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Federation Newsletter 7

Autumn Term 2026

Focus Value: Forgiveness/Respect
'A strong community is built on forgiveness when mistakes are made and respect for one another every day. When we choose both, we help everyone feel valued, understood and able to grow'.

Anti-Bullying Week 2026: Break the Silence



From **Monday 16th to Friday 20th November**, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week 2026, coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year's theme is "Break the Silence", encouraging children and adults alike to speak up, listen, and take action when they witness or experience bullying. The campaign highlights the importance of creating a culture where everyone feels safe, valued, and confident to seek help when they need it.

We will begin the week by recognising **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 16th November 2026**. Children are invited to come to school wearing their usual school uniform and, if they wish, a pair of odd socks to celebrate individuality and the things that make each of us unique. Participation is entirely optional, and there is no requirement for children to wear odd socks.

Throughout the week, pupils will take part in a range of activities designed to promote kindness, respect, and inclusion. We will hold a dedicated Anti-Bullying Assembly and an Online Safety Assembly, helping children understand how to stay safe both in school and online. In addition, classes will explore anti-bullying themes through their PSHE lessons, developing their understanding of positive relationships, respectful behaviour, and how to seek support if they are worried about themselves or others.

At the Federation, we are committed to ensuring that every child feels safe, supported, and able to thrive. Anti-Bullying Week provides an important opportunity for us all to reflect on how our words and actions can make a positive difference and help create a community where everyone feels they belong.



Congratulations Weekly Stars

Saplings
Everyone

Elm
Ciaran, Tommy & Clementine

Birch
Ava, Riley & Noah

Cedar
Lillianna, Bonnie & Leo

Oak
Lloyd, Payton & Harmony

Rowan
Chester & Ella

Willow
Fiorella & Yvie

Hazel
Ben & Jonah

Chestnut
Leah & Ethan

Sycamore
Sophie & Lauren



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Courageous Advocacy in Action

We are incredibly proud of one of our pupils who is demonstrating **Courageous Advocacy** by raising money for the **Little Princess Trust**.

The Little Princess Trust provides free, real-hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. The charity also funds vital childhood cancer research to help improve treatments and outcomes for young people.

To support this wonderful cause, Willow has bravely decided to have their hair cut and donated to the Little Princess Trust while also raising funds for the charity. We are delighted to support their efforts and celebrate the compassion, courage and kindness they are showing to others.

If you would like to support Willow and donate, please use the QR code below.

We wish Willow the very best of luck and thank our school community for supporting this inspiring act of courageous advocacy.

Children in Need 2026



A huge thank you to everyone for your support of Children in Need today. It has been wonderful to see so many spots, bright colours and smiles across the Federation as we came together to support this fantastic cause.

If you would still like to make a donation, please use the link below:

Donate here:

https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/default-2

Thank you for helping us make a difference for children and young people across the UK.



NUT FREE ZONE REMINDER

As a gentle reminder, we try to remain a nut-free site as much as we can. To help keep all children safe, please ensure that any snacks or packed lunches brought onto school premises do not contain nuts or nut products.

SAFEGUARDING

At South Petherton Schools Federation, we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously. If you have a concern, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Shan Weston or one of our Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Miss Charlotte White, Mrs Cath Hudson, Mrs Ali Chapple, Miss Lucy May or Miss Hannah Wakely. Alternatively, you can telephone Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224.

DATA

Please can all parents and carers ensure that the data held at the schools is accurate. Please send any changes in writing to the School Office.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Shan Weston - Excutive Headteacher