

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

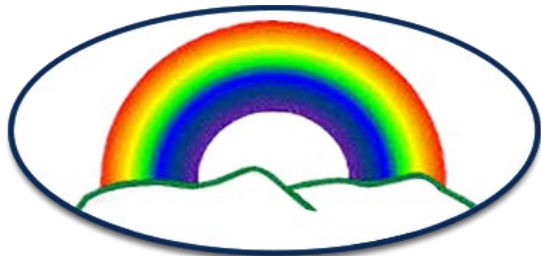
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

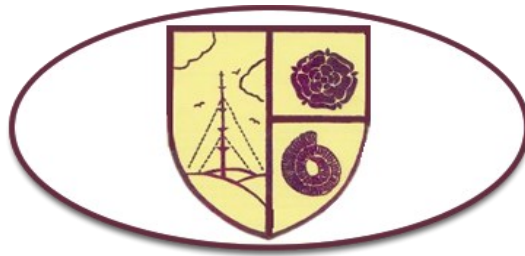
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the end of another week and children across the federation have been busy with their learning across all subjects. We were incredibly pleased with all of the entries into Stokesley Show last weekend, especially with our many prize winners! Considering we are 2 small schools we had 15 winners, with a mixture of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Very Highly Commended—well done to all.

Our Y5/6 girls footballers were in action against other local schools at the competition held at Stokesley School on Tuesday—Mrs Cawthra and Mrs Battle were impressed with the children's resilience and sportsmanship in the face of tough opposition.

Don't forget about our Harvest Service at St Botolph's, 2pm next Friday. Families are welcome to attend and children can head straight home once the service is finished.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott

Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—97.9%

Carlton—91.8%

National Average—96%



Awards



Vision Award—Gigi, Scarlett K, Darcy, Cruz, Noah, Ellie

Handwriting Award—Monty, Oliver, Eve, Edward, Penelope, Toby, Isabel, Lyla, Siena

Kindness Award—Mollie, Isla, Rupert, Lydia

Star of the Week—Heidi, Isaac D, Adelaide, Isabel, Eboni, Drew, Sam, Siena

Awards

TTRS—No awards this week—please promote this at home as children should be accessing at least 10 mins per week. Thank you.

Headteacher Hot Chocolate—Monty, Olive, Edith, Zara

Corridor King/Queen—Zeff and Adelaide



Music of the Week



Next week's music of the week is 'Lavender' by Marillion.

Collective Worship

We've had a lot of animal talk in worship this week—Picture News was all about the resurging tiger population in Nepal and No Outsiders focussed on a heart-warming story about a baby giraffe born without spots in the USA. We end our worship sessions with a poem and this week's have focussed on the migration of swallows as they prepare for winter. The children have really enjoyed thinking about and discussing God's creation.

Notes

Donations

Don't forget that we're accepting food-bank donations for Hambleton Foodshare as part of our Harvest Service. Donations can be sent into school with children any day next week.



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

Week 3 has brought lots of happy moments, new discoveries and plenty of opportunities for learning in Reception and Little Owls. It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence as they become more familiar with our classroom, routines and expectations. There is a real sense of belonging beginning to develop, with the children happily coming together to learn, play, talk and share their ideas. We have been especially pleased to see their independence beginning to shine through as they make choices, look after their environment and become increasingly confident members of our Early Years family.

This week, our Reception children have been learning the sounds Pp and Nn. We have been practising recognising the sounds, saying them clearly, spotting them in words and having a go at forming the letters correctly. Please continue to consolidate all of the sounds we have learned so far at home on a daily basis: s, a, t, i, p and n. A few minutes of regular practice really does make such a difference and helps the children to become increasingly confident with their early reading and writing.

In Maths, Reception have been exploring the composition of 3 and 4, learning that numbers can be made up in different ways. We have enjoyed lots of practical activities, counting, subitising and talking about what we notice. Our Little Owls have loved joining us for our counting songs and number rhymes too. A firm favourite this week is '10 Little Men in a Flying Saucer', with some very enthusiastic singing and counting!

We have continued our learning around Me and My Community, thinking about ourselves, our families and the important people in our lives. This week, we shared the lovely story *Once There Were Giants*, which prompted some wonderful discussions about families and how we grow and change. The children particularly enjoyed talking about their extended families and sharing who their aunties, uncles and cousins are. It was lovely to hear them talking so confidently about the special people in their lives and listening carefully to one another.

