

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

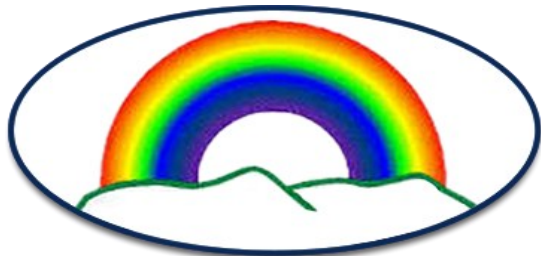
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

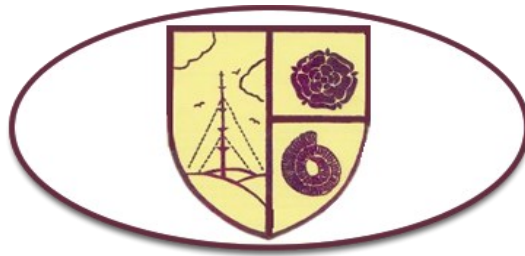
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although the weather has been changeable this week we've still had a fantastic week of learning and activities. Monday was Odd Socks Day to mark the start of anti-bullying week, we saw lots of brilliant combinations where the children truly showed their individuality. On Tuesday it was Armistice Day and the children observed a 2 minute silence at 11am—Carlton as part of their Collective Worship and Bilsdale during their visit to the war memorial to take part in the village Remembrance Service.

Thursday saw KS2's turn for a trip with the children venturing to The Life Centre in Newcastle, linking to their current science unit. A great time was had by all and the staff were impressed with the children's behaviour.

The week finished with our fundraising for Children in Need, smashing our target of running 25km around the track! We will give a fundraising update in next week's newsletter.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott

Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—**94.3%**

Carlton—**94%**

National Average—95.4%



Awards



Star of the Week—Florence, Edward, Louis, Tadhg, Rocco, Eboni, Daisy, Buddy, Aoife, Toby, Rupert, Henry, Lucia, Lauren, Lyla, Scarlett S

Kindness Award— Isla, Alice, Bonnie, Lydia

Handwriting Award—Ted, Cruz, Anna, Zeff, Lucia

Corridor King/Queen— Zeff and Louis

Vision Award— Frank, Penelope, Noah, Class 4, Bilsdale KS2, Class 3

Headteacher Hot Chocolate— Dolly, Eboni, Isla, Zara

Awards

Numbots increase— 1st Noah, 2nd Rocco, 3rd Oscar

Numbots accuracy— 1st Rocco, 2nd Noah, 3rd Eve

Y3/4— 1st Toby, 2nd Lyla

Y5/6— 1st Eboni, 2nd Zara, 3rd Buddy



Music of the Week

Next week's music of the week is 'Ode to Joy' by Beethoven.



Notes

PE Kit

We wanted to confirm our position on PE kit following some parental requests. We ask that children change for PE in school as this promotes independence and good hygiene practices. It also helps to promote high expectations for uniform. Children should continue to bring their PE kit to school and will change before the session.

Thank you.

Collective Worship

An extract from the poem 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon which was read at the Chop Gate Remembrance Service on Tuesday:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.



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 and Bilsdale EYFS

We have had a truly wonderful week of learning in EYFS! In Phonics this week, we focused on the sounds f and l. The children worked really hard to form each letter carefully and are becoming more confident every day. We have also been practising blending these sounds into words, such as fog, and lips, which is helping the children to begin reading simple words. Please encourage your child to keep practising writing these graphemes and blending them at home. Reception had great fun sharing their handwriting with Little Owls, and on Wednesday, Little Owls learned how to form the letters c, o and a. A big well done to Little Owls for their brilliant effort! In our mastering number lessons, we have been recognising numerals to 5 and had lots of fun counting out groups of five objects from the areas of provision. This is a great skill to practise at home too, perhaps by counting toys, fruit, or even steps! We have continued to enjoy exploring our topic, Marvellous Machines. This week, we had a terrific time discussing and exploring tablets. The children loved learning about the different machines they have at home and even used a blender and toaster to make healthy snacks, what a treat! It was fantastic to see the children so engaged and curious about how machines help us in everyday life.

To support our Odd Socks Day on Monday, we have been learning about accepting that everyone is different and that our differences make us special. We shared the beautiful story "I'm Special, I'm Me", which helped us talk about what makes each of us unique. The children loved sharing their ideas and celebrating what makes them and their friends special. This was a lovely opportunity to build confidence and kindness in our classroom community. We also took time to reflect and celebrate Remembrance Day. The children created beautiful potato print poppies, which gave us a chance to practise counting as we printed each one. We talked about why poppies are important and shared a special worship together to remember those who have served. It was a meaningful and creative way for the children to learn about this important day.

It's been a super week of learning and we are so proud of all the children's hard work and enthusiasm!

