Amotherby Community Primary School



School Prospectus

A warm welcome from the Headteacher

On behalf of the children, staff and governors, I would like to welcome you to Amotherby Community Primary School.

We are a one-form entry school in the village of Amotherby situated just outside of Malton. We are a small school with a big heart, providing a safe and welcoming learning environment that encourages strong and positive relationships with pupils and parents.

Our vision – Active – Aspire – Achieve is at the heart of all that we do. Through offering varied and rich learning experiences in our curriculum, we are able to enthuse our pupils and develop a curiosity and thirst for learning.

We have a strong and dedicated team of teachers, teaching assistants and support staff that help us to achieve our vision

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our amazing school. If you have any questions before then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Lucy Wade

Headteacher

Active

Aspire

Achieve



Our School

At Amotherby School, we are proud to be a one-form entry school that offers a nurturing, inclusive, and close-knit community. Every child is known, valued, and supported to thrive—both in their learning and in their personal development.

Our dedicated and passionate team of staff is committed to delivering high-quality education that inspires every child to flourish. We blend traditional values with a forward-thinking approach, guided by our core principles: **Active, Aspire, Achieve.** These values are embedded in all aspects of school life, shaping a rich and rewarding learning experience for every pupil.

We believe education is about more than just academic success—it's about fostering curiosity, building confidence, and nurturing a strong sense of belonging. With a friendly and supportive environment, we aim to provide the perfect foundation for your child's educational journey.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Amotherby family.

Ethos and Values



Our School Building



We are situated in the beautiful rural village of Amotherby near Malton. We are very lucky to have excellent outdoor learning facilities. This includes outdoor classrooms, an eco-garden, two large playgrounds and a very big field! Being active is at the heart of all we do and our children enjoy being outdoors as much as possible

At Amotherby School, our Forest School sessions provide children with the opportunity to explore, learn, and thrive in a natural outdoor environment. Through activities such as den building, nature crafts, and team challenges, pupils develop confidence, resilience, and a sense of adventure. Forest School encourages curiosity and independence while fostering a deep respect for the natural world.





Our **Eco Garden** is a well-established and much-loved part of school life at Amotherby. It provides a wonderful outdoor space where children can connect with nature, learn about sustainability, and enjoy hands-on experiences such as planting, growing, and observing wildlife. and the importance of caring for the world around them.

Our School Staff



Mrs L Wade - Headteacher



Miss Cooper - AHT & SENCo

Teaching Team



Miss Malley (EYFS)



Mrs Chaplin (Year 1)



Miss Cooper (Year 1)



Miss Newham (Year 2)



Miss Harrison (Year 3)



Miss Philps (Year 4)



Mrs Stevenson (Year 4)



Miss Douthwaite (Year 5)



Mrs Richmond (Year 6)



Mrs Bestwick-Rolph (Year 6)

Teaching Assistants



Mrs Cox



Mrs Farrow



Mrs Gleave



Mrs Lee

Office Team





Mrs Swift - Senior Office Administrator

Mrs Barnes - Office Administrator

Lunchtime Team



Mrs Cox



Mrs Farrow



Mrs Foster



Mrs Gerrity



Mrs Gleave



Mrs Lee

Kitchen Team



Mrs Wilkie - Cook



Ms Cartwright Assistant Cook



Mr Lamb - Caretaker

Cleaning Team



Mr Lamb



Mrs Gerrity



Mrs Young

Our School Governors

School Governors are volunteers who guide and support the direction of the school. They are committed members of the school team and their contributions are valued.

The Governing Board provide strategic leadership and accountability. There are three core functions:

- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure money is well spent.
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

Our governing body is made up of the Headteacher, 2 parent governors, 4 co-opted governors, 1 staff governor and one local authority governor.

