

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

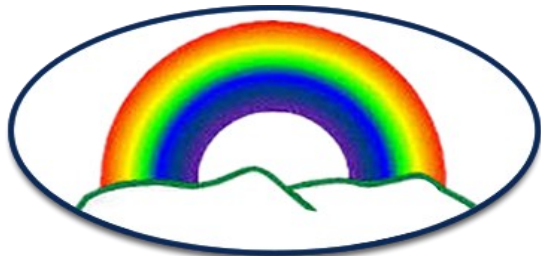
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

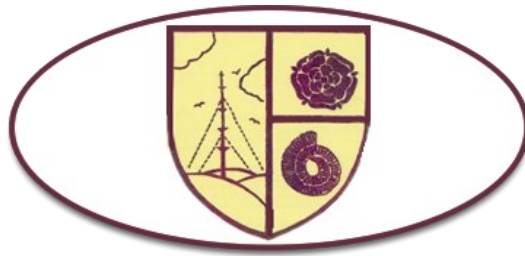
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all of our families had an enjoyable summer break. It's been really lovely to see the children settle into their new classes this week, coping brilliantly with getting back into the routines of school—particularly our Reception children who look so smart in their uniforms! An especially big welcome goes to the pupils who join us from other schools, or for their first experience of school in Little Owls.

This week we have also welcomed a new member of staff—Mrs Jones joins our team as a teaching assistant who will be working across all classes at Carlton. We're delighted that Mrs Jones has joined our school and look forward to working with her as the year progresses.

The apples on the tree in the front garden at Carlton are ready to harvest—please feel free to help yourselves if you'd like any.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Attendance returns next week!



Awards



Vision Award—Oliver, Class 2, Olive, Rafferty, Dolly, Siena

Handwriting Award—Mollie, Florence, Isaac L, Lydia, Lauren

Kindness Award—Heidi, Scarlett K, George, Arthur, Penelope, Charlie, Beth

Star of the Week—Monty, Gigi, Isla, Louis, Eboni, Edith, Zeff, Zara

Headteacher Hot Chocolate—Oliver, Bea, Alice, Aurora

Corridor King/Queen—Ellie and Darcy

Awards

Curriculum awards return next week!



Music of the Week



Next week's music of the week is 'Beautiful Day' by U2.

Collective Worship

On Tuesday, all children took part in a special worship session to begin the new academic year. We discussed goals for the year ahead and set ourselves a personal challenge to achieve over the coming months.



Notes

Kit in school

Please remember that children should have their PE kit in school each day—this allows for timetable changes and offers spare clothes to cope with any accidents. Children in Class 1 should have wellies/ waterproofs in school for outdoor learning, and remember that on Monday afternoons children in Classes 1 and 2 will have Forest School so kit is required.

Thank you!

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 a super start to our new year in Class 1! We have had a very busy and positive start week and it has been wonderful to see how confidently the children have settled into Reception. As our Reception children were part of Little Owls last year, the transition into Class 1 has been incredibly smooth. The children have quickly adapted to life as a Reception pupil and have demonstrated growing independence as they learn and follow our daily routines. They have also continued to develop their understanding of how to care for our learning environment by organising resources and ensuring equipment is returned to the correct places after use. It has been lovely to see the children approaching these familiar routines with such maturity and confidence as they begin the next stage of their learning journey.

Little Owls have especially enjoyed being explorers and making the most of our continuous provision. They have delighted in investigating the different areas of provision both indoors and outdoors, showing curiosity, imagination and enthusiasm as they learn through play. We have already seen some wonderful creativity, problem-solving and collaborative play as the children begin to establish friendships and feel at home in their new surroundings.

It has been lovely to watch the children growing in confidence each day and supporting one another as part of our Class 1 family. This week, we introduced our new topic, 'Me and My Community'. Through stories, discussions and activities, the children have begun to think about themselves, their families and the people who help us in our community. On Wednesday afternoon, the children enjoyed a walk around the school grounds to help them become familiar with their school community. They were excellent ambassadors for Class 1, demonstrating fantastic listening skills and a great deal of enthusiasm as they explored the different areas of school together.

In Phonics, we have begun learning our first sounds, Ss and Aa. The children have enjoyed practising saying the sounds, recognising them within words and beginning to form the letters correctly. Please continue to support your child's learning at home by referring to the sound mat in their reading record and encouraging them to practise the sounds regularly. We are also delighted to have introduced picture books for the children to take home and share with their families. Reading together is one of the most valuable ways to support language development and foster a lifelong love of books. Please make a note in your child's reading record whenever you share their book together.

Thank you for your continued support. We are so proud of the children's fantastic start to the year and look forward to sharing many more exciting learning experiences with you in the weeks ahead.

News from the Classes

Carlton and Bilsdale KS1

What a wonderful first week back we have had in our new class. The children came into school on Tuesday looking happy, healthy and refreshed. They enjoyed sharing news of their holiday time and their adventures and visits. As they explored the classroom, they were excited to see examples of their work they had produced on our Transition Day back in July and throughout the week they have had fun adding more creative pieces to display in the classroom.

