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School Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year, and it has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school. The children have returned with such enthusiasm, excitement and a real readiness to learn. There is already a fantastic atmosphere around school, and we are looking forward to all that the year ahead will bring.

A particularly special welcome goes to our new pupils in EYFS, who have made a fantastic start to school life. It has been a joy to see them settling into their new routines, making friends and becoming familiar with their classroom and the wider school. We are incredibly proud of how confidently they have begun their school journey, and we know that they will continue to flourish over the coming weeks.

Working Together

As always, we want to remind families that our door is always open. We value the strong relationships we have with our parents and carers and believe that working together is essential in ensuring the very best outcomes for every child.

There are lots of ways to speak to us. EYFS Parents can contact staff through Tapestry and for all other year groups we will continue to use Class Dojo, you can catch me or Miss Cooper, our Assistant Headteacher, on the gate in the morning, or speak directly to our EYFS team at the classroom gate. Alternatively, if you would prefer a longer or more private conversation, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Please never feel that you have to wait if you have a question, concern or something you would like to share with us. We all want the same thing – for our children to be happy, safe, confident and successful.

Open Mornings

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our Open Mornings on **Friday 18th September** and **Thursday 24th September**. Both sessions run from **9.30am – 10.30am**.

If you know anyone who is considering a school place for **September 2027**, or perhaps for a future year beyond that, please do encourage them to come along and see our school for themselves. We would be very grateful if you could pass the information on to friends, neighbours or other families who may be beginning to think about their child's primary school.

Welcome to Miss Newham and Miss Philps

We are also delighted to welcome two new members of our teaching team this year. Miss Newham has joined us in Year 2, and Miss Philps has joined us in Year 4. We are thrilled to have them as part of our school team and know that our children and families will give them a very warm welcome.

Our Ofsted Report

We are incredibly proud to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place in June 2026. The report recognises many of the things that make Amotherby Community Primary School such a special place to learn and grow.

There are some wonderful comments about our children and the culture we have created together. Inspectors described behaviour around school as exemplary, highlighting the deeply embedded routines, high expectations and highly positive attitudes to learning. They noted that pupils are eager to learn, older pupils act as positive role models and classrooms are calm, focused and free from disruption.

The report also recognises the progress we have made in strengthening our curriculum. Inspectors praised our broad and well-sequenced curriculum, our approach to developing reading, writing and mathematics, and the positive progress pupils are making from their individual starting points. Reading was a particular strength, with inspectors noting that “pupils are proud and avid readers.”

We were also pleased that inspectors recognised the hard work of our staff, governors and wider school community in addressing the areas identified at our previous inspection. They commented positively on the collaborative working across the school and noted that leaders have high aspirations for all pupils, staff and the whole school community. Parents were also recognised as being “very positive about the school.”

Of course, there is always more to do, and we welcome the areas identified for further development. We will continue to build on the strengths highlighted in the report, ensuring that teaching is consistently strong and that children develop deep and connected knowledge across all areas of the curriculum.

I would like to thank our wonderful children, staff, governors and, most importantly, our families for their continued support. This report is a reflection of the whole school community and the part that everyone plays in making Amotherby such a positive place to be.

PE Days and Kit

A reminder that on PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit. This means that we can make the most of our PE lessons and maximise the amount of time children have being active, rather than using valuable lesson time getting changed.

Please also remember that PE kit should meet our school expectations and should be smart, practical and appropriate for school. We ask that children wear the correct school PE kit, including appropriate footwear, and that jewellery is removed in accordance with our PE and safety requirements.

Further information about our PE kit expectations can be found on the school website (Uniform section under the Parents tab). We would encourage parents and carers to have a look if they are unsure about any aspect of the uniform or PE kit.

Class PE Days

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Wed	Tues Thurs	Wed Fri	Thurs Wed	Mon Fri	Mon Tues	Tuesday Fri

Dates for Your Diary

We have attached our dates sheet for the term, which includes all of the key events, meetings and activities taking place over the coming weeks. We hope that this will help families plan ahead and ensure that you are able to join us for as many of our school events as possible.

Please keep the dates sheet somewhere handy and check the school website regularly, as we will continue to share reminders and further information throughout the term.

We also have our school notice board at the front of school with lots of ‘need to know’ information.

Benedict's Law and Nut Awareness

The safety and wellbeing of our children is always our highest priority. This year, we have been particularly mindful of *Benedict's Law*, and staff have completed specific training to ensure that we are well prepared to respond appropriately to serious allergic reactions.

As part of this work, the school now holds emergency adrenaline pens, and staff have been trained in their appropriate use. We will continue to ensure that our procedures and staff knowledge are kept up to date so that we can respond quickly and confidently should an emergency arise.

We would also like to reinforce our expectations around allergies and remind everyone that we are a **nut-aware school**. We ask all families to take particular care when preparing food and snacks for school and to ensure that products containing nuts are not brought onto the school site. This is an important part of keeping members of our school community safe.

We are a NUT AWARE School



Attendance

As we begin the new school year, we will continue to place a strong focus on attendance, as regular attendance is so important for children's learning, progress and wellbeing. As in previous years, I will continue to share attendance data in the school newsletter, including our overall school attendance and attendance figures for each class, so that we can celebrate our successes and identify where we may need to improve. As a reminder, good attendance means being in school every day and on time, wherever possible. Our aim is for all children to achieve **97% attendance**, which means missing no more than around 7 school days across the year. Every day really does count, and we thank parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring that children arrive at school on time and ready to learn.



Good Attendance = Better Learning, Brighter Futures

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no more than around
6 school days
across the year.



Good attendance helps children to:

- ✓ make progress
- ✓ build confidence
- ✓ develop friendships
- ✓ feel happier and healthier



Remember...

Even a few days
missed can make
a big difference
to learning
and progress.



Thank you!

We really appreciate
your continued
support in helping
our children achieve
great attendance.

⇒ Every day in school really does count! ⇐