HARLAXTON C of E (Controlled) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that we will be taking part in the national 'Anti-bullying week' from Monday 16th – Friday 20th November 2026.

The theme this year is 'Break the silence'

This Anti-Bullying Week we focus on the theme of silence. Silence can surround bullying. Someone experiencing bullying may find it difficult to tell anyone what is happening. A witness may see or hear something and remain quiet. People who bully can also be silent about what they are doing, why they are doing it, or what may be happening in their own lives. Breaking that silence creates opportunities to understand what is happening and to change it.

We define bullying as *"The repetitive, unprovoked, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online"* During the week our pupils will be undertaking lessons to discuss what bullying is and taking part in activities connected to this year's theme. Pupils will be empowered to do something positive. Pupils will be linking this to our school vision of 'Together we can' and how as a school we can encourage, nurture and support each other.

To mark anti-bullying week, we would like to join the national 'Odd socks' campaign. It is a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique. **Children are invited to wear odd socks with their normal school uniform on Monday 16th November.**

Kind Regards,

Mrs L Orme

Head of School