

Anti-bullying week is run by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, a coalition of organisations and individuals that are united against bullying. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2019 is 'Change Starts With Us'.



We know it's important to make sure children feel happy and safe at school and online, so we've decided to join in with the Anti-Bullying Week (11th-15th Nov) to help start the anti-bullying conversation and promote kindness.

Next week children will have a year group assembly linked to Anti-Bullying awareness and they will also take part in special P4C sessions as part of our 'Interfaith Week' which is also taking place next week. The two ideas are linked as we will be focusing on respect, tolerance and acceptance of others. For us at Shirley Junior School we want to promote positive attitudes towards accepting differences and welcoming individuals.

Our key message alongside 'Change starts with us', is:



Everyone is unique and we want to celebrate not discriminate. Next Tuesday is 'Odd Sock Day' and SJS would like to take part. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler! Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! It would be great to see parents on the playground at drop off and pick up also wearing odd socks and joining in with these very important messages.

