

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

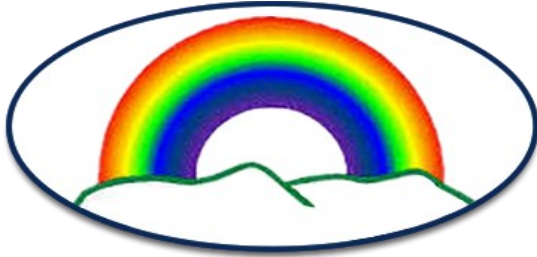
'The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works'

Luke 2:40

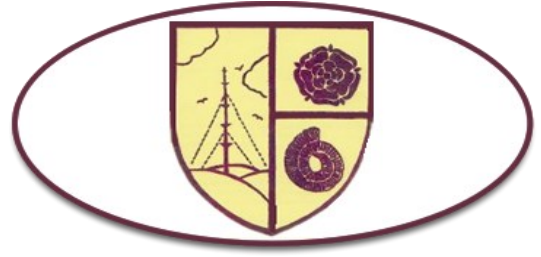
'And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...'

We uphold these values through our golden rules:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be safe



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## The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale CE Federation Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break—it was been lovely to welcome the children back into school this week for the start of the Spring Term. Attached to this week’s newsletter are our Curriculum Newsletters for the coming term—they contain lots of information regarding what children will learn over the coming weeks.

We’ve also introduced a new award this week—King/Queen of the Corridors! We’re having a focus on behaviour at transition times this term and this reward will be given to those demonstrating excellent behaviour whilst moving around the school.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott

Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—96.5%

Carlton—94.3%



### Awards



**Star of the Week**— George, Rocco, Lluna, Jack, Lucia, Hugo, Isla-Faye

**Kindness Award**— Tadhg, Aoife, Monty, Sam, Henry

**Handwriting Award**—Gene, Charlie, Willow, Devon, Thomas

**Corridor King/Queen**—Charlie and Eva

### Awards

**Vision Award**— Annie, Eve, Isaac, Penelope, Alice, Eva, Fonzie, Eliza

**Headteacher Hot Chocolate**— Isaac, Cruz, Lydia, Harry

### Mathematics Awards

Y3/4— 1st Arthur, 2nd Lucia, 3rd Hugo

Y5/6— 1st Willow, 2nd Lluna, 3rd Harry

### Notes

#### Swimming

Please note that swimming for the group who attended before Christmas resumes on Monday 13th January—please ensure that children bring their swimming kit to school.

#### SEND Coffee Morning

Parents/carers of children with SEND are invited to a drop in session with Mrs Cawthra and Mrs Grundmann on Monday 10th February, 9am until 10.30am at Bilsdale School. This is an opportunity to discuss any concerns or aspects of your child’s SEND provision. Parents/carers will be seen on a first come, first served basis.

### Collective Worship

Our value for this half term is courage—why not take a look at the attached information with ideas for reading and activities to do at home linked to this value.



### 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 in Class 1 have made me so proud this week. They returned to school remembering all the routines and settling extremely quickly. They have been brilliant at telling us what they got up to in the holiday. We have enjoyed exploring the wintry weather this week and thoroughly enjoyed our cold and frosty walk up to the wildlife garden. We have had fun being creative in Maths and had enjoyed subitising 4 snowflakes! In phonics, we have met a new character called Luna and enjoyed blending and segmenting words with the phonemes Jj and Vv.

We have also started our new topic 'Long Ago' through the eyes of Old Bear. Thank you to those of you who have already sent in photographs of the children when they were a baby and now. We are looking forward to exploring how we have changed over time. We would like to say A big thank you to Scarlett's Grandma for sharing a newspaper article of when she was a young girl starring in the Nativity at Carlton and Faceby Primary School.

A busy but very enjoyable first week has been had by all.

### Carlton and Bilsdale KS1

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after our Christmas holiday. They were excited on Tuesday to share their holiday adventures and talk to each other about special gifts and family times. The weather this week has helped us with our new science unit, Seasonal Changes. We have discussed what is different about the season of winter, including the changes we notice in daylight hours, changes in weather types and temperatures, how some animals hibernate and some migrate. In geography we are learning about landmarks and how they help us to navigate around the country. We are already looking forward to Forest School on Monday. Please remember to send your child with lots of warm clothing to layer up and wellies, thank you.

### Carlton and Bilsdale KS2

We have had a positive and productive start to 2025 with children refreshed and ready to learn. We have discussed setting personal challenges and have already seen work that an improvement on last year. Keep this up KS2!

We have launched our new history theme Ancient Civilisation. The children have been able to describe the features of a civilisation including art, cities, culture, hierarchy, infrastructure, invention, religion, trade and writing. They have started researching the first of three ancient civilisations, Ancient Sumer. Looking at some ancient Sumer artefacts enabled the children to discuss how archaeological finds are important because they tell us about the materials used, the skill of the craftworkers and the life of the owners. We have explored the development of Ancient Sumer including food and farming, inventions and hierarchy. The inventions really captured everyone's interest and included the wheel, writing, a number system and the plough. Lots of good discussions took place as to which was the most important and why. The children have realised that all these inventions helped develop the Sumerians and improve their lives.

### Weather Reminder

Wisdom on the Woods, PE and break times are outdoors wherever possible—please ensure children have plenty of warm layers, including suitable footwear, in school. Additional items can be kept with PE kits as required, such as extra socks etc.

### Spare Clothing

Please return any items of spare clothing to school once they have been washed and dried. This is particularly important for younger children who may need to change more often. If anyone has and spare, clean items they no longer need please drop them into school, they would be gratefully received.

## Diary Dates

Friday 17th January	YGAM gambling and gaming workshop for KS2 children	KS2	Letter sent
Wednesday 22nd January	KS2 cross country <u>Bilsdale children at Carlton all day</u>	KS2	More info. to follow
Friday 31st January	Road safety competition entries back to school by today	All	Letter sent
Friday 31st Janu- ary	Library next in school	All	n/a
Thursday 6th February	British Values Day	All	More info. to follow
Monday 10th February	SEND Coffee Morning at Bilsdale— parents/carers from both schools welcome	SEND Parents/Carers	Info. on newsletter
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day	All	More info. to follow
Friday 14th February	School closes for half term	All	n/a
Monday 3rd March	Skip 2B Fit— <u>Bilsdale children at Carlton all day. All children in PE kit.</u>	All	More info. to follow
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day	All	More info. to follow
Monday 10th March	Shine Schools Festival	Choir	More info. to follow
Friday 21st March	KS2 trip to Sunderland Empire	KS2	More info. to follow
Friday 28th March	Open Door Art workshop	All	More info. to follow
Friday 4th April	Easter service at St Botolph's, Carlton— 2pm.	All	More info. to follow
Friday 4th April	Break up for Easter— <u>no after school care today</u>	All	n/a
Monday 21st April	Bank Holiday—school closed	All	n/a
Tuesday 22nd April	Staff training day—school closed to children	All	n/a
Wednesday 23rd April	Children return to school for summer term	All	n/a



**This week in EYFS**

