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 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and restful half-term break. The children have returned and settled straight back into the routines of school which has been wonderful to see, especially as we've had a busy first week!

Monday saw KS1 pupils venture to Hartlepool Museum and Art Gallery for a visit linked to their current history topic—a great time was had by all. Wednesday and Thursday saw Y5 and Y6 pupils take part in their Bikeability sessions, learning about the importance of bike safety in a practical way. We had some lovely feedback from the instructors, especially about their time spent on the roads around Carlton with the children.

Don't forget that next Thursday is KS2's trip to Murton Park, if you need a reminder of the details please just ask at the office.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Mr. M. Scott Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—**94.9%**

Carlton—**93.3%**

National Average—95.7%

Every day COUNTS!

School success starts with attendance

Awards

Vision Award—Gigi, Edith, Isla, Bea, Bilsdale Y5/6

Handwriting Award—Oliver, Jasper, Louis, Beth

Kindness Award—Heidi, Drew, Florence, Ellie

Star of the Week—All Reception, Y3, Drew, Rafferty , Isaac D, Eve, Olive, Annie, Aurora

Awards

TTRS—None this week

TTRS Change of Status—Unsigned Act—Oscar

Headteacher Hot Chocolate—Mollie, Alice, Scarlett S, Zeff

Corridor King/Queen—Monty and Ellie

Music of the Week

Next week's music of the week is 'Don't Stop Me Now' by Queen.

Notes

Skip 2B Fit

Just a reminder that Monday is our Skip 2B Fit day—children should come to school in their PE kits please. All Bilsdale are at Carlton all day.

This is our final session with Dave as the DFE are withdrawing our Sports Premium funding gradually this academic year. We'd like to thank Dave for all of the work he's done with the children over the last few years.

Collective Worship

This week's No Outsiders got children thinking about all different kinds of families, why not look at the story together as a family over the weekend—https://ks1no-outsiders-assembly.blogspot.com/2026/10/different-families.html

NO OUT SIDERS

'All different, All welcome'

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

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful half term break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and hear all about their adventures during the holidays. They have returned full of enthusiasm and excitement and we are delighted to begin our new topic, "Once Upon a Time", which will immerse them in the magical world of traditional fairy tales.

Reception have continued to build on their phonics knowledge by learning the sounds Uu and Rr, developing their blending and segmenting skills and practising their handwriting through daily activities. In Maths, we have continued our Mastering Number programme while exploring circles and triangles through a range of practical and engaging learning opportunities. Meanwhile, Little Owls have been developing their early mathematical skills through games, songs, counting activities and mathematical conversations woven naturally throughout their play.

Learning outdoors remains an important part of our curriculum and the children have thoroughly enjoyed spending time in the Wildlife Area taking part in exciting Cinderella-themed activities. They have searched for woodland helpers hidden around the area, used natural materials to retell parts of the story and worked together to design and build a woodland home for Cinderella using sticks, leaves, bark and pinecones. These experiences have inspired wonderful imaginative play, storytelling and teamwork. Alongside this, the children have continued to develop their physical skills through balance bikes, Forest School, Dough Disco and a wide range of fine and gross motor activities designed to strengthen their coordination, confidence and independence.

As always, we encourage you to continue sharing books together at home and talking about your child's learning experiences. Reading regularly, even for a few minutes each day, has a significant impact on language development, vocabulary and early reading skills. Please also remember to send your child with suitable outdoor clothing, as we continue to embrace outdoor learning whatever the weather.

We have had a fantastic start to the second half of the autumn term and it has been a joy to see the children settling back into routines so quickly. We are looking forward to another exciting half term filled with learning, discovery, laughter and memorable experiences.

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

What a lovely start to a new half term we had on Monday. Our first day back and our first visit out of school to Hartlepool Art Gallery. The children all had a fantastic day, beginning with a good exploration of the wonderful artworks displayed around the gallery. They identified their favourite piece, explaining why it was their favourite and what they loved about it. We then played lots of games; using a colour wheel to find artworks with lots of one particular colour, finding pieces of art made from different materials, thinking about what might have happened immediately after the painting had been completed. Some great ideas and lots of fantastic discussion. After that we created our own mini gallery exhibition and ordered paintings from our favourite to least favourite and then which paintings would work well if shown together and why. The 1950s toys came out next and we had lots of fun exploring, playing, talking about toys in the past and toys today. Before we left the gallery, we had a mystery object to look at. After lots of super ideas, we eventually found out that the object was a portable radio. Not very small or portable at all!

