

At Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale Schools we are **KIND**:

Kind and accepting
Independent learners
Never giving up
Determined to be our personal best

Under God's guidance, we teach children the importance of *kindness* towards others, tolerance and mutual *respect*. This empowers children to have the *courage* to achieve their personal best.

Psalm 145:17

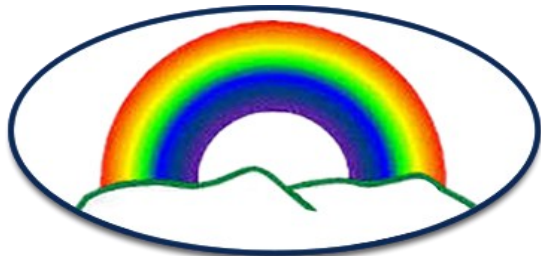
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

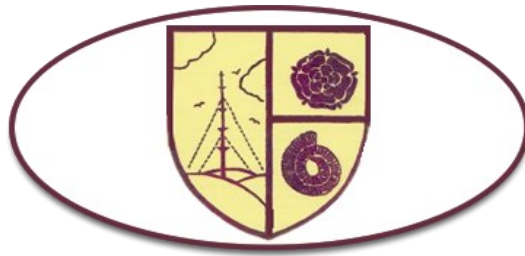
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

We uphold these values through our golden rules:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be safe



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The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale CE Federation Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

You'll now all be aware from communications from the Governing Body yesterday that the Local Authority will be undertaking a consultation process on the possibility of the closure of Bilsdale School from the end of this academic year. While this isn't a situation any of us ever wanted to be in, I want to reassure all within the community that during this process it is very much 'business as usual' - children across the federation will continue to receive the very best teaching and learning experiences that we're able to provide. I will share further information about the public consultation as and when it becomes available, and I'd encourage all stakeholders to have their voices heard so that the Local Authority can come to an informed decision.

If anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—97.9%

Carlton—**92%**

National Average—96%



Awards



Vision Award—Mollie, Heidi, Annie, Rupert, Aurora

Handwriting Award—Gigi, Ted, Adelaide, Beth

Kindness Award—Oliver, Florence, Drew, Aoife, Lyla, Zara

Star of the Week—Monty, Bea, Edward, Adelaide, Dolly, Daisy, Zeff

Awards

TTRS—No certificates this week

Numbots—1st George, 2nd Tadhg, 3rd Isaac L

Headteacher Hot Chocolate—Mollie, George, Cruz, Ellie

Corridor King/Queen—Monty and Siena



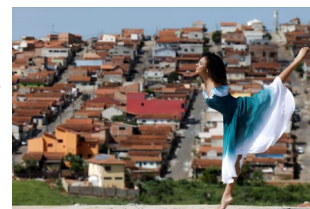
Music of the Week



Next week's music of the week is 'Roar' by Katy Perry.

Collective Worship

No Outsiders this week considered disability through the lens of an 18-year old ballet dancer who was born without arms, fighting adversity to do what she loves. Further information via this link: <https://ks1no-outsiders-assembly.blogspot.com/2026/09/>



Notes

Donations

Thank you to all who donated goods for the food bank collection. The items aren't being collected until next Monday, so if anyone has any last-minute items please send them in on Monday morning.



Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Lead for the federation is Matthew Scott. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead for Bilsdale is Rachel Grundmann and for Carlton is Diane Jeffries. The Safeguarding Lead Governor is John Ford.

If you have concerns about the safety of a child please speak to one of the staff named above. If you have concerns outside of school hours, please follow [this link](#) to the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership website.

News from the Classes

Carlton EYFS

It has been another fantastic week of learning in Class 1 as we prepare for our Harvest Festival today. Reception have thoroughly enjoyed practising their Harvest song and are very excited to perform it; Little Owls have been a wonderfully supportive audience during rehearsals! It has been lovely to see the children joining together and enjoying this special time in school.

Reception have continued to work incredibly hard in Phonics and this week have been introduced to the new sounds Mm and Dd. The children are becoming increasingly confident at recognising the sounds they have learnt and using them when reading. Please continue to support your child at home by regularly revisiting and consolidating their sounds when sharing their reading books. Regular reading at home makes such a difference to the children's confidence and progress, so please make a note in your child's reading record each time they read and ensure this is signed each week. Thank you for your continued support with this.

