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

**K**ind and accepting
**I**ndependent learners
**N**ever giving up
**D**etermined 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


Carlton and Faceby &
Bilsdale Midcable Primary School
PFA
Christmas Party
You're Invited!
Friday 4th December 2026
Doors open straight from school until 5pm
Carlton Village Hall
Festive Fun for Everyone!
Music
Hot Chocolate £1
Mince Pie or a Cookie 50p
Reindeer Food 50p
Tickets available from Reception for £2


Chocolate Raffle
The Carlton & Thacceby and Bilsdale PTA
welcome donations of Chocolate or Sweets for a Raffle to be drawn on
Friday 18th December 2026
Please leave your donations at the School Office
Tickets £1 available from the School Office
(please tell us if your child does not eat chocolate or has food intolerances)

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# The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale CE Federation Newsletter

## Friday 27th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents, carers, family and friends who joined us for our Advent service this afternoon, it was a lovely start to the festivities to come. A big thank you also to Rev. Donneta for hosting and leading the service.

This week children from Y2-Y6 have undertaken their termly assessments, we were very pleased with the children's attitude towards these tests, really living out our federation's vision. We will use this information to plan learning for the coming term.

Don't forget that next Friday is our Reindeer Run for Teesside Hospice, please have your sponsorship returned to school by next Friday.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Mr. M. Scott

Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—94.9%

Carlton—94%

National Average—94.7%

Every day COUNTS!

School success starts with attendance

### Awards

**Vision Award—**Gigi, Annie, Penelope, Bilsdale KS2

**Handwriting Award—**Oliver, Darcy, Eve, Cruz, Beth

**Kindness Award—**Monty, Olive, Adelaide, Dolly, Zeff

**Star of the Week—**Heidi, Mollie, Isaac L, Isaac D, Charlie, Lyla, Scarlett, Edith, Aoife, Noah, Lauren

**Headteacher Hot Chocolate—**Monty, Bea, Oscar, Zara

**Corridor King/Queen—**Oliver and Aurora

### Awards

**TTRSY 3/4 —1st** Charlie, 2nd Noah, 3rd Oscar

**TTRS Y5/6—**1st Lyla, 2nd Isabel, 3rd Scarlett S

**TTRS Change of Status—**Headliner—Oscar, Rock Star—Noah

**Numbots Accuracy—**1st Jasper, 2nd Isaac D, 3rd Darcy

### Music of the Week

Next week's music of the week is 'Rather Be' by Clean Bandit ft. Jess Glynne.

### Notes

**Peat Rigg**

It's now just over a week until our Y5 and Y6 pupils head off on their exciting adventure to Peat Rigg. If there are any last-minute questions, or you need another copy of the kit list, please just let us know.

PEAT RIGG OUTDOOR TRAINING CENTRE

### Collective Worship

*This week's Picture News was based on this year's John Lewis Christmas advert—why not watch it together as a family and ask your child to remember what was discussed.* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbdvIoLx_BQ

Picture News

### 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

This week, EYFS children have enjoyed another exciting week of learning linked to our Once Upon a Time theme. We have been exploring the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff, using our imagination, problem-solving skills and teamwork to design and build bridges using a range of natural materials. The children worked collaboratively to investigate which materials would make the strongest and most stable bridges, testing their creations with our small-world goats and discussing ways to improve their designs. Throughout these activities, we placed a strong emphasis on developing communication and language through SHREC approach (Share Attention, Respond, Expand and Conversation), helping children to build vocabulary and engage in meaningful discussions.

Alongside story-based learning, the children have been exploring our topic, Sparkle and Shine through the beautiful story Little Glow. Through this learning, the children explored the natural world around them, developing their understanding of day and night, light and darkness, and the changing seasons. This provided valuable opportunities to develop their Knowledge of the World as they discussed their observations and experiences. The children created their own sparkling night-sky artwork using a range of materials, exploring colour, texture and creative techniques. We were particularly impressed by their imaginative ideas and their ability to talk confidently about their creations, making links between what they had learned and the world around them.

In Reception, children have continued to make good progress in phonics, handwriting and early reading, whilst also exploring concepts of length, height, position and space in mathematics. Our youngest learners have enjoyed developing their fine and gross motor skills through playdough, music, outdoor learning and creative activities. It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence, independence and curiosity as they explore the world around them. We are especially proud of the rich conversations taking place across the setting as children develop their language, thinking and social skills through play.

We look forward to sharing more of our learning adventures with you next week as we begin our exciting journey through Advent together.

