



Wednesday 11th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**On Friday 20th March**, our school will be marking **World Down Syndrome Day**, a global day of awareness that celebrates people with Down syndrome and promotes understanding, inclusion and kindness.

World Down Syndrome Day takes place on the 21st day of the 3rd month because people with Down syndrome have three copies of chromosome 21. The day is recognised around the world to raise awareness, celebrate the achievements and contributions of people with Down syndrome, and promote equal rights, inclusion and opportunities for all.

This day is particularly meaningful for our school community as we have a child in Reception with Down syndrome. We believe it is important for all children to learn about celebrating differences and recognising that everyone brings something special to our school.

To help us celebrate, we are inviting all children to come to school wearing **brightly coloured, mismatched (odd) socks** on the day. Wearing odd socks is a fun way to start conversations about how being different is something to be proud of and celebrated.

During the day, children will attend an assembly to increase awareness and will take part in simple activities and discussions appropriate for their age. These will help them understand the importance of inclusion, friendship and respecting everyone.

If you would like to support this important cause, you can donate to Down Syndrome International using the following link: <https://donorbox.org/dsi-donate-today>

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a caring and inclusive school environment.

Kind regards,

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