In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of subitising, being able to recognise how many objects are in a small group without needing to count them individually. We have explored different arrangements and patterns and had great fun putting our skills into practice with a very competitive game of subitising bingo! The children are becoming increasingly confident at spotting quantities quickly and explaining how they know how many they can see.

Our learning this week has also had a strong focus on friendship, inspired by the wonderful story *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. The story prompted some really thoughtful discussions about what it means to be a good friend and how important it is to care for one another. We talked about how our class is a community where everyone belongs and considered the different ways we can make sure everyone feels happy, safe and included. The children came up with some lovely ideas about being a good friend, including sharing, taking turns, helping someone when they need it, listening to one another, using kind words and inviting others to join in with their play. It has been wonderful to see the children beginning to put these ideas into practice as they continue to build friendships and develop such positive relationships with one another.

Another busy and rewarding week in Class 1. We are incredibly proud of how well our Reception children and Little Owls continue to settle, learn and grow together!

News from the Classes

Carlton and Bilsdale KS1

We have had another busy week in Class 2 with lots of fun and new learning taking place. The children are now really settling into their Year 1 and Year 2 routines and stepping up to new challenges each day. The transition from Reception and from Year 1 is challenging and tiring, but the children are now trying hard to work with growing independence and be 'brave' writers and thinkers - well done to all of you.

In English, the children have continued to enjoy 'Grandad's Island', using some wonderful adjectives, similes and a growing range of punctuation, including inverted commas for dialogue. In science we have continued to think about our senses and how they help to keep us safe, including: using sun cream and hats in the sun; stopping to look and listen when crossing the road; not touching hot or sharp objects and only eating and drinking what you know or what is given to you by an adult you trust. Lots of super discussion and thinking took place before children recorded their thoughts. In history, we have looked at the six stages of human life and thought about what we were able to do at baby, toddler and child stages. How many things we can all do now - amazing!

Next week we will be reading the story 'Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge', discussing Wilfred's family tree and ours. If you could chat with your child about your key family members and how they are related, that would be a great help - thank you.

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

KS2 have had another busy week continuing with maths, enjoying writing the parts of the Iron Man story, playing tag rugby, experimenting with paint colours and placing the main events of World War 1 in chronological order. The children have also been preparing their pieces for harvest festival which they are looking forward to sharing with you.

RE is the only subject which is different for both schools. Bilsdale have been learning about two important Jewish festivals: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year and we explored how Jewish people may celebrate by spending time with family, attending the synagogue and eating special foods, including apples dipped in honey to represent hopes for a sweet and happy new year. The children enjoyed collecting apples from the school tree and slicing them and dipping them in honey. We also learned about Yom Kippur, known as the Day of Atonement. The children discovered that it is a very important day for Jewish people, providing a time for reflection, saying sorry for mistakes and thinking about how they can make positive changes. We discussed the importance of forgiveness and making amends. The children thought about how reflection, forgiveness, new beginnings and making positive choices can be important to people in many different communities.

At Carlton, our big question is "Creation or Science? Conflicting or complementary?" We began by reading the story of creation in Genesis 1. Drawing the sequence of events helped children to think deeply and ask questions. They identified the main aspects as God being the creator, God's creativity and the role we have as custodians looking after our planet. We then learnt about the big bang theory as a different viewpoint and we are considering whether these ideas conflict with each other or whether it is possible to agree with both.

Harvest Service

Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Service this afternoon, the children did a brilliant job with their readings, presentations and singing. We hope you all enjoyed it!



Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th October	KS2 boys football	Team	Letter sent
Monday 12th October	Peat Rigg residential information session Carlton, 5pm	Y5/6 parents	Letter sent
Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October	Parent Teacher Consultations	All	Letter sent
Friday 16th October	Library in	All	n/a
Tuesday 20th October	Y5/6 STEM Day at Yarm School <u>All Bilsdale at Carlton today</u>	Y5/6 Bilsdale	Letter sent
Thursday 22nd October	Children break up for half term today	All	n/a
Friday 23rd October	Staff training day—school closed to children	All	n/a
Saturday 31st October	Deadline for application for Y7 school places	Y6 parents/carers	Letter sent
Monday 2nd November	School re-opens for all children	All	n/a
Monday 2nd November	Y1 and Y2 trip to Hartlepool Art Gallery	Y1 and Y2	More info. to follow
Wednesday 4th November	Eco-team trip to Harlow Carr Gardens	Eco team	More info. to follow
Friday 6th November	Library in	All	n/a
Monday 9th November	Skip 2B Fit <u>All Bilsdale at Carlton today</u>	All Bilsdale	n/a