## News from the Classes

### Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

We have enjoyed another very busy week of learning together in Class 2. Year 2s have shown independence, resilience and determination as they have completed their first set of assessments of the year. They all tried their hardest and we are very proud of their efforts. Year 1 have impressed with their history knowledge, as they have delved deeper into what childhood was like in the 1950s. They used photographs to look for clues and gather evidence about games, toys, school, family life, clothes and food and put their phonic knowledge to good use as they independently wrote phrases and sentences to describe aspects of life for children in the 50s. In computing, we are learning how to use the tool 2Go. Children are learning to use the direction keys in 2Go to move the turtle along a route, to use units of distance along with the direction keys to move along a route, and to write and build up instructions to make a longer route. Remember that children can access Purple Mash and build on their skills at home. Look out for any To Dos set for them to complete. This week we have started to think about our nativity production. Children now know their parts and will soon come home with words to learn and song lyrics to sing. If you could support them in learning and saying any lines, that would be very much appreciated, thank you. As we move into December next week, the children will continue to explore the nativity story in R.E., thinking about advent and what Christmas means to Christians.

### Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

Focus, determination and patience have been the main skills on display this week. The children have completed Autumn term assessments with great concentration and doing their best. It is great to see how much they have learnt this term. The children have applied equal focus and determination during their independent write. Writing a recount as an evacuee, the children have not only shown their imagination and writing skills but also their history knowledge with references to WWII woven throughout. We have enjoyed reading work.

In our DT unit of Make Do and Mend, we are at the making stage - sewing. Before starting, we discussed the need for patience with potential issues such as knots, getting tangled, difficulties with the chosen fabrics. The children shared strategies they could use if faced with frustration. The children used a variety of techniques and stitches with some children adding embroidery or sewing on a button and have made a good start to creating their chosen product. Although many did report facing a challenge, they did explain that they used a strategy to remain calm and all were pleased with the progress they had made. Well done KS2, you have shown great resilience and determination. We will finish our sewing next week.

# Diary Dates

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| Friday 4th December | Reindeer Run for Teesside Hospice | All | Letter sent, further info. attached |
| Friday 4th December | Library in—final time before Christmas | All | n/a |
| Friday 4th December | PTFA Christmas Party—straight after school at Carlton Village Hall. | All | Info. sent |
| Monday 7th December | Y5/6 residential to Peat Rigg<br>**Y1 and Y4 Bilsdale pupils at Carlton all week** | Y5/6 | Letter sent |
| Monday 14th December | All day rehearsal at Chop Gate Village Hall | Rec-Y6 | Letter sent |
| Tuesday 15th December | Nativity performance<br>Chop Gate Village Hall, 2pm. **Families welcome.** | Rec-Y6 | Letter sent |
| Wednesday 16th December | Whole school pantomime trip | Rec-Y6 | Letter sent |
| Thursday 17th December | EYFS Christmas sing along, Carlton, 2.30pm<br>**EYFS families welcome** | Little Owls and Reception | Letter sent |
| Friday 18th December | Christmas dinner and jumper day | All | Letter sent |
| Friday 18th December | Christmas carol concert at Carlton, 2pm<br>**Families welcome.** | All | Letter sent |
| Friday 18th December | School closes for Christmas<br>**No after school provision today.** | All | n/a |
| Monday 4th January | Staff training day, school closed to children | All | n/a |

## Bilsdale consultation

Further information is available via the link below on the consultation for the proposed closure of Bilsdale Midcable Chop Gate CE VC Primary School from September 2027. You can also submit your thoughts to the local authority by following the same link.

https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/2026/chance-have-your-say-future-bilsdale-primary-school?fbclid=IwY2xjawVhaqpleHRuA2FlbQIxMABwZG9mAXNydGMGYXBwX2lkEDIyMjAzOTE3ODgyMDA4OTIAAR-n948YG-RWV8TXDdUoAz3Be-wAxzOx_kWirng8Pzc2gTduRjgJoMH_PAU0P1w_aem_YX_7pJV2nKFMO756IHqn9Q





**Come along to**
Father Christmas
Coffee Morning

Carlton Methodist Church

Saturday, 28th November

from 10 – 12

Coffee /tea and biscuits
Bric-a-brac stall
Cake stall
And of course, meet Santa.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

When parents and carers finally have the chance to spend some quality time with their child over Christmas, many face a familiar struggle to prise their young one's attention away from their phone, console, tablet or computer. Fun family bonding over the festive period, however, doesn't have to exclude devices. There are sackfuls of Christmas activities and ideas online which grown-ups and children can enjoy together. We've compiled our own 'nice list' of seasonal suggestions for how to ...