Our Governing Body Members

Head Teacher/Ex-Officio	Mrs L Wade
Chair of Governors/parent governor	Mr S Morris
Co-Opted Governor	Mrs S Jillings
Co-Opted Governor	Mr J Trowsdale
Co-Opted Governor	Mr M Smith
Co-Opted Governor	Mr P Frith
Parent Governor	Mr J Owen
Staff Governor	Mrs K Richmond
Local Authority Governor	Mrs V Baxter

Admissions

Applications for school places and admissions should be made to North Yorkshire Council, irrespective of the time of year. Applications are to be completed online at: www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions. Following your application, the admissions team will contact you. If you would like an informal chat please do telephone the office team on 01653 693675 and we also welcome you to come and look around in person.

Reception Admissions

If your child is due to start school in September 2026 why not come and look around our school. We are conducting individual family appointments so that you can get the opportunity to see the school in action and ask any questions that you may have. If you would like to see what Amotherby School is all about, please call our office team on 01653 693675 or email on admin@amotherby.n-yorks.sch.uk to make an appointment.

Following national guidance, pupils enter school in the September of the year in which they turn five. Whilst the majority of pupils will start full time in Reception, it is possible to request a part-time place or to defer entry to school as long as the child is in school the term after their fifth birthday. Any such requests should be discussed with the Headteacher.

At Amotherby our reception intake is 30.

Before your child joints our Reception class it is a tremendous help if he/she can be encouraged to do the following things: -

- Recognise their name as it is written
- Remove and put on outdoor clothing independently
- Use a knife and fork whilst eating
- Use the toilet independently and flush it
- Wash and dry his/her hands
- Tidy his/her toys away independently
- Use a tissue/handkerchief
- Listen to and carry out given instructions

The School Day

	Reception	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Arrive at school	8.40am	8.40am	8.40am
Lessons begin	8.55am	8.55am	8.55am
Morning break	Free flow play	10.30-10.45am	10.30-10.45am
Lunchtime	11.50am-1pm	12.00pm - 1.00pm	12.15pm-1.15pm
End of school	3.20pm	3.20pm	3.20pm

Children should arrive at school at 8.40am. Reception children and Key Stage 1 children can be brought into the play ground by their parent/carer whilst Key Stage 2 children can be dropped off at the gate at the entry to Key Stage 1. As the children come into class a task will be set for them to complete whilst the register is being taken.

The gate will be locked at 8.50am and any children arriving after that time will have to access the school via the reception/office area where children will order their lunch and be recorded as late.

End of the school day

At the end of the school day children are taken to the playground by the school staff. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 and 2 must be collected by a named adult. Children in Key Stage 2 can walk home if permission has been granted by a parent/carer. We do have very strict collection arrangements in line with our safeguarding policy and we do ask that you inform the school office as soon as practicable if somebody different is collecting your child.

Treetops Wrap around care

If you need wrap around care for your child Treetops is open from 7.30am each morning and includes a choice of breakfast and after school until 6pm. Where a snack is provided.

Attendance

All children have the right to education, based on equality of opportunity, and Amotherby Primary school, in partnership with parents and other agencies, take measures to encourage regular school attendance and reduce rates of absenteeism.

A child's success at school is likely to be affected negatively if their attendance is poor. Those who do not attend regularly may fall behind in their learning, leading to underachievement, both academically and socially.

Government research has shown that where attendance levels fall below 95% a students' academic performance and achievement is affected.

Amotherby Primary School recognises the crucial role that parents play in promoting good school attendance. The school therefore seeks to provide professional, quality information and advice, communicated frequently by telephone, email, leaflets, parent's evenings, school reports and via the school attendance webpage on our school website.

What to do when your child is ill

We accept that all pupils may become ill from time to time. If you consider that your child is unfit to come to school we ask that you take the following action:

Reporting Absence

Please let us know by 8.45am if your child is going to be absent from school

Telephone the school office on

01653 693675 and speak to our office team or leave a message.

