

Amotherby Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a brand-new term at school! We hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed some special time with friends and family. The children have come back full of energy, smiles and enthusiasm, and we are really looking forward to the learning, opportunities and experiences ahead.

Termly Dates

We have lots of exciting events and activities planned for this term. A full list of key dates is attached to this newsletter and will also be displayed on the noticeboard at the front of school. If you are ever unsure about a date, please follow the link to our school website calendar, which is always kept up to date. This is the best place to check for any changes or additions.

[Amotherby Community Primary School - Calendar](#)

School Values Week - 9th February 2026

This term we will be celebrating our very special School Values Week, Throughout the week, children will explore each of our school values in fun and meaningful ways. They will take part in lessons and activities focused on aspiration, including creating their own “*When I grow up I want to be...*” aspiration postcards — something we will revisit every year as they grow and dream bigger! Everyone will also have the chance to learn a new skill (achieve) and take part in lots of exciting, active learning challenges. It promises to be an inspiring, memorable week.

School Staffing and TA Support

We want to update you on some recent changes to our staffing structure. Over the past year, although our school has grown in numbers overall, we have still been significantly below our maximum pupil capacity. This, combined with the current funding pressures faced by schools across the country, means we have had to make the difficult decision to reduce the number of TA support hours in school.

This is not unique to us — you will have seen in the news that many schools nationally are facing similar financial challenges. However, we want to emphasise that our vision remains positive and ambitious. Our clear aim is to continue growing our school to its full capacity, strengthening what we do well, and maintaining our positive trajectory as we move forward.

Our governors and leadership team will keep provision under continual review and will always strive to ensure the very best support, opportunities and outcomes for every child in our school.

PE Days and Uniform

A reminder that children should wear correct PE uniform on their PE days. As pupils are in PE kit for two out of the five school days, it is important that it remains smart and in line with our uniform policy.

If a child is not in the correct PE kit, they will be asked to wear school-provided spare kit for that session. Thank you for helping us maintain high standards while keeping children ready for active learning.

Spring Term PE

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Wednesday	Wednesday Friday	Monday Friday	Monday Tuesday	Tuesday Thursday	Wednesday Thursday	Monday Wednesday

Reading at School

A huge thank you to all pupils and parents for your brilliant support with reading. We are so pleased to see children reading more frequently, challenging themselves with more demanding texts and developing real enjoyment and confidence. We will continue to build on this fantastic reading culture across the school.

The monies raised from the Christmas Nativity and Sparkle & Song collection buckets (£474) will be used to buy new reading books for classrooms — thank you so much for your generosity. These resources will make a real difference.

A Wonderful Start to the Year

We were delighted to welcome a fantastic performance of “Beauty and the Beast” into school this week. The children absolutely loved it — what a wonderful way to begin the new year! A big thank you to the PTA for funding this exciting experience and for organising the brilliant bake sale at the end of last term. We are very grateful to everyone who baked, helped, and supported — your generosity makes such a difference.

Morning Arrival Reminder

We would like to remind parents and carers that children should not arrive on the school site before 8.30am, as this is when staff are on duty and able to supervise. We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving on their own before this time, when there is

unfortunately no staff available to ensure their safety. For safeguarding reasons, children should only come onto the school site once staff are present. We really appreciate your support in helping us keep everyone safe.

Class Pages and Curriculum Information

A reminder that information about what your child is learning this half term can be found on the class pages on our school website. These pages include photos from trips, visits and general classroom learning, giving you a lovely insight into school life. We are working hard to ensure these pages are updated more regularly than they have been so we will be adding more information in the upcoming weeks. Please follow this link and do keep checking back for updates throughout the term.

[Amotherby Community Primary School - Class Hubs](#)

Young Voices – Friday 30th January

Young Voices will be taking place on Friday 30th January in Sheffield for our **Year 5 and Year 6 pupils**. Young Voices is a nationally recognised event where children from schools across the country come together to form a huge choir and perform at a professional concert venue – it is always a memorable and exciting experience for those involved. If your child is in year 5 or 6 then please keep an eye out for more details coming next week.

We are really looking forward to a busy, positive and successful term together. As always, if you need anything, please get in touch — we are here to help.

Whole School Attendance	97.3%
Week Commencing 15.12.25	

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Week Commencing 5.1.26	

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs L Wade

