



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Anti-bullying Week: Monday 11th November – Friday 15th November 2024

Monday 11th November marks the start of national Anti-Bullying Week. At Spalding Parish Church of England Day School we use this week as an opportunity to help our school shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year.



Choose Respect

The theme this year is 'Choose Respect'. Of course, we won't like everyone and we don't always agree, but we can respond respectfully. As part of this we hope to empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree whilst also reminding adults to lead by example, online and offline. Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives - it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'.

We know that the term 'respect' can mean different things to different people. When we talk about respect, we talk about showing that you value someone, including valuing their feelings, views, and opinions, even if they differ from yours. We also talk about accepting and understanding others, giving them the same consideration you would expect for yourself.

The aims of this week are:

- To understand the school definition of bullying;
- To think about how you can support someone you see being bullied;
- To explore the idea of dealing with disagreements and falling out with others respectfully;
- To explore the idea of kindness and how we can spread kindness throughout school life.

Bringing an end to Bullying

At SPCEDS we use the DfE's definition of Bullying: *"behaviour by an individual or a group, repeated over time that intentionally hurts another individual either physically or emotionally"*.



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As part of this we use the 'STOP' acronym to help children remember the definition of bullying. During the week we will be reminding the children to develop the use of the same acronym to help children remember the actions they need to take.

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Spalding Parish is committed to ensuring an anti-bullying culture where the bullying of any individual is not tolerated in any form.



Odd Socks Day

As part of Anti-Bullying week, we will also be celebrating Odd Socks Day. This year Odd Socks Day is taking place during Anti-Bullying Week on Tuesday 12th November, to avoid a clash with Armistice Day.

Odd Socks Day is intended to be fun! It is an opportunity to celebrate difference and uniqueness and to value and appreciate the style and character of others. It is a chance for schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils and staff to wear odd socks to school. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. All you need to do to take part is wear odd socks, it could not be simpler! We look forward to seeing the odd socks on display this year.

Andy and the Odd Socks



Andy and the Odd Socks are one of the most popular bands for young children in the UK. Stars of the wacky comedy drama 'Andy and the Band' currently on CBeebies and CBBC, the Odd Socks are always there to help their fans along the way and of course save the day...in their own inimitable way. Fronted by Andy Day, one of the most popular children's TV personalities, the Odd Socks are all about fun and laughter, but more importantly they deliver a message of individuality, acceptance and tolerance.

Which is what being an Odd Sock is all about... because everyone is different and that's good. As part of the Anti-Bullying campaign and Odd Socks Day Andy and the Odd Socks have written another toe-tapping masterpiece song this year called 'Choose Respect'.

As a parent or carer, you are a vital piece of the puzzle in tackling bullying. You have a unique role to play in guiding and supporting your child through their school years and there are many positive steps you can take to help keep your child safe from bullying and harm.

As parents and carers, we all want our children to be happy and safe, and it is natural to worry about bullying - particularly if we have experienced bullying ourselves or think our child may be more vulnerable to bullying. The good news is you are not alone! The Anti-Bullying Alliance and its members are here to work with children, families, and schools to help keep children safe. This year they have developed a FREE Parent and Carer Pack to help you bring Anti-Bullying Week 2024 and Odd Socks Day to life at home and can be accessed [here](#). This resource will help you start the conversation about bullying no matter the age of your child and give you other ideas about anti-bullying at home.

We look forward to 'Choosing Respect' and hope you will support us in our endeavours. If you do have any questions or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

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