Please remember to include the following information with your message: -

- Your child's name
- Their class
- Their reason for absence
- Expected date of return

If you do not notify us your child's absence will be recorded with an 'N' (no reason for absence). You will receive a telephone call from us in the first instance to check

your child is safe with you at home. If we are unable to speak to you a txt message and/or email will be sent to you. If we have not heard from you by 10.30am a doorstep visit will be considered by a member of our Senior Leadership Team. If we have not been given a reason for your child's absence the code will be changed to 'O' (unauthorised absence). Unauthorised absences may result in further action.

Unauthorised Absence

In line with our Attendance Policy we do not authorise leave of absence during term time other than exceptional circumstances. If you wish to take your child out of school during term time it is important that you discuss this with us as soon as possible. Where absence is unauthorised it could lead to further action being taken including a penalty notice being issued (£160.00).

Parents/carers have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school regularly and punctually. If a child does not attend school the parent/carer may be breaking the law.

Authorised Absence covers:

- Illness - occasionally we may ask for a doctor's note to confirm this
- Emergency medical/dental/hospital appointments. Where possible please make routine appointments after school or in the school holidays.
- A day of religious observance
- A family bereavement

Unauthorised Absence covers:

- Family holidays
- Persistent minor ailments without the support of a doctors note
- Feeling tired after a late night
- Birthdays
- Looking after other family members
- Visiting family or having family to visit
- School refusal

Persistent Absenteeism (PA)

The level at which a student is considered a persistent absentee is set at **90%**. This is a Department of Education definition of all students who have absence of more than 10% of their own school year. This means that if a student enrols in January, attends school for two weeks then is off for 1 day they become a PA as their attendance for the time they have been in school that year is 90%. However as students attend more regularly their cumulative attendance will improve.

90% attendance over a school year means 19 days (38 sessions) have been missed in a full school year. For students who regularly fall below 90% the school will begin an attendance management process.

Punctuality

We expect all children to arrive in school in good time. Children arriving after 8.50am are late. Late arrivals (Code L) must come through the reception/office area to register and order lunch.

School Uniform

<u>Our School Uniform</u>

White or green shirt, grey or black skirt, pinafore or green and white checked dress, green cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt. Short or long tailored grey or black trousers. White, grey, green or black socks or tights.

Branded school Uniform for all children is available from www.myclothing.com 0800 059 0594. However, uniform can be purchased from any shop.

<u>PE/Games Kit</u>

White T-shirt and black shorts, black plimsolls or trainers. During the winter we endeavour to provide games outdoors and prefer children to have a tracksuit for warmth.

We cannot emphasise enough the need to label all belongings clearly with the children's names.

If you have any queries regarding our uniform, then please contact school.

Jewellery should not be worn to school and watches will be removed for PE.

Children should not wear earrings to school on days when they have PE. If they do wear them, then children are expected to remove the earrings themselves. This is due to Health and Safety regulations.

Sunglasses and hats may be worn in hot weather. Sun cream is not provided by the school and must be labelled and brought from home. Staff will help the younger children apply their sun cream

Haircuts with shaved words in them are not permitted and neither is dyed hair.

PE Uniform



School Uniform



At Amotherby School, we believe that wearing a school uniform helps to create a strong sense of identity and belonging, reflecting our values of **Active, Aspire, Achieve.** Uniform encourages pride in our school, promotes equality among pupils, and sets a positive tone for learning. It helps children to feel part of a community where everyone is valued and expected to do their best. By wearing their uniform with pride, our pupils show that they are ready to learn, take part, and represent Amotherby with respect and confidence.

Communication

We have various ways of communicating with parents and utilise the following methods to keep parents fully informed:

- Telephone
- Email and text messaging
- Class Dojo App
- Tapestry (Reception only)
- Our school website
- Newsletter/letters home
- Via the school office

Our staff are friendly and approachable and are available for telephone calls or meeting by request if you wish to discuss any aspects of your child's education.

ClassDojo At our school we really believe in strong communication between parents and carers. One of the ways to support this is through the school to parent app – Class Dojo. This will inform you of all the wonderful things your child is learning and alerts you when they have been praised for good work. No more replies of 'Nothing' when you ask 'What did you do at school today?'



