



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

"Lord be thy word my rule."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Odd Socks Day: Tuesday 12th November

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, the national theme for the week this year is "Choose Respect".

During the week, our School Council will be leading an assembly looking at what bullying is, what respect is and how we can choose respect. We will look at who we can talk to about any worries that we have.

Each class will take part in different activities and lessons throughout the week to discuss and share ideas about Anti-Bullying, respect for ourselves and for others.

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Tuesday 12th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. It is supported by CBeebies presenter & ABA patron Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

You can find more information from the 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 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
