



SEND newsletter

Spring term 2025



Welcome to our second Amotherby school SEND newsletter! This termly newsletter will address all things related to SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). This issue focuses on some changes happening within school and provides information on speech and language events to support you and your child.

Useful information:

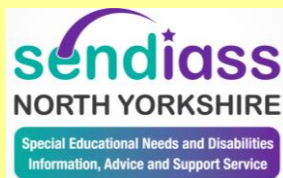
The school SEND policy and SEND information report can be found on our school website:

[Amotherby Community Primary School - SEND](#)

Links to other services and resources can also be found on the school website.

SENDIASS offers free, impartial advice for parents and carers:

<https://sendiassnorthyorkshire.co.uk/>

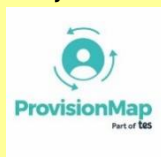


The North Yorkshire SEND local offer provides links and resources for parents and carers:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer>

SEND support plans

The way we create and review our SEND support plans is changing. Our staff are busy creating new electronic support plans which will allow for a more streamlined approach to target setting and reviewing. We are also adapting the way we share these with you so please keep an eye out for further information.



Amotherby school SENDCO



Kim Cooper

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or for further information regarding SEND related matters.

SEND coffee meeting



We would like to invite parents and carers to our Spring term coffee meeting. A meeting where parents and carers can network with others, find out information and celebrate the successes of our children. This term we will be inviting your children to come to the meeting so come and join us for a cuppa, piece of cake and a celebration of our children. Our next coffee meeting will be held on

Thursday 27th March from 2:15pm.

Please can you use the following link to let us know if you are able to come:

<https://forms.office.com/e/yCjsMteiCn>

Important dates

February

3rd-9th February 2025

Children's Mental Health Week

A mental health awareness week launched by Place2Be. The week empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

March

Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month

The goal of National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month is to push for positive change in education programs, the health care system, and the job market to give opportunities to those living with cerebral palsy. Cerebral Palsy Day is on March 25th.

<https://cpotential.org.uk/cerebral-palsy-awareness-month-is-march/>

3rd March

Dyscalculia Awareness day

Dyscalculia is a maths learning difficulty which affects around 6% of the UK population. Dyscalculia Day is an opportunity to raise awareness of this often overlooked but prevalent learning difficulty.

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/dyscalculia#:~:text=What%20is%20Dyscalculia%3F,across%20all%20ages%20and%20abilities.>

21st March 2025

World Down Syndrome Day

The date for WDS - the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

<https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/>

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

A worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported.

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/>

April

2nd April 2025

World Autism Awareness day/month

Autism Awareness Month starts with the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. It is an opportunity to increase understanding and acceptance of autism. <https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day>

4th April 2025

Auditory Processing Awareness Day

The Hearing Health Foundation mark auditory processing disorder awareness day each year to highlight the challenges associated with living with auditory processing disorders.

<https://hearinghealthfoundation.org/blogs/understanding-auditory-processing-disorder>

Communication and Interaction Advice Workshop for Parents & Carers



'Come and talk to us for advice and support around all aspects of your child's speech, language & communication skills'.

- **5th February 2025** 10.00-12.00 at noon at Atmosphere Children and Family Hub, The Old Court House, Malton Road, Pickering YO18 7JJ
- **5th February 2025** 1:00-4pm at Malton Library, 6, Saint Michael Street, Malton YO17 7LJ
- **11th February 2025** 12:30-4:00pm at Cherry Tree Children's Centre Cherry Tree Avenue, Scarborough, YO12 5HL
- **12th February 2025** 1:00-4:00pm at Whitby & District Children's centre, Byland Road, Whitby, YO21 1HY
- **14th February 2025** 10:00-13:00pm noon at Eastfield Community Library, High St, Scarborough, YO11 3LL

Who will be there?

- Helen Hunter - Speech, Language & Communication Needs Specialist
- Amancay Topping - Speech & Language Therapist
- Charlotte McIntyre - Speech & Language Therapy Assistant
- Zoe Green - Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

Please contact to book a slot, or for any queries please ring 07977 710109 or email Helen.Hunter@northyorks.gov.uk or Amancay.Topping@northyorks.gov.uk

Unlocking Autism Parents and Carers event

Unlocking Autism is a Free 2-day course for parents and carers of children & young people with communication and interaction needs. It offers a chance for parents to network & share experiences. The 2-day programme includes 5 sessions covering Understanding Autism, Behaviour, Communication, Sensory differences and Resilience, providing practical tools and strategies to support children and young people. Children do not need to have a diagnosis of autism in order for parents to attend. For further information or to book a place, please visit: <https://www.nyes.info/Event/250464>