

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

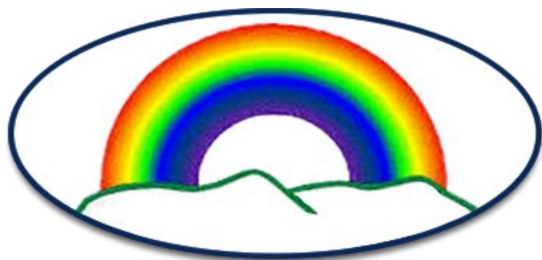
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

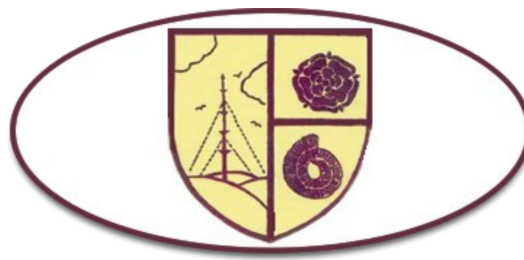
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another wonderfully busy week across the federation with lots of brilliant learning opportunities for the children. I had the pleasure of observing teaching across all classes this week and am pleased to report that I was very impressed with the high standards of teaching and learning that I witnessed.

We had another sporting outing this week as the KS2 boys' team headed to Stokesley School for the cluster football competition, joining with pupils from Ingleby Greenhow to make a full team. The boys had a great afternoon and represented our schools brilliantly.

Don't forget that next week we're holding our Parent Teacher Consultations, if you haven't already booked your appointment the online system closes on Sunday evening.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott

Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—96.4%

Carlton—**93.2%**

National Average—96%



Awards



Vision Award—Oliver, William, Daisy, Siena, Eve

Handwriting Award—Mollie, Scarlett S, Sam, Lydia, Scarlett K

Kindness Award—Monty, Ellie, Annie

Star of the Week—Reception, Eboni, Dolly, Noah, Alice, Lauren, Olive, Tadhg

Awards

TTRS Y3/4—1st Toby, 2nd Cruz, 3rd Charlie

TTRS Y5/6—1st Daisy, 2nd Isabel, 3rd Siena

Numbots—1st Edward, 2nd Annie, 3rd Eve

Headteacher Hot Chocolate—Heidi, Drew, Siena, Jasper

Corridor King/Queen—Gigi and Zara



Music of the Week



Next week's music of the week is 'This is Me' by The Greatest Showman cast—Mrs Harper's choice.

Notes

Peat Rigg Information Event

Don't forget that Y5 and Y6 parents are welcome to join us on Monday at 5pm at Carlton to find out more about the upcoming residential to Peat Rigg.



Collective Worship

Children took part in a special Picture News session on Thursday to commemorate Black History Month, with the focus on black writers and authors. Further information here: <https://picture-news.co.uk/blog-details/black-history-month-2026-%E2%80%93-live->



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

What another busy and enjoyable week we have had in EYFS! The children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, curiosity and growing confidence across all areas of their learning.

Reception have been working incredibly hard in phonics this week, learning the new sounds 'g' and 'o'. The children have enjoyed recognising the graphemes, practising their pronunciation and using their developing phonic knowledge to blend sounds together to read words. We are so proud of the progress they are making! An exciting milestone has also been reached this week, as the children have brought home their first reading books containing words. The sounds within these books have already been taught in school, so please encourage your child to say each sound and blend them together to read the words. The children may need some additional support with the common exception words; our first one is 'the', which we learnt together on Friday. We hope you enjoy sharing these special first reading books at home.

In Maths, Reception have been busy exploring and comparing mass and capacity through lots of practical activities. They have also had great fun investigating size, searching around the classroom to identify, compare and talk about objects that are big and small. There has been lots of wonderful mathematical language, discussion and problem-solving taking place.

Our Little Owls have also been developing their early mathematical skills through some fantastic hands-on learning. They enjoyed counting collections of objects and were challenged to collect different amounts before carefully checking how many they had. They also had great fun taking their maths learning outdoors, rolling a dice, recognising the number shown and completing the corresponding number of jumps on the trampoline! It was wonderful to see the children taking turns, counting carefully and working together as a team. They even incorporated some singing into their learning with a cheerful rendition of I'm a Little Teapot!

We have also enjoyed a beautiful Forest School session this week. The children explored the natural environment, carefully choosing flowers and leaves from around the field to create their own wonderful pieces of natural artwork. They thought carefully about different colours, shapes and arrangements and were understandably very proud of their finished masterpieces.

In RE, we shared the Bible story of The Precious Pearl and talked about its meaning for Christians. We discussed how Christians believe that knowing God is precious and worth more than anything else. The children thoughtfully decorated special envelopes in which to keep their 'precious pearl' and were each given a bead to look after carefully throughout the afternoon. They took their responsibility very seriously and made a fantastic effort to keep their precious bead safe.

