

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

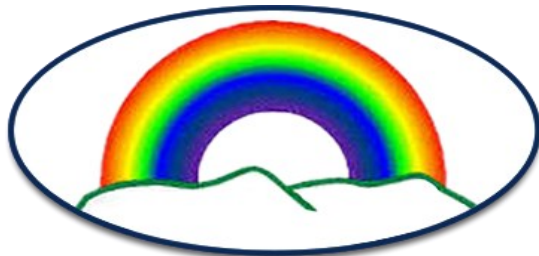
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

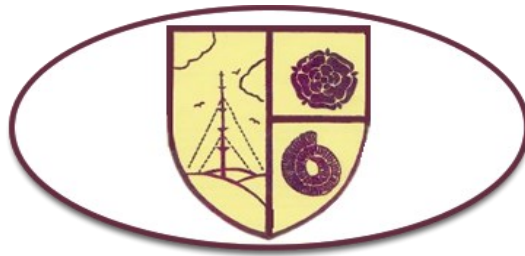
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. Yesterday saw our girls' football team in action at the local area event in Thirsk, they represented our federation brilliantly. Today we had a special visit from Picture News for a special in-person session. The children really enjoyed this and a big thank you to the Picture News team for facilitating this opportunity.

I'd like to welcome some new faces to our schools—Evie and Eboni joined Class 3 at Carlton this week and Aurora has made the transfer to Bilsdale. We also welcome Miss Smoliarenko who is working in classes across the school at Carlton.

Today we said goodbye to Miles and Bea as they leave for their new adventure in Cyprus, we wish them all the best for their future.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,
Mr. M. Scott Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—95.2%

Carlton—**94.3%**

National Average—94.6%



Awards



Star of the Week—Miles, Olivia, Eboni, Bonnie, Aurora, John

Kindness Award—Tadhg, Charlie, Aoife, Evie, Zara, Jake, Eva

Handwriting Award—Scarlett K, Oscar, Anna, Lydia

Corridor King/Queen—returns next week!

Awards

Vision Award—Class 1, Lavinia, Sammy, Lluna

Headteacher Hot Chocolate—George, Cruz, Jack, Beth

Mathematics Awards

Numbots—1st Alice, 2nd Penelope, 3rd Olivia

Numbots score increase—1st Aurora, 2nd Alice, 3rd Rocco

Y3/4—1st Devon, 2nd Bea, 3rd Zeff

Y5/6—1st Willow, 2nd Jack, 3rd Sammy

Change of status—Rock Star—Bea, Wannabe—Isabel

Notes

Myanmar Fundraising

Thank you to all parents and carers who supported our fundraising today in aid of the Myanmar earthquake—our current total is over £80.

A big well done to Bea who had the closest guess and won the sweets in the jar.



Collective Worship

Our new Collective Worship value for this half term is friendship. Why not take a look through the attached information and share the stories/do some of the suggested activities over the weekend.



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

Little Owls and Class 1

The children have jumped straight back into learning in Class 1 with such enthusiasm. We have seen fantastic listening, kind teamwork and lots of happy faces as we start our exciting new topic for the summer term: Sunshine and Sunflowers.

Exploring the Great Outdoors - This week, we have become gardeners in training! The children have been exploring the school grounds, learning to recognise different plants, trees and flowers, and even helping to clear out the school raised flower beds - all ready for planting. The children have loved getting stuck in, digging, weeding and preparing the soil.

As part of our new topic, we will be planting our own sunflower seeds and watching them grow over the coming weeks. Through this, the children will learn about what plants need to grow, the parts of a plant and the importance of taking care of living things.

There's so much to look forward to this term - from creative sunflower art and nature walks, to stories, songs and even some gardening inspired maths and phonics. We can't wait to see how much the children grow - just like their sunflowers!

Carlton and Bilsdale KS1

How lovely to see the children back together after our Easter holiday. Everyone came in with smiles and news to share, eager to discover what the final term holds in store. A few children seem to have grown taller - Noah proudly announced that he has 'had a growth sprout', and all have come back with positive attitudes and eagerness to do and be their best - well done everyone.

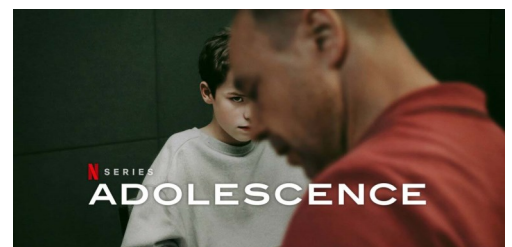
This week we have started our new unit of learning in geography, 'Let's Explore the World'. We have explored and navigated atlases, using them to answer questions about different continents around the world. The children worked with a partner and enjoyed the challenge of using the contents and index pages to help them find the answers, with lots of amazing discussion and remembering of facts from previous learning throughout the afternoon. In science we have discussed what makes us a human and what we need to survive. Our English unit is a biography of Malala Yousafzai, using 'Malala's Magic Pencil', the true story of one girl's wish for a better world as our stimulus. The children were horrified to learn that for millions of children around the world education is neither a right or a possibility. They all wished they could have a magic pencil to help others.

