



Amotherby Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the end of our first half term, it has been a busy and productive start to the school year. It has been lovely to see so many parents and carers joining us for recent events, including our Harvest Festivals and Family Learning sessions. I am also delighted to share that 106 pupils have achieved 100% attendance this half term – that's an impressive 54% of our school! This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the importance our families place on regular school attendance. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance Analysis W/C 12.10.26 to date

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
96.7%	96.9%%	99.2%	96.7%	98.3%	96.1%	97.4%%

Whole School Attendance to Date: 97.2% 😊 We've hit our target of 97% this half term!

Family Learning and Homework

Thank you to everyone who attended our Family Learning sessions this week. It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school and share how we teach maths. The maths resources discussed during the sessions are available on the **curriculum maths page on our school website**, and I hope you find them useful when supporting your child at home.

Regular completion of homework is an important part of reinforcing learning, developing confidence and establishing good habits. Please support your child in completing the homework set. If you are unsure about a task or need advice on how best to help, Class Dojo is an excellent way to contact your child's teacher, who will be happy to offer guidance.

Harvest Festival – Thank You!

A huge thank you to all our families for the generous donations made at our Harvest Festivals. We have received a lovely letter from Ryedale Community Foodbank confirming that Amotherby donated an incredible 131.10 kilograms of food – their largest Harvest food collection this year!

The foodbank explained that these donations are particularly valuable as it prepares for increased demand over the winter and for Christmas food parcels. In September alone, its branches supported 288 people, including 98 children, and distributed 3,174 kilograms of food. We are extremely proud of the kindness and generosity shown by our school community.

Remembrance in School

After half term, children will have opportunities to learn about Remembrance in an age-appropriate way and reflect on the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed. Poppies will be available in school from Monday 2nd November for families who wish to make a donation.



Supporting Individual Needs in School

We are committed to providing the support and reasonable adjustments each child needs to succeed in school. We value parents' views and welcome discussions about their child's individual needs.

School staff make decisions about adaptations and resources based on each child's individual needs, classroom observations and professional advice, ensuring support is appropriate and effective.

We kindly ask that parents do not send additional resources or equipment into school for their child without prior agreement. Where specific resources or adaptations are needed, these will be provided by school staff as part of our planned support. This allows us to ensure that resources are appropriate, used consistently and have a positive impact on learning.

Amotherby PTA

A quick reminder that we are looking for new members to join our wonderful Amotherby School PTA, with elections taking place at our AGM on 19th February 2027.

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA over the past four years. An incredible **£38,000 has been raised**, providing fantastic opportunities and resources for our children.

The good news is that we have a fantastic core of dedicated PTA members, who our new colleagues will work alongside. Our committee is made up of parents and teachers, each bringing different skills, ideas and enthusiasm. We support one another, share the workload, and work together to deliver the brilliant events and fundraising achievements we've enjoyed over the past four years.

If you would like to get involved, please complete our short expression of interest form:

[Amotherby PTA – Expression of Interest Form](#)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We really hope to welcome some new faces to help build on the PTA's success!

Shoebox Appeal

Meadowfield are once again supporting the Children in Distress Shoebox Appeal. Families who would like to fill a shoebox are asked to deliver it to Meadowfield by **Friday 6th November**. Alternatively, if you would prefer to donate individual items for inclusion in the boxes, please bring these in by **Wednesday 4th November**. The Children in Distress website provides full guidance on suitable contents, and leaflets are also available from the school office. If you have any questions, please speak to Meadowfield. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile appeal.

Parents' Evening

Our Parents' Evenings are an important part of your child's education, providing a valuable opportunity to discuss their progress, achievements and next steps. We are always extremely grateful for the excellent support we receive from parents and carers, and we look forward to welcoming you. **Bookings will open on Monday 2nd November via the school website.** During your appointment, teachers will share your child's individual targets, discuss whether they are on track to meet the expected standards for their year group and provide information about home reading. I have been overseeing home reading routines across all classes, and teachers will be able to offer further advice and practical suggestions for supporting reading at home where this would be beneficial. Appointments are limited to 10 minutes. We kindly ask that you keep to your allocated time to minimise waiting times for other families. Teachers will provide a polite reminder when your appointment has come to an end.

Please remember that Parents' Evening appointments are for adults only. School-aged children should remain in the hall, where activities will be provided to keep them occupied while you meet with the teacher. Preschool children may accompany you to your appointment if you would prefer not to leave them in the hall. Your child's books will also be available for you to look through before your appointment. The PTA will kindly be providing refreshments, and our uniform swap station will be available. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and commitment to working in partnership with us to achieve the very best for your children.

Educational visits are an important part of our curriculum, providing valuable opportunities for children to develop their knowledge and understanding through first-hand experiences. We have noticed that some children are not taking part in these visits, including trips to Howsham Mill, which support essential learning within our science curriculum, and it is important that all children to benefit from these opportunities.

Upcoming Dates – November

Monday 9 th November	Year 3 Trip to Howsam Mill
Tuesday 10 th November & Thursday 12 th November	Parents Evening
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 20 th November	Children in Need
Monday 30 th November	Year 5 Trip to Howsham Mill

As we reach the end of a busy and successful first half term, I would like to thank all our families for their continued support and encouragement.

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved half-term break, with some time to relax and spend together as a family. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Wade
Headteacher