We have begun our maths work on place value and have refreshed our memories with how to use Rekenreks and subitise in our Mastering Number sessions. Our introduction to our science unit on Human Senses has been fun. Most of the class were very surprised to discover that humans are animals, and we have discovered many ways in which each human is different and unique. We have explored our five senses and labelled basic body parts. In history, we have looked at time words and phrases, using them to describe different human life stages from babies through to elderly. Using these time words, children wrote about what life stage they were at 'many years ago' or 'a long time ago'. They thought about what age they were 'a year ago' or explained what life stage they were at in the 'present day'. This introduction to time words will help them to understand historical terms such as 'year, decade, century' as our unit on Childhood progresses. We have shared the beautifully illustrated story 'Grandad's Island' and next week we will begin our English, using the story as our stimulus.

Children have now come home with their new reading pack and book. Your support at home with reading makes such a huge difference to progress and confidence. Spending time daily sharing and enjoying their school book, and any other reading material they are interested in, shows children that we all value reading. Those few minutes spent each day are so precious and valuable. Before you know it, they will be heading off to senior school, so enjoy while you can!

We have been so very impressed with how the children have coped with the transition from both Year 1 and from Reception. All the children have demonstrated our vision and lived out our 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' rules all week. They have shown determination, resilience, kindness and been so eager to please and try their best. I am sure they will be shattered at the weekend! We hope you have a lovely weekend and are looking forward to seeing everyone next week for more fun and learning together.

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

It was lovely to see so many smiling faces on Tuesday. We have spent some time making connections with old friends and, particularly for Carlton, across year groups now that they are a KS2 class. The children are becoming familiar with new routines and expectations.

We have launched into place value for our first maths topic maths starting with Roman numerals. Y3/4 are building on their knowledge of three digit numbers representing numbers using Base Ten materials and place value counters. Y5/6 are developing their understanding of five and six digit numbers.

This year we have split the science curriculum so that older children are taught the more complex science. Y5/6 start with Evolution and Inheritance. The children have learnt that scientists now consider five kingdoms for living things rather than just the plant and animal kingdom. Ask your child about the fungus, protista and monera kingdom. Y3/4's Food and Digestion unit begins with food chains with children adding to their knowledge of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Ask your child about frugivores, insectivores and piscivores.

The Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, is asking children to take part in The Big Future survey. Children can access the survey via this link:
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>



Bilsdale Worship

Thank you to Rev. Anne who visited Bilsdale to deliver Collective Worship on Wednesday. She brought the children one of these activity books each to learn more about different Bible stories.



Diary Dates

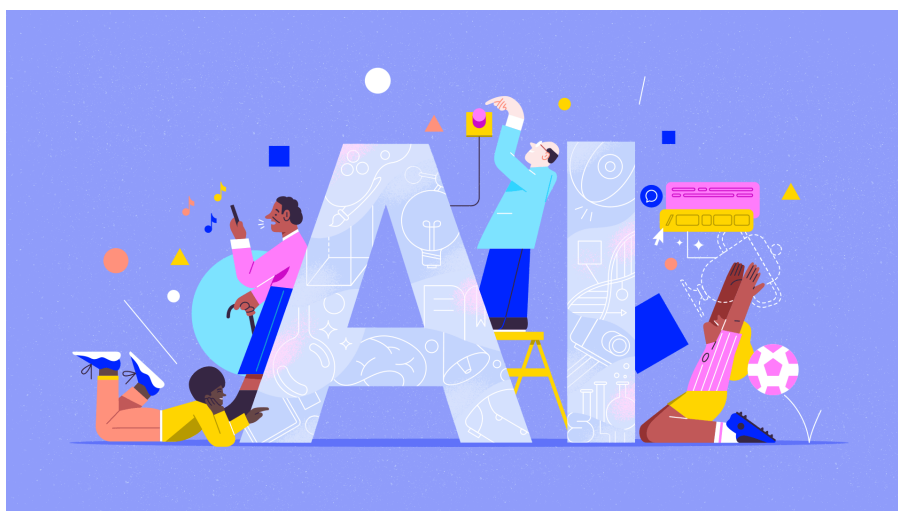
Tuesday 22nd September	KS2 girls football	Team	Letter sent
Friday 25th September	Library in school	All	n/a
Monday 28th September	'Journey Through the Bible' morning at Bilsdale	Bilsdale	n/a
Friday 2nd October	Harvest service at St Botolph's—families welcome	All	More info. to follow
Tuesday 6th October	KS2 boys football	Team	More info. to follow
Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October	Parent Teacher Consultations	All	More info. to follow
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
Wednesday 4th November	Eco-team trip to Harlow Carr Gardens	Eco team	More info. to follow

Social Media

Over the last few years we have given parents/carers the option of giving consent for photos of children to be shared on the federation Facebook page. As a result of updated guidance surrounding the dangers of AI manipulation of photos of children, we will no longer be sharing photos of children on the Facebook page. I know this will be disappointing for many as the page has become a popular way of keeping in touch with what children are getting up to in school, but we must put the safety of children first.

We will continue to bring you lots of exciting updates via the Facebook page and will instead focus on the work/efforts of the children rather than photos of them undertaking particular activities. We will continue to share photos on the weekly newsletter.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Executive Headteacher - Mr. M. Scott



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

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Time :
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FOOTBALL**





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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>

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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