is their 'Wear Yellow' charity day...
  2. **One of our brilliant pupils – Barnaby** – is passionate about raising money for a very personal charity. He was born with a cleft lip and palate and has received the most amazing care and support through the three operations he's needed. It upsets him that this isn't the case for everyone and he wants to raise much-needed funds to help others that haven't been as lucky, just because they don't live in the UK. He wants to raise money for those in the developing world to have the same chance as him. He has already raised £865!

**My thought is that we can split the Dress Down Friday money between these two brilliant efforts.** If you are happy to support, please bring any contribution in and WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW! It can be a hairband, a sock – anything! Just **please** don't go out and buy something!

## Safeguarding Mr Gillan

**Next week**, I will send out new information from our Somerset Safeguarding Board about clamping down on term time holidays across the County and the rise of term-time fines being imposed by Education Safeguarding Officers. Please think carefully before you take any holidays in term time. As we were told in a safeguarding briefing: "The excuse that 'we had planned this and the COVID came' is not a good enough reason to miss education."

## The Week(s) Ahead Mr Gillan

**Next week, we will publish the letter detailing plans for our Family Consultations to be held in school, this year. This will include your sign-up form and guidance for families with siblings in school.**

**Tuesday:** Family Tours 10am.

**Thursday:** Cricket taster sessions

**Thursday:** Family tours 2pm.

**Thursday:** PTA AGM 6pm in the school hall.

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

