



Amotherby Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers

It has been another busy and positive couple of weeks at Amotherby, with lots happening across school as we head towards the end of our first half term. It has been lovely to see the children so settled into their routines and working hard in their classrooms. Over the coming weeks, we have some important events taking place, including our Harvest Festivals, Parents' Evenings and Family Learning session, so please take a few minutes to read through this week's updates and reminders.

Attendance Analysis

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
99.5%	96%	95.9%	96.2%	96.5%	98.1%	97.8%

Whole School Attendance: 97.1% 😊

Parking Outside School – A Polite Reminder

We would like to remind everyone about safe and considerate parking at drop-off and collection times.

There should be no parking at any time on the yellow zigzag markings outside school or within the turning loop. The turning loop needs to remain clear so that traffic can flow freely, allowing cars to drop off safely and leave the cul-de-sac without causing congestion.

We appreciate that the area around school becomes extremely busy, particularly at the beginning and end of the day, but keeping these areas clear is important for the safety of our children and families.

Staff may give polite reminders where vehicles are parked in these areas. If you are approached, please respond respectfully and follow the request to move your vehicle. Staff are simply trying to keep the area outside school safe and ensure that traffic can continue to move freely.

Thank you for your support.

Help with Fuel & Energy Costs

As we move towards the colder months, we know that increased energy costs can place additional pressure on household budgets. We have been sent some useful information about the support available locally and nationally, which we are sharing with families alongside this newsletter.

Support includes North Yorkshire's Warm & Well service, which provides advice about reducing energy bills and may be able to help families in urgent need. There is also free energy advice through Choices4Energy, information about energy-efficiency grants and the Warm Homes Local Grant, as well as national schemes such as the £150 Warm Home Discount for eligible households.

Please take a look at the attached Fuel Support information, even if you are unsure whether you are eligible. It includes details of a range of services and places to go for further advice and support.

Harvest Festivals – Thursday 15th October

We are really looking forward to welcoming families to our Harvest Festivals next week. Our EYFS & KS1 Harvest Festival will begin at 9.00am, followed by our KS2 Harvest Festival at 9.45am. These times were also included in our previous newsletter. Friday 25th September 2026

Our theme this year is 'From Farm to Fork', giving the children an opportunity to think about where our food comes from, the people involved in producing it and why we should be thankful for the food we have.

The children have been busy preparing for the celebrations. There will be readings from across the year groups, a performance from our school choir and, of course, some of our traditional Harvest songs.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will once again be supporting Ryedale Foodbank. We would be very grateful for donations of suitable non-perishable food items, which should be brought into school on Wednesday 14th October. All donations will be passed directly to Ryedale Foodbank to support local families. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.



What a
superstar!

A huge well done to Phoebe, who played her cornet in front of an audience for the very first time this week. This is a fantastic example of our ACHIEVE value – having the confidence to perform, celebrating progress and being proud of what you have accomplished. Well done, Phoebe!

We will be regularly sharing examples of our school values in action, so please do let us know if you feel your child deserves a special mention. We would love to celebrate their achievements both in and out of school.

Amotherby Chronicle – Coming Soon!

Our Amotherby Chronicle team has been busy preparing the first edition of our school newspaper for this academic year. We have welcomed some new reporters to the team, who have been working alongside our returning journalists to gather stories, ideas and news from across school.

The new edition will include all of the usual popular features, alongside some new additions from our reporters. It is a great opportunity for the children to develop their writing, interviewing and teamwork skills, while having a real voice in school life.

The Amotherby Chronicle will be on sale during the week commencing Monday 19th October for just 50p.

Please look out for our pupil reporters selling copies – we hope you enjoy reading it!

Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 10th November & Thursday 12th November

Our Autumn Parents' Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 10th November & Thursday 12th November**

These are important meetings and we strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend.

Before your appointment, you will be able to collect your child's work and spend some time looking through their books in the school hall. This is a valuable opportunity to see the learning that has taken place since September and the progress your child is making.

During your appointment, your child's teacher will share important information about their progress and current attainment, as well as discussing their attitude to learning, effort and any areas that we would like to develop further. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions and discuss how we can work together to support your child.

Appointments are for adults only. Children who need to accompany their parents will be supervised in the school hall, where we will have some activities set up for them while you meet with the teacher.

Our Uniform Swap will also be available in the hall during both evenings. Please feel free to have a look and take any items that would be useful – there is no charge.

Dates for Your Diary

There is lots to look forward to over the remainder of the term, so I have included some of our key dates below to help you plan ahead. We will, of course, continue to send reminders and further details through ClassDojo as events get closer. Please keep an eye on these dates and pop them in your diary – we hope to see lots of you in school over the coming weeks!

Thursday 15th October EYFS & KS1 9.00am KS2 – 9.45am	Harvest Festivals
Tuesday 20th October 9.00am – 10.30am	Family Learning
Friday 23rd October	Training Day
Tuesday 10th November & Thursday 12th November	Parents Evenings Booking Opens – Monday 2nd November



This lovely photograph of a rainbow over school was taken last week and is a great autumn view of Amotherby.

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

Mrs Wade

Headteacher