# MAKE THE MOST OF THE ONLINE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS




## 1 EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

Budding bakers will relish helping out in the kitchen with some tasty festive treats. Spend some time together researching child-friendly Christmas recipes online (the BBC Good Food site is an excellent place to start), and then you and your little elves can rustle up gingerbread santas, marshmallow snowmen or reindeer shortbread. The only thing that's more fun is eating your creations afterwards!

## 2 THE OLD SONGS ARE THE BEST?

We've all had that Christmas compilation CD that was almost perfect, if it wasn't inexplicably missing one of your best-loved tracks. In this era of music streaming, however, your little helpers can assist you in compiling a definitive playlist of all your favourite seasonal songs – no more pining for The Pretenders or wishing for Wizzard.

## 3 DECK THE HALLS

There's no such thing as 'too many' Christmas trimmings! Let your child channel their excitement into some creative crafting, and you'll make memories as well as your own DIY decorations. There are loads of step-by-step guides online (including video walkthroughs on YouTube) for seasonal showpieces like paper plate angels, handprint wreaths and cupcake wrapper Christmas trees.

## 4 A WORLD OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW

From turkey on the beach in Australia to roller-skating to church in Venezuela, Christmas is celebrated in a variety of ways worldwide – curious youngsters might enjoy discovering other nations' festive traditions online. Google's Santa Tracker is a brilliant (and free) starting point, with games, activities and animations to help children enjoy learning as they count down to the big day!

## 5 THE NEAR AND THE DEAR ONES

Between time constraints, distance, the weather and Covid precautions (or a combination of all four) for many families it just won't be possible to physically spend time with everyone they'd ideally like to this Christmas. Video calling technology, of course, takes some of the sting out of the disappointment by virtually transporting loved ones into your living room.

## 6 KIDS FROM ONE TO 92

If Santa's brought your young ones a console this year (or they already had one), it's a perfect excuse for some quality time while they gleefully trounce you at FIFA or Mario Kart. Digital versions of traditional board games like Monopoly and Cluedo are available on most platforms, too; get the whole household together for a modern take on some old-school family fun.

## 7 A WINTER'S TALE

Everyone enjoys a story at this time of year: after all, the whole celebration is based on an engrossing yarn. Sites such as Audible are an excellent way of entertaining excited young ones, with classics like Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and seasonal short stories by Enid Blyton alongside more contemporary Christmas tales by the likes of Tom Fletcher, JK Rowling and Ben Miller.

## 8 CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THOSE FACES

People used to express their gratitude for a thoughtful Christmas gift with a thank you card or a dutiful phone call. Not in the digital age: now your relations can see first-hand on video calls how delighted the children are with their presents – and even how they look in that slightly questionable hand-knitted pullover.

## 9 BROUGHT ME SOME CORN FOR POPPIN'

Snuggling up against the winter weather with the family (and a generous helping of chocolates) to enjoy a well-loved movie is a delightful Christmas tradition. The usual streaming services have some classic candidates on offer: *Home Alone* and *The Santa Clause* are on Disney+, while Amazon Prime has *Elf* and *The Grinch*, and Netflix goes with *The Princess Switch* and *The Christmas Chronicles*.

## 10 GUESS WHAT I FORGOT?

Friends and family pitting their wits against each other on Zoom, Teams or Skype really took off during lockdown, so why not revive the tradition over the holidays? Your questions could be on the biggest news, sport and showbiz stories of 2021, or be Christmas themed, or you could stick to classic general knowledge. Ideal for those days between Christmas and New Year.

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# Rudolph Run

**We're spreading Christmas cheer to support local families who could be facing their last Christmas together. Sign up today and you'll receive:**

- Reindeer nose and antlers for every child taking part.*
  *minimum sponsorship of £3 per child suggested
- Sponsorship forms for every child.
- A participation certificate and thank you for every child.
- We would be delighted to visit your school to speak to the children about the difference their support will make to Teesside Hospice this Christmas.
- Opportunity for a large cheque presentation with the children after your event.

Teesside HOSPICE

Registered Charity Number: 512875

# 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.**

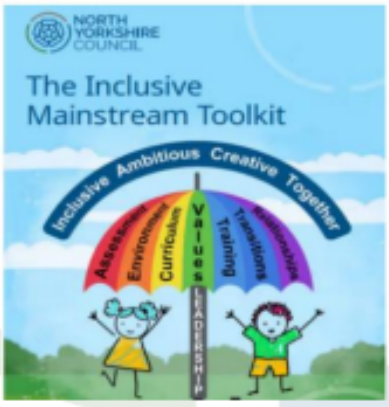
## Where & When

- 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**

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# Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

## Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC 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) |
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| **A cough, cold or sore throat**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment. | **Conjunctivitis**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. | **Scarlet fever**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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?'