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Thursday 12th November 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

National Anti-Bullying Week: 16–20 November 2026

Next week, Herbert Morrison Primary School will be joining schools across the country to mark **National Anti-Bullying Week**, organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year's theme is **"Break the Silence"**, encouraging everyone to speak up, listen and take action against bullying.

We invite all children to **wear odd socks on Monday 16th November** to celebrate individuality and the differences that make us all special. Throughout the week, children will take part in assemblies, class activities and lunchtime banner and poster making, exploring kindness, respect, inclusion and the importance of speaking up.

What is bullying?

The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as:

"The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power."

Bullying can be physical, verbal or emotional, and can happen face-to-face or online. We will help children understand the difference between bullying, friendship disagreements and one-off unkind incidents, while reinforcing that **all unkind behaviour matters and should be reported**.

As a **UNICEF Rights Respecting School**, our work links closely to **Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**, which states that every child has the right to protection from violence, harm and abuse. We want every child to know that they have the right to feel safe, to be heard and to receive support.

Please support us by talking with your child about kindness, including others and, most importantly, **breaking the silence by telling a trusted adult if they experience or witness bullying**.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make Herbert Morrison a safe, happy and welcoming school for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Moorcroft
Deputy Headteacher
On behalf of Herbert Morrison Primary School