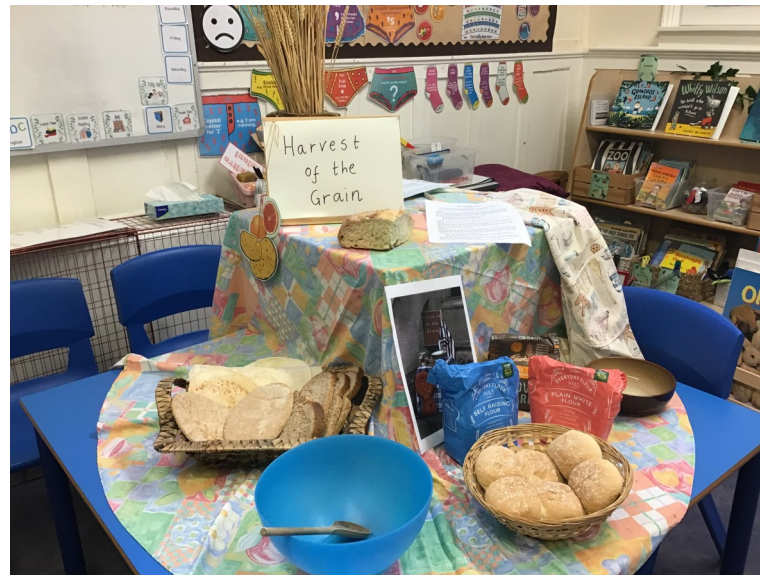
Harvest Service

There is a Harvest Service at St Hilda's, Chop Gate on Sunday 4th October at 3pm. Families warmly invited to attend.



Bilsdale Bible Morning

On Monday, Bilsdale children enjoyed a very special morning as they journeyed through the Bible, experiencing different stories in a hands-on way. Thank you to Rev. Anne and all of our volunteers for creating a lovely, spiritual experience for the children.



Free School Meals: What's Changing?

Free School Meals are now available to all children in households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of household income.

If a child is eligible for Free School Meals, this can:

-  Help families save up to £500 per year on the cost of school meals
-  Provide children with access to a healthy, nutritious meal each school day
-  Enable schools to receive additional funding through the Pupil Premium to support pupils' education and wellbeing

Free School Meals Eligibility Changes

As families prepare for the school year ahead, you may wish to remind parents and carers to **check whether they are eligible for Free School Meals**.

Recent changes to the eligibility criteria mean that **more families may now qualify**. Even if a child has previously received Free School Meals, it may be worth encouraging parents to review their eligibility and, where required, submit a new application.

Check your eligibility—<https://nyes.info/Newsletter/ExternalLink/392000?source=newsletter&guid=7ABE8FCB-BFE0-4FE6-8F44-818F9951B70D>

If you are eligible, please let the school office know so that our records are kept up-to-date.

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!

This session will explore all aspects of children's online lives including associated risks, the latest trends and data and practical guidance on how you can support them to stay safe and thrive online

Click on the link at the stated time to join the live session:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meeting/join/19%3ameeting_NWU4NmM0MzktZjdjYS00NzhhlWJlNmItYWQwYmViYTA3N2U0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22dcdblea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%7d

**WEDNESDAY
30TH SEPT
2026
4PM – 4.45PM**



Recording available here for anyone who couldn't make the presentation on Wednesday: <https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-parent-carer-session-sept-2026/>

Executive Headteacher - Mr. M. Scott



**The Carlton & Faceby and
Bilsdale CE Federation**

Open October

For families with children due to start school
in September 2027, or those considering a
change for children currently enrolled in a
different school.

Come and meet our wonderful children
and staff, tour our engaging environments
and learn more about attending our
settings.

Call us on 01642 712340 or email
admin@carltonfaceby.n-yorks.sch.uk
to book your personal appointment
with our Executive Headteacher.

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

BBC 500 Words

The 500 words competition is running from Tuesday 29th September and closes on Friday 6th November. Why not get involved for your chance to be a winner!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>





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SATURDAY
10TH OCTOBER
2026



7.30PM



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(with a paying adult, £1
booking fee payable online)

ADULTS
£10

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whole family!*



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Please let your pupils know that U16s can hear a good local brass band for free at its concert at 7:30pm on 10th October at The Forum, Northallerton. The concert, in support of Yorkshire Air Ambulance, is being performed by Alverton Brass. The band would like to encourage people to play instruments and develop an understanding of the benefits of playing in a group.