Back in school our new unit in art has been a great continuation from the gallery, as we looked at a range of faces and portraits, discussing the features and then sketching our own fabulous faces. We drew a simple grid to help us position our eyes, noses and mouth, used mirrors to look closely and add the smaller details of eyelashes, freckles and dimples. In history we have ordered decades chronologically and found some key events from each decade. We now know there are 10 years in a decade and are using this knowledge to help us count in 10s.

What a great first week back we have had! Happy weekend to you all, stay safe with fireworks and have fun!

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

Y5/6 enjoyed learning new cycling skills this week and have proved to be safe cyclists during their Bikeability sessions. Meanwhile, Y3/4 took the opportunity to power on with maths, becoming skilled at column subtraction. Our history and writing units continue with the children enjoying writing a recount based on Letters from the Lighthouse.

A new half term brings some new units of work. Connected to history, our DT unit is Make Do and Mend. We have looked at the Make Do and Mend campaign and how it influenced family life, fashion and the war effort. Over the next few weeks, the children will deconstruct some garments, learn some different stitching techniques before making their final item something new from something old.

There are also new units of work in PSHE, RE and science. In science, Y3/4 are studying sound, learning that how sound travels and how to change pitch and volume, whilst Y5/6 are investigating light and how we see. There is a lot to look forward to this term including our trip to Murton Park next Thursday.

