



# Alfie's Story

*By Alfie's parents*



Today marks World Down Syndrome Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness and celebrating the lives and achievement of individuals with Down Syndrome. In honour of this special day, we want to shine a spotlight on Alfie, an incredible young person who inspires everyone around him.

Let's celebrate Alfie today and every day, and continue to advocate for a more inclusive world for individuals with Down syndrome. Please take a moment to read Alfie's story.

Alfie has Down syndrome and faces challenges with everyday tasks that others may find easy. However, if you know Alfie, you'll see that he tackles everything life throws at him with a positive attitude and a smile on his face!



Children and adults with additional needs require strong support to thrive, and we couldn't be more grateful for the incredible staff at Hillside First School. Since Alfie started in September, he has made tremendous progress, and it's all thanks to their dedication and care.



Alfie also faces some medical difficulties, and even a common cold can be harder for him to manage. Communication can be challenging, but he uses Makaton (a form of sign language) to express his needs and wants.

Every year on March 21st, we celebrate the amazing abilities of children with Down syndrome. One of our traditions is wearing our brightest, most colourful, or mismatched socks to mark the occasion!