Carlton and Bilsdale KS2

The children have returned with a spring in their step, refreshed and ready to learn. Diving into our new geography topic, 'Misty Mountain Winding River', the children have already become very knowledgeable about rivers learning new vocabulary such as tributary, confluence, meander and estuary and been able to identify these features on river diagrams. They have learnt that the journey of a river can be divided into three different stages, the upper course, middle course and lower course and the differences between these in terms of the flow of the river and river features. Our first writing unit of the term is poetry. Reading 'The River' by Valerie Bloom, the children used their new river knowledge to explain the personification and comparisons to the river being called 'wandered, baby and dancer'. They have identified the structure and rhyming pattern within the poem so we are ready to write our own next week.

Safeguarding

Following on from the Netflix show 'Adolescence', our internet filtering provider has collated some resources which may be useful to parents and carers. They can be accessed via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/5n938jkw>



Diary Dates

WC Monday 28th April	Swimming, Forest School and clubs re-sume this week	All	n/a
Tuesday 29th April	Y3/4 cricket	Team	Letter sent
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday—school closed	All	n/a
Thursday 8th May	VE Day	All	Info. on newsletter
WC Monday 12th May	SATS week	Y6	Info. sent
Tuesday 13th May	KS1 Islam workshop in school at Carlton	Carlton Y1 and Y2	n/a
Friday 16th May	Y6 SATS treat	Y6	More info. to follow
Tuesday 20th May	School photos—Carlton am, Bilsdale pm	Carlton	n/a
Thursday 22nd May	Y3/4 sports afternoon at Yarm School	Y3/4	More info. to follow
Friday 23rd May	PCSO in school—road safety assembly	All	n/a
Friday 23rd May	School closes for half term	All	n/a
Monday 2nd June	School re-opens for all children	All	n/a
Friday 6th June	Sports Morning—families welcome	All	More info. to follow
Monday 9th June	Reading ambassadors visit to Waterstones Northallerton (no swimming to-day)	Reading Ambassadors	More info. to follow
Friday 13th June	Reserve Sports Morning	All	n/a
Thursday 19th June	Y5/6 STEM Day at Yarm School	Y5/6	More info. to follow
Monday 23d June	Skip 2B Fit—Bilsdale children at Carlton all day	All	More info. to follow
Tuesday 24th June	Y5/6 Roseberry Topping trip	Y5/6	More info. to follow
Wednesday 2nd July	All day rehearsal at Chop Gate	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Thursday 3rd July	Production at Chop Gate, 6pm	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Wed 9th—Fri 11th July	Stokesley School transition	Y6	n/a

This week in EYFS



PE Kit

Please can I remind parents and carers of what constitutes appropriate PE kit—a plain white t-shirt with black/dark blue shorts or jogging bottoms and black trainers. Further guidance is available on our website: <https://bilsdalecarltonschoools.co.uk/about-us/school-uniform/>



Girls' football

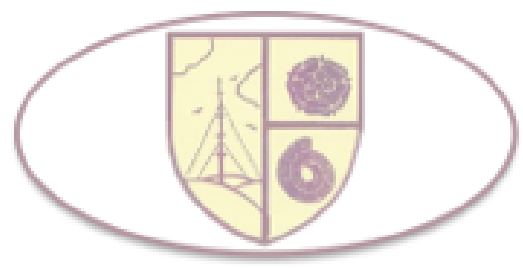
Well done to the Y3/4 girls' footballers who did a fantastic job of representing the federation at the cluster competition yesterday.





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Executive Headteacher - Mr. M. Scott

Friday 25th April 2025

VE Day

Dear Parents & Carers,

On Thursday 8th May it will be 80 years since VE Day - there are several commemorations happening locally and nationally to celebrate this.

To mark the occasion, we'd like to run a prayer writing competition. Children should research VE day and then write a prayer to commemorate the occasion - this could be hand written or typed. I have included some initial reading as well as a page border that they might like to use.

Completed prayers should be returned to school by Thursday 8th May where we will share them in a special collective worship.

Children who attend ~~Bilsdale~~ Bilsdale School will also visit the war memorial in Chop Gate on this day to take part in the community commemoration - we do not need your permission for this as it is covered in our local agreement, however if you have any questions please just let us know.

If you have any family stories, photographs or memorabilia from VE Day or WW2 that you'd be happy for your child to share, we'd love to have the children share it with their class.

Best wishes,

Mr. M. Scott
Executive Headteacher

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!
We will share the link with you privately.

Current trends – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

Understanding the Risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

What can you do? – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

Further Support – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
7TH MAY
2025
4PM – 4.45PM**



Knowsley
City Learning Centres



Hockey Heroes

Thirsk hockey club is running weekly Hockey Heroes sessions for 5 to 8 year olds at Thirsk astro pitch, opposite the skatepark from Tuesday 13th May to 8th July, 6.30 to 7.30pm.

The sessions develop hockey superpowers such as ball control, goal scoring and teamwork. Our aim is for children to have lots of fun and feel like a hero!

No equipment necessary – when you book you will get a Hockey Heroes equipment pack to keep! This contains two hockey sticks, a ball, a personalised t-shirt and stickers.

The course is £40 for 8 weeks. Book directly at [Thirsk HC Hockey Heroes](https://play.Englandhockey.co.uk/HockeyHeroes/ThirskHC/Course/f95ff3dd-cf9a-4692-a5be-885505014b0e)

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Help with childcare costs

Families may be entitled to help with childcare costs - please follow this link for further information: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>



UK Government

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*Registration & admin fee applies



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