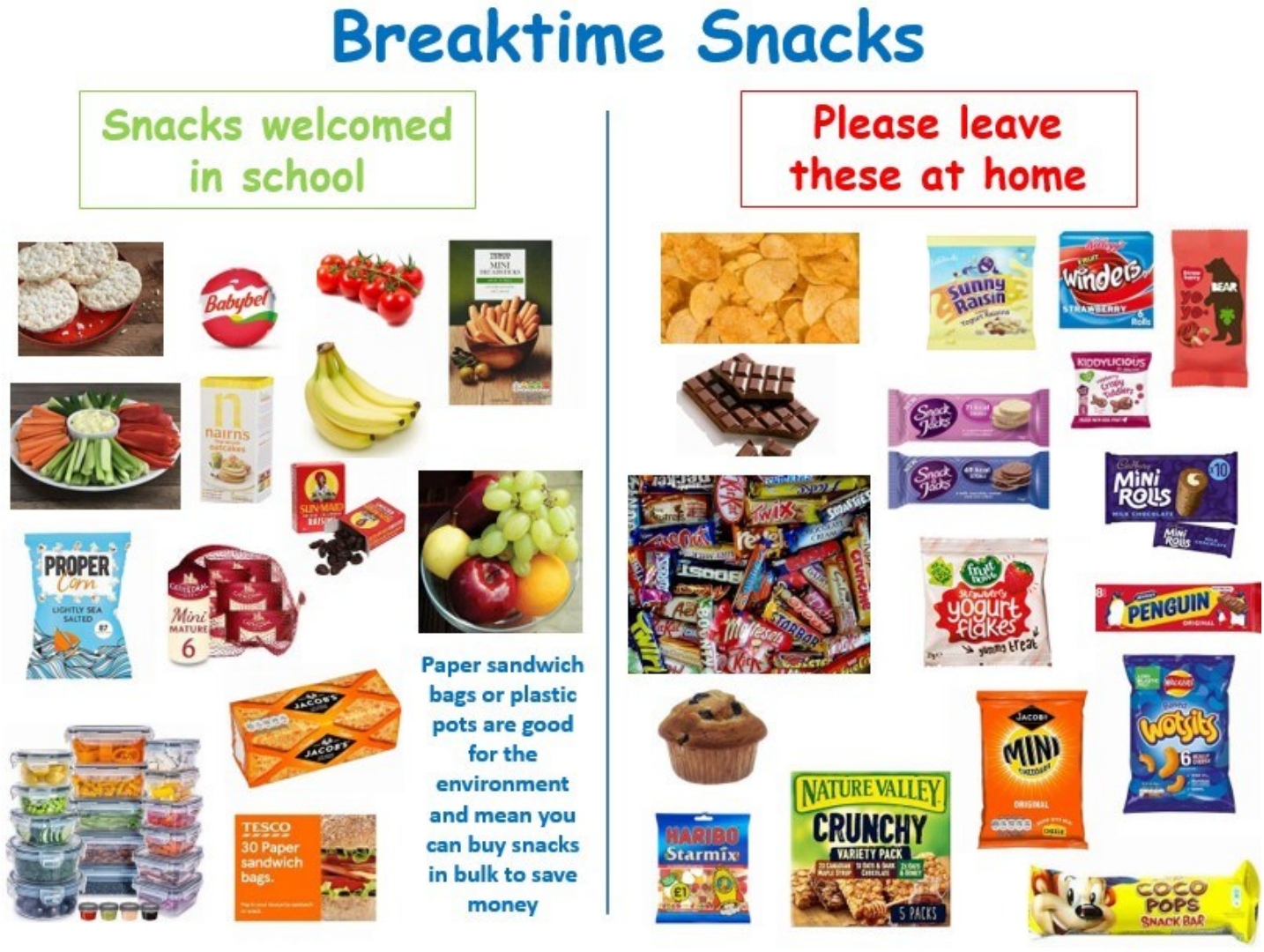
Diary Dates

Monday 9th November	Skip 2B Fit **All Bilsdale at Carlton today**	All **Bilsdale**	n/a
Tuesday 10th November	Flu vaccinations at Carlton	All	Letter sent
Wednesday 11th November	Flu vaccinations at Bilsdale	All	Letter sent
Wednesday 11th November	Bilsdale children attending Remembrance Service at War Memorial	Bilsdale	n/a
Thursday 12th November	KS2 trip to Murton Park **All Bilsdale at Carlton today**	KS2	Letter sent
Friday 13th November	Children in Need—non-uniform day and juice/ biscuits at breaktime. Suggested £2 per child donation	All	Letter sent
Friday 13th November	Reception and Y1 toothbrushing visit	Reception and Y1	n/a
Friday 13th November	Library in, rescheduled from last week	All	n/a
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day	All	n/a
Thursday 19th November	Y5/6 to Crucial Crew **All Bilsdale at Carlton today**	Y5/6	Letter sent
Friday 20th November	Reception and KS1 phonics and reading meeting	Reception and Y1 parents/carers	Letter sent
Thursday 26th November	Public meeting on school closure, 5.30pm at Bilsdale School. **All welcome.**	All	More info. to follow
Friday 27th November	Advent Service at St Botolph's, Carlton, 2.15pm **Families welcome**	All	More info. to follow
Friday 4th December	Reindeer Run for Teesside Hospice	All	Letter sent, further info. to follow
Monday 7th December	Y5/6 residential to Peat Rigg	Y5/6	Letter sent
Monday 14th December	All day rehearsal at Chop Gate Village Hall	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Tuesday 15th December	Nativity performance Chop Gate Village Hall, 2pm. **Families welcome.**	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Wednesday 16th December	Whole school pantomime trip	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Friday 18th December	Christmas dinner and jumper day	All	More info. to follow
Friday 18th December	Christmas coral concert at Carlton, 2pm **Families welcome.**	All	More info. to follow
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas **No after school provision today.**	All	n/a
Monday 4th January	Staff training day, school closed to children	All	n/a

Snacks

Please can we again clarify what constitutes appropriate snacks for morning break time:

- Children in Early Years and KS1 are provided with free fruit at school which is accessible every break time
- If children of any age wish to bring a snack from home this must be eaten in the gazebo at breaktime where they are supervised by a member of staff
- Our absolute preference is for fruit/vegetables, however we do also allow healthy alternatives such as crackers, cheese and rice cakes
- A reminder that when cutting fruit and vegetables to consider choking hazards, circular shapes should be avoided
- We do not allow children to eat crisps, biscuits, chocolate, sweets etc. at breaktime—if they bring these items they will be asked to return them to their bag and offered school fruit instead
- All items should not contain nuts of any kind



Book

Mrs Howe came back to visit us today to share a book with the children which she has written and illustrated. The children really enjoyed learning more about the process used to make the illustrations. We were very lucky to be the first people that Mrs Howe has shared the book with outside of her family, and we can all say we have met and author and illustrator!

For anyone who would like to purchase a copy, or to find out more about the book and its production, they are available via the links below from next week.

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Mending Laura: Amazon.co.uk: Howe, Vicky: 9781836157496: Books



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



Tombola 2026

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.

TEMPLESPA
with Joanne

CANCER RESEARCH UK

Charity Coffee Morning

to raise money for
Cancer Research UK

Friday 20th November, 10am-12pm

My house (please message me for the address)

There will be refreshments and baked goods, a raffle and an opportunity to chat about and try some beautiful TEMPLESPA products. You can also get started on your Christmas shopping!





Everyone welcome

Joanne
07584073236

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.**

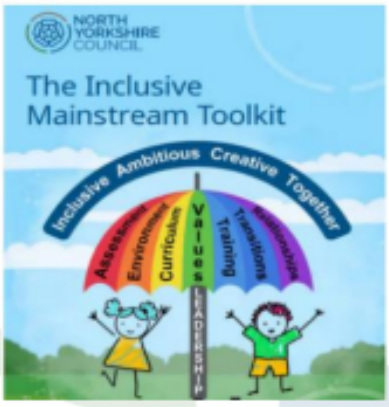
Where & When

- 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

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)
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?'