Thursday 5th November 2026

Children in Need

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to share some details about the upcoming fundraising day that we are holding to support Children in Need. Children in Need is a fantastic charity that supports children in the communities where we live. They fund people to support in family centres, community spaces, youth clubs and refuges, homeless shelters, hospices and helplines. This event has been discussed and planned by our school council team and will be held on **Friday 13th November.**

Children across the UK are facing greater challenges than ever, with mental health conditions such as anxiety rising and high levels of poverty leading to inequality & lack of opportunity. To help raise funds for Children in Need, we will be giving the children the opportunity to make a small **voluntary** donation on Friday 13th November. Our school council will come round to each class to collect any of your kind donations. We understand many of our school community will have already made a donation to the charity in their own way so there is no expectation for the children to bring any money in.

At the heart of this year's Appeal is **Challenge Yourself 2026**, BBC Children in Need's flagship fundraising campaign. People of all ages are being encouraged to create a challenge inspired by the number 26 and raise money to help children and young people thrive. We are excited to be getting involved in this and we invite your child to come to school wearing a yellow accessory – e.g. a ribbon, yellow socks or a Children in Need accessory. This is completely optional.

To make this day even more exciting and fun-filled, the school council have decided to set each class the challenge of learning a **26 Step Dance Challenge for 2026!** This will take place every day from the week commencing 8th November and will involve watching a 2–3-minute video and then learning 5 moves that the Strictly Come Dancing professional dancers teach them to the song Dynamite by BTS.

Each class will then have a competition between the 4 house teams, with the teacher and the school councillors for that class judging the winners. They will have a paddle each, where they can write their score on and reveal it after each dance. The winning house will earn 50 house points. The overall house winners across the school will win an extra 260 house points as a Glitter ball trophy prize. This will be announced in assembly on the following Monday.

We hope you will agree that we have a fantastic day planned by the school council, and we look forward to seeing the children performing their dances.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Astley via a.astley@cvps.omegamat.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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