We have also been very busy outdoors! The children had great fun helping to tidy and clear our flower beds and worked brilliantly together to look after our outdoor environment. We were also very excited to discover the tomatoes that had grown, and of course we had to give them a try! This gave us another lovely opportunity to talk about how plants grow, where our food comes from and what plants need to stay healthy.

As we move further into autumn and the weather begins to turn cooler, please can I remind everyone to ensure that children come to school with warm clothing and a suitable coat each day. This is particularly important on Monday afternoons when Reception take part in Forest School, as we will be outside in most weathers. Another fantastic week in Reception and Little Owls. We are so proud of how well the children are embracing their learning and we are looking forward to seeing what next week brings!

News from the Classes

Carlton and Bilsdale KS1

This week we have continued to settle into our new routines and have enjoyed lots more fun learning together.

In phonics, Year 1 children have been embedding the sound 'igh' and learning other ways that the sound can be written - 'ie', 'y', 'i', 'i-e'. Year 2 children have been revisiting the sound 'ee' and looking at the many other ways that the sound can be written in words - 'e-e', 'ie', 'ea', 'y', 'ey' and 'e'. Just looking at that list of alternatives shows how complicated our language is! Supporting your child in their learning helps to boost confidence in reading, writing and all areas of the curriculum. Please check their school bags daily to share their reading books and to blend and build the words in their blending book.

In maths we are embedding our understanding of numbers to 20, looking at how we can represent each number, what is one more or one less than a given number and looking at how a number is made - 18 has 1 ten and 8 ones.

Science was lots of fun this week, as children used their senses to listen, look, touch, taste and smell. Some tastes were enjoyed, others not so much! It was fun to listen to a sound and look at a small portion of an object and guess what they were.

In our R.E. lesson we have been studying the parable of The Lost Son. This has prompted lots of discussion about what God is like, what was the message Jesus was delivering through the parable and what it can teach us today.

Please remember to send suitable clothing and footwear for Monday's Forest School. The weather is changing and the field will be damp and chilly. A pair of waterproof bottoms will protect clothing and wellies or boots keep feet dry. Thank you.

We hope you enjoy a lovely weekend and are looking forward to seeing you all bright and smiling next week.

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

The children are already enjoying our new writing unit based on The Iron Man. We've experimented with similes to describe how tall he is, used onomatopoeias and sound metaphors to describe the noisy scene of the Iron Man falling off the cliff. We will continue to add drama and dialogue next week.

History has been thought provoking this week as we have considered why men volunteered to join the war. Some children were surprised that some men thought it would be an adventure and some children did not like the idea of conscription. There was a distinct contrast between the positivity of volunteering and our next session about life in the trenches. Looking at photos gave the children a clear picture of the reality and led to some emotive writing.

In science, Y5/6 learnt about the work of Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace on the theory of evolution. They have also considered inheritance and the difference between inherited and non-inherited characteristics. Y3/4 developed their food chains into food webs and considered changes in habitats such as the impact of pollution on the rest of the food chain. Our next lesson in a fortnight's time will focus on digestion. The children will have an opportunity to create their digestive system on a t-shirt. Please send in a plain white t-shirt in a named bag if you would like your child to do this. Thank you.

Girls' Football Report

On Tuesday 22nd September Year 5/6 girls went to a football tournament at Stokesley School. Fortunately, two children from another school joined us so that we made a team of seven. As a team, we played well. Adelaide was very good in goal and we were good at defending. Sadly, we didn't place first, second or third but we tried our hardest and we were proud of the team. Although Isabel could not play due to her injured wrist, she was a great captain encouraging and motivating us.

Diary Dates

Monday 28th September	'Journey Through the Bible' morning at Bilsdale	Bilsdale	n/a
Friday 2nd October	Harvest service at St Botolph's—families welcome	All	Letter sent
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	More info. to follow
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
Monday 9th November	Skip 2B Fit <u>Bilsdale at Carlton all day</u>	All	n/a

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, Cllr 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

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/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NWU4NmM0MzktZjdjYS00NzhhlWJlNmItYWQwYmViYTA3N2U0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%7d

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



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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
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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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2026



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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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Email : kcstoney@sky.com

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Thursday 29th Oct

10am-3pm

Knayton Sports Hall

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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

11th November 2026

18th November 2026

25th November 2026

2nd December 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

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