



Attendance Matters

Welcome to our Spring 2026 edition of the Attendance Matters newsletter.



We would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for your continued support with attendance.

Thanks to your efforts:

- Our whole school attendance is currently above national expectations.
- Many of our classes are achieving over 96% attendance.
- A growing number of pupils have 100% attendance this term.

This is something we are really proud of — it makes a *real* difference to children’s learning and wellbeing. Thank you for working in partnership with us.

Whole School Attendance 96.56 Whole School Target 97%

EYFS	96.5%
Class 1	96.4%
Class 2	96.9%
Class 3	96.5%
Class 4	96.7%
Class 5	96.1%
Class 6	97.1%

Why Everyday Matters

Every school day is carefully planned to build your child’s knowledge and confidence step by step. Missing even small amounts of school can have a big impact over time.

- 100% attendance = giving your child the very best chance to succeed
- 95% attendance = nearly 2 weeks of learning missed
- 90% attendance = around 4 weeks of learning missed

There is no substitute for being in the classroom, learning alongside friends.

Being on Time Counts Too

Our doors open at **8:40am** and learning begins promptly at **8:50am**. This early part of the day is an important time for children to settle in, connect with their classmates and begin their learning in a calm and purposeful way.

Arriving on time helps children to:

- ✓ Start the day calmly and confidently, without feeling rushed or anxious.
- ✓ Join in with key early learning, such as reading practice, handwriting, spelling or maths fluency.
- ✓ Take part in morning routines, including registration, wellbeing check-ins and important daily instructions.
- ✓ Feel settled and ready to learn alongside their peers.
- ✓ Build independence and positive habits that support them throughout their school life

When children arrive late, even by just a few minutes, they can:

- Feel unsettled or embarrassed entering the classroom after others have started.
- Find it harder to catch up and fully engage in lessons.
- **5 minutes late each day = over 3 days of learning lost across the year**
- **10 minutes late each day = around 6 days of lost learning**

Being punctual every day really does make a difference.

Absence and Holidays

- Please contact school as soon as possible if your child is unwell.
- Holidays during term time are not authorised except in exceptional circumstances.
- Unauthorised absences may result in penalty notices.

We kindly ask that holidays are planned during school holiday periods wherever possible.

**Amotherby School: Working Together to Make
Everyday Count!**