Our school meals are provided by NYES Catering. Delicious meals are available every day to all of our children. We encourage all children to eat a healthy, well balanced meal for their school lunch. Each day our children can choose from a hot meal, sandwich or jacket potato. A vegetarian hot meal is also available each day. Menus change twice per school year. An example menu can be found on the next page and the menus are always sent to parent/carers.



Special dietary needs and allergies can usually be catered for, please contact the school office if you wish to discuss this or complete the form at the end of this document.

Price

Our school meals are priced at £3.45 per day. Meals for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are currently free. Payment for school meals is made by ParentPay which is an online payment facility that can be accessed via a mobile phone, computer or laptop. Payment is made direct from your bank account and we ask you pay promptly for the school meal. Login details will be sent home whey your child is admitted to school. For more information see page

Free School Meals

If you are on a low income, your child may be eligible for free school meals. If you think your child may be eligible an application can be made to www.northyorks.gov.uk.

Packed Lunches

Children can bring a packed lunch if they prefer. We are a nut aware school therefore we ask any products with nuts in are not brought into school. Please do not include any glass bottles or containers fizzy drinks or sweets.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Monday	Italian Pasta Bake (VG) Jacket Potato & Beans (VG) Tuna Sandwich Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Double Mousse Pot(V)	Pizza (V) Curried Topped Naan (VG) Egg Mayo Sandwich (V) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (VG) Chocolate Crispie (VG)	Beef Burge Lentil & Veg Burger (VG) Ham Sandwich Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Summer Berry & Lemon Muffin (V)
Tuesday	Minced Beef Loaded Wedges Veg Sausage (VG) Cheese Sandwich (V) Tuna Jacket Potato Marble Sponge and Custard (V)	Pasta Bolognese Sweet Potato & Lentil Bake (V) Cheese Sandwich (V) Tuna Jacket Potato Iced Summer Shortcake (V)	Sweet & Sour Pork Noodles Quorn Dippers (V) Tuna Sandwich Baked Bean Jacket Potato (VG) Cheese & Biscuit (V)
Wednesday	Sausage & Mash Pea-ter Croquette (V) Ham Sandwich Baked Bean Jacket Potato (VG) Fruity Flapjack (VG)	Chicken & Tomato Bake Crispy Topped Summer Veg (V) Tuna Sandwich Cheesy Bean Jacket Potato (V) Apple Sponge & Custard (V)	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding Roast Veg Loaf with Yorkshire Pudding Cheese Sandwich (V) Tuna Jacket Potato Chocolate Surprise Cake (V)
Thursday	Chicken Korma Cheese and Tomato Pasta (V) Egg Mayo Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Doughnut Muffin (V)	All Day Breakfast Veg All day Breakfast (V) Ham Sandwich Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Jelly & Ice Cream (V)	Creamy Mac & Cheese (V) Vegetable Korma (VG) Tuna Sandwich Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Summer Crumble Pot (V)
Friday	Fish Fingers Cheese Whirl (V) Cheese Sandwich (V) Baked Bean Jacket (VG) Custard Cookie (VG)	Battered Fish Sausage Roll (VG) Cheese Sandwich (V) Baked Bean Jacket Jam Scone	Fish Star Pizza Pinwheel (V) Cheese Sandwich (V) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (VG) Biscuit Swirl (VG)

Curriculum

At Amotherby School, our curriculum is designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning. Each half term, children explore exciting, engaging topics that bring learning to life—ranging from Ancient Civilisations, to Rainforests and Explorers. Our lessons are carefully planned to build knowledge and skills across all subjects, making learning meaningful, enjoyable, and memorable.

We enrich our curriculum with a wide range of trips and visitors to broaden children's experiences and deepen their understanding of the world around them. From visits to museums, theatres, and historical sites to hands-on workshops and local community events, these opportunities help bring learning beyond the classroom and create lasting memories.