It has been another action-packed week filled with purposeful play, creativity, exploration and lots of wonderful learning. We are incredibly proud of all our Reception children and Little Owls and the enthusiasm they bring to everything we do. Well done, everyone!

News from the Classes

Carlton and Bilsdale KS1

Our week started with lots of outdoor learning fun with Forest School, where the children were given a nature hunt; searching for leaves, flowers and twigs to match to images on a sheet. After finding lots of wonderful natural objects, they then created a weaving board and produced some colourful natural pictures. We have almost completed our first writing unit, 'Grandad's Island', and next week we are excited to attempt our first independent write. In maths we are continuing to embed our knowledge of numbers 0 to 20, thinking about more than, fewer than, equal to and using the number symbols <, > and =.

In art we have continued colour mixing and the children now know that the primary colours are red, yellow and blue; the secondary colours are made by mixing primary colours and they are purple, green and orange. The children were given a challenge, to see if they could add to the secondary colours by making and using a range of differing hues. Very tricky, but good fun!

Lots of fabulous discussion arose from our latest science lesson, thinking about sight and hearing impairment and what people can use to support them in everyday life. We discussed when a sight or hearing loss may have occurred (from birth or after an accident or illness), its impact on other senses, and the assistive tools and technologies that can be used to do everyday tasks and stay safe. Children shared their knowledge of guide dogs, people with hearing aids, of seeing the lines and bumps in the pavement to warn visually impaired people of dangers.

Yesterday, children came home with a family tree template. It would be very helpful if you could spend some time talking about your family tree and the relationships involved.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, remember to keep reading and perhaps you could have a go at logging in to Purple Mash to check your avatar!

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

Our first week in October has seen the end to our writing unit the Iron Man and Y3/4 place value unit. Y5/6 have finished their unit on addition and subtraction and move on to multiplication and division next week. Science has provided highlights for both groups. Y3/4 recreated the journey of food through the digestive system and watched a video of the real thing. Some children now proudly wear t-shirts with their drawing of the digestive system. Y5/6, who have been learning about adaptation and survival of the fittest, enjoyed their investigation about the best beak. Using chopsticks, tweezers, spoons and tongs, they tried to pick up different seeds and oats to determine the best beak. Ask your child about how this relates to Darwin's finches.

Over the last few weeks, the children have been learning about different art movements (impressionism, expressionism, Fauvism and realism). They have chosen a particular style to create a portrait, landscape or animal painting. Using their knowledge of colour theory, they have decided which colours they want to use. They are eager to create their pieces next week and we are looking forward to seeing their work.

Boys' Football

Boys Football Report

By Sam

On Tuesday afternoon, we went to Stokesley Secondary School for a football tournament. Everyone played the best they possibly could. I want to thank Ingleby Greenhow for helping us. I think that their goal keeper was very good because he saved lots of goals and I think Rupert and Charlie passed to each other very well. Even though we didn't win, we are proud of ourselves. Thank you to Mrs Cawthra and Mrs Battle for taking us and cheering us on.

Diary Dates

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

Dogs

Could we ask village residents to keep their dogs on a lead while walking on the path that runs beside the field at Carlton—we have had a couple of occasions of dogs entering the field when not on a lead and this presents a safeguarding risk to the children.

Thank you for your understanding.



Have your say on proposed changes to North Yorkshire Council's Home to School Travel Policy.

Following a Post Implementation Review of the updated Home to School Travel policy introduced in 2024, North Yorkshire Council is inviting views on a number of recommended changes. The consultation is open now and runs until 4 November 2026.

The review found that the policy is largely working as intended, helping to create a fairer and more consistent approach to transport eligibility while remaining in line with national guidance and on track to deliver planned savings. It also identified areas where improvements could be made.

Executive member for Education, Learning and Skills, Councillor Annabel Wilkinson, said: "We know that school travel arrangements are incredibly important to families and that the changes introduced in 2024 have affected some households more than others. When the policy changed, we promised to review how it was working in practice and to listen to the

experiences of families. We have carefully considered feedback from parents and carers, schools and other stakeholders,

alongside appeals, complaints and operational data. We would encourage people to take part as this is your opportunity to have your say and help us to shape the future of our home to school travel policy in North Yorkshire."

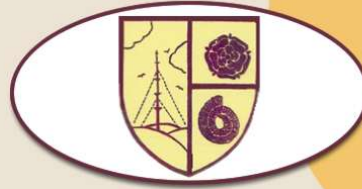
If any recommendations are approved, they would not take effect before September 2027 and will apply to children starting in Reception and Year 7 in September 2028. Families should continue to make school preference decisions based on the existing arrangements while this process is completed.

Eligibility for free travel would continue to be based on a child's nearest suitable school with available places. The review does not propose a return to catchment-based transport eligibility.

Find out more about the review and take part in the consultation at www.northyorks.gov.uk/PIRsurvey



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/>

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.

Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.nhs.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

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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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
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CHOP GATE VILLAGE
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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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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

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

25th November 2026

11th November 2026

2nd December 2026

18th November 2026

9th 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