St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

part of *St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi-Academy Trust*

"Lord be thy word my rule."

Principal: Mrs H. Rigby BSc(Hons), PGCE, NPQH

Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 1EL

Telephone: 01782 367267

Email: office@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk

Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Anti-Bullying Week: Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November 2026

Odd Socks Day: Monday 16th November

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, the national theme for the week this year is **"Break the Silence".**

This year's campaign - Break the Silence - will encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.

Each class will take part in different activities and lessons throughout the week to discuss and share ideas about Anti-Bullying and focus on how we can actively break the silence on bullying.

To celebrate the fact that we are all unique, we are asking children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 16th November. This fun and positive activity sends an important message to pupils, that everyone should be free to be themselves, without fear of bullying.

You can find more information from the Anti-Bullying Alliance Anti-Bullying Alliance: https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/

If you ever have any concerns about your child please speak to any member of staff, but in particular please see Mrs Rigby or Miss Hancock. Miss Hancock, our family support worker and safeguarding officer, works with any individual child or groups of children where issues have arisen. Miss Hancock will work closely with you to ensure your child feels safe at school and will aim to resolve any issues that may be present with your child and either their friends or other children in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Rigby
Principal