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Leadership is an important part of life at Amotherby School. Pupils are encouraged to take on roles of responsibility such as Lead Learners, School Council representatives, Eco Team members, and contributors to the School Newspaper. These opportunities help develop confidence, communication skills, and a sense of pride and ownership in their school community.

Our EYFS classroom is a warm, welcoming, and stimulating space where our youngest learners begin their school journey with confidence and joy. It is carefully designed to promote curiosity, independence, and a love of learning through play-based and structured activities. Children are encouraged to explore, create, and build relationships in a safe and nurturing environment. With strong foundations in early reading, writing, and maths, our EYFS sets the stage for a lifelong love of learning.





Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Some of our pupils may need a little extra help and this is where our Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) support comes in. Each child with additional needs is offered different tailored support to meet their needs. Staff at Amotherby School work closely with our children, their parents and, where appropriate, outside agencies where we work closely with the NYCC SEND Hub. This helps to develop each child's individual support package.

At Amotherby we believe that children should have their needs identified at the earliest opportunity. We have a series of systems in place which allows teachers to highlight any areas where they feel a child may need additional support. The teacher will then work closely with our SENDCO to ensure the correct provision is in place.

Our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) is Miss K Cooper. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Miss Cooper via the school office on 01653 693675.



All of our policies and procedures relating to SEND are available on our website along with our SEND Newsletters. If you require paper copies please ask at the school office. We also host a SEND coffee afternoon each term, where you will be able to meet in an informal setting to chat about any concerns.

Medicine in School

Any child may at some time have health care needs requiring the administration of medication. Whilst it is preferable for medication to be taken at home, it is recognised that for some children this is not always possible.

If your child requires medication in school time please ensure the label is on the medication and your child's name and dosage are clearly marked. It must be brought to the school office where you will be given a form to complete. We cannot administer medication without your consent. Medication MUST NOT be given to your child to bring into school themselves and they will not be given the medication to take home themselves. This must be collected by a parent/carer at the end of the school day.

Clubs

We offer children at Amotherby School the opportunity to take part in a range if extra-curricular clubs at lunchtime and after school to enhance their educational experience. Some clubs are run by staff, others are run by qualified external providers. Clubs change each term and are run for the whole term. Examples of clubs are Dance, Dodgeball, Cricket, Rounders, Mindfulness, Numbots and more!

Newspaper Club

Each term members of Mrs Wade's Newspaper Club produce our very own Amotherby Chronicle! Each edition (one each term) is written and edited by the children and includes fun facts, games and interviews. This is then available to purchase.

Choir Club

Members of Mrs Wade's Choir Club take have the opportunity to take part in a special performance each term. They perform at a Christmas Concert (Sparkle and Song), a Spring Concert and perform at our Summer Fair. Word has it biscuits are provided at each session!

Welcome to Treetops

At Amotherby School we are proud to offer Treetops our friendly and exciting wraparound care club designed to support parents and provide a fun and safe environment for children before and after school. Whether it is a quiet start to the day with breakfast and activities or a fun filled afternoon of games, crafts and outdoor play, Treetops is the perfect place for your child to enjoy. Our dedicated team of school staff ensures that children are cared for by familiar faces, creating a comfortable and nurturing atmosphere. Booking is easy and convenient through ParentPay where you can reserve a place or places in advance.

Breakfast Club





From 7.30am until 8.40am.

Children are offered a choice of cereal and juice along with toast, bagels or crumpets. Fruit is always available.

Price - £6.00 per session

After School Club



Early Bird Session - 3.20pm-4.30pm
Price - £6.00 per session

For parents/carers who need a little extra time in the afternoon. Snack and drinks are provided.

After School Led Club Session - 4.15pm - 6.00pm - Price - £8.00 per session.

Children can attend after school club and then go directly to Treetops.

After School Club - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Price - £12.00 per session

The ultimate in after school care with a range of fun activities to keep your child entertained both indoors and outdoors. Snack and drinks provided.







Thank you for taking the time to read our school prospectus. If you are thinking of joining us then please arrange for a personalised school visit where we will show you our fabulous school in action!






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