<https://forumnorthallerton.org.uk/ForumNorthallerton.dll/WhatsOn?f=2617668>

Fashion Show

HIGH STREET LABELS & BOUTIQUE FASHION
GOODS FOR SALE AT THE EVENT

CHOP GATE VILLAGE
HALL

THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER
7 for 7.30pm

Tickets £5

Tel. Carol, 07786260048

Email : kcstoney@sky.com

Raffle (cash only)

Tea/Coffee/Biscuits

(Included in ticket)



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St Hilda's Church

(Cash accepted for purchases due to poor
phone/wifi signal)

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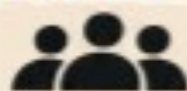


AUTUMN QUIZ



Saturday 17th October
7.30pm in the Village Hall

Quiz master David



Teams of 6

Book as a team to reserve a table
or as individuals and you will be put in a team.

TO BOOK TICKETS



Email your names and team to
bookings@facebyvillagehall.org.uk
and meal choice, meat or vegetarian.



Payment via BACS:
Faceby Village Hall Trust. 40-43-13 A/C 91112058
reference quiz and surname.

OR



Envelope with name, team, money and meal choice
(meat or vegetarian) to Andrew Knox at Tigh Ur.

TICKET
£14

Includes a sausage supper



Pop up pub



Last chance to buy
Saturday 10th October





**Fun & exercise
for children
of all ages**



Cricket and Athletics Camp

only
£20
per athlete



Thursday 29th Oct

10am-3pm

Knayton Sports Hall

Wrap around care

We operate in a COVID-secure environment

Along with Matty Brown, former North East Premier League batsmen and Level 1 coach, the kids will have a fun-packed day learning the fundamentals of cricket and athletics with Glen Hilton, athletics coach and former England international athlete.

For more details contact Glen Hilton:
hiltonglen444@gmail.com



Your child will need:

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of fluids

Location address: Hillside Rural Activities Park, Knayton, Th

DANCING FOR ALL

£29pp

Let's Move and Groove!

If you are aged between 5 and 15 and LOVE TO DANCE, this is a project that you will enjoy. We will explore a variety of starting points for dance and through creative movement workshops and physical development of skills.



In conjunction with the Community Lottery Fund, YES@ Arété Learning Trust are hosting a 6-week dance sessions for all abilities.

The aims are:

- To bring children of abilities together in a creative exploration of dance themes.
- To provide an opportunity for expression and individuality through dance.

WEDNESDAYS, 4:30 - 5:30PM

4th November 2026	25 th November 2026
11 th November 2026	2 nd December 2026
18 th November 2026	9 th December 2026

Venue: Richmond School Darlington Road Richmond North
Yorkshire DL10 7BQ

For further information email yes@arete.uk or visit
www.yesataretelearningtrust.net/Training-Services

Faceby PICKLEFEST

Saturday 7th November 2026 at Faceby Village Hall

from 10.00 a.m. until 2 p.m.

A range of homemade jam, chutney, pickles and marmalade available to buy

For details email: picklefest.in.faceby@gmail.com or ring Andrea on 07958 667842



This year's PickleFest sees the return of the Tombola!

Please donate small gifts, bottles and other items as prizes at the tombola.

Leave at 3 Cleveland View or contact Naomi to arrange collection.

Wreath Making Workshop

Please join us on to make a Christmas Wreath
and enjoy a lovely morning.



When
**Saturday,
21 November
2026
10.00am**

Where
**Faceby
Village Hall**

Cost

**£25 including tea, coffee, mulled wine &
mince pie**

All materials and decorations provided. You will learn to make your own wreath. Please bring your own gardening gloves, secateurs and any special decorations you would like to add to your wreath.

The workshop will raise funding for Faceby village hall.

Please get in touch to book your place

Tanja 07914 348839 or Sue 07870 331730

Speech, Language and Communication Advice

Hambleton and Richmond - Northallerton

Would you like to discuss your child's speech, language, or communication development?

Bring your child along to our drop-in advice session to meet with our Speech and Language Therapist, discuss any concerns, and receive advice and information about local support and services. **Booking is essential.**

Where & When

- Thursday 3rd December 2026, 09.30am to 12.00pm,
- Alverton Children Centre, Mount Road, Northallerton, DL6 1RB

Who will be there?

Emma Pollock - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapist

Rachael Hussain - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapy Assistant



PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK A 15 MINUTE SLOT

rachael.hussain@northyorks.gov.uk

Thank you