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

This week Class 2 have enjoyed concluding the story of 'A House That Once Was', writing their own versions of the story and thinking about the mystery of who the family may have been that are no longer there. Next week we are studying our first poem in a new writing unit, so are looking forward to this new writing genre. We are continuing with our work on addition and subtraction and in Mastering Number, both year groups have focussed on the numbers 8 and 9, building visual images of these numbers, learning the number bonds, subitising and exploring odd and even.

Forest school was great fun, collecting natural objects to use in the making of mandalas. The children worked co-operatively and created some beautiful pieces. It was good to see most children prepared with waterproof trousers, warm tops and coats - definitely needed now that the weather is wetter and colder.

Our science has moved on to animals, with the starter question 'What is an animal?' Children have discussed this question and looked at animal body parts. We have enjoyed diving deeper into the life of a Victorian school child and already think that school today is far better! Our visit to Preston Park has definitely sparked interest and imagination, with the many forms of punishment being a particular favourite to discuss. Our writing on slate boards with slate pens and learning how to form copperplate lettering, is coming through in some handwriting this week, with many Year 2 children really pushing themselves to use the joins they know in their everyday writing - well done and keep it up! As ever, we have had some fantastic reading at home and school. All the children are growing in confidence and fluency. Thank you for your continued support with this. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

We touched the moon! KS2 are all in agreement that the highlight of this week was our visit to the Life Centre in Newcastle yesterday. There were many awe and wonder moments as the children explored the different zones and enjoyed first hand experience with the interactive exhibits. During our two visits to the planetarium, the children learnt about the constellations and planetary movement. Our final area, the space zone, generated the most interest being able to see mission control, experience life in the international space station and feel a piece of moon rock.

Aurora: My best bit was in the planetarium learning about the planets.

Scarlett: The moon was the most interesting part.

Lyla: I enjoyed the planetarium. I liked it when we were moving (in space) and the facts.

Lucia: I liked the space area in space control centre using the computers.

Daisy: My favourite part was in the planetarium learning about the planets.

Hugo: Learning that there may be another planet that life could be on. I can find north using the stars.

Arthur: My favourite part was touching the moon.

Sammy: The planetarium was brilliant. It was like we were there.



Diary Dates

Friday 21st November	Ukrainian Christmas shoebox appeal boxes into school by today	All	Letter sent
Thursday 27th November	SEND drop-in at Carlton with Mrs Cawthra, 1-3.30pm	All	Letter sent
Friday 28th November	Library in	All	n/a
Monday 1st December	Final swimming session until after Christmas	Swimming group	n/a
Monday 1st December	Posada journey begins	All	More info. to follow
Monday 8th December	Urban Kaos Christmas dance day <u>Bilsdale at Carlton all day</u>	All	More info. to follow
Wednesday 10th December	Full day rehearsal at Chop Gate Village Hall	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Thursday 11th December	Nativity at Chop Gate Village Hall, 2pm Families welcome	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Friday 12th December	Library in—returns only	All	n/a
Friday 12th December	Choir performance and Christmas PTFA event	All	Info. sent
Monday 15th December	Christmas Craft Afternoon Families welcome	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Tuesday 16th December	Children's work on display in classrooms after school	Rec-Y6	n/a
Wednesday 17th December	Pantomime at Yarm School	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Thursday 18th December	Christmas dinner and jumper day— <u>Bilsdale at Carlton all day</u>	All	More info. to follow
Thursday 18th December	PTFA chocolate raffle draw	All	More info. to follow
Friday 19th December	Carol service, 2pm. St Botolph's, Carlton Families welcome	All	More info. to follow
Friday 19th December	School closes for Christmas No after school care today	All	n/a
Monday 5th January 2026	Teacher training day—school closed for children	All	n/a
Tuesday 6th January	School re-opens for all children	All	n/a

The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale PFA

Presents

Choir Extravaganza

Friday 12th December

Carlton Village Hall

3.30pm

Available to purchase:

Reindeer Food

Mince Pies

Tea/Coffee

Hot Chocolate

Free
Entry



Chocolate Raffle

The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale PFA

welcome donations of Chocolate or Sweets for a Raffle to be drawn on
Thursday 18th December 2025

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)



Anxiety Webinar

**Thursday 20th
November
4pm - 5pm**

This webinar is aimed at parents or young people needing support and advice

The webinar will focus on:

- Understanding what we mean by anxiety
- Understanding different types of thoughts
- Exploring techniques for managing anxiety.
- Breathing and grounding techniques.



JUST KEEP
Breathing



Joining Information

To join our workshop please scan the QR code and follow the instructions to join using Microsoft Teams. You can also join using the following details:



Meeting ID: 367 112 853 219
Passcode: 673Uw3ej

If you have any issues logging on or any questions prior to the workshop please contact

tewv.wimtwsa@nhs.net

Competition

The local authority are running this competition to design a new mascot to promote walking to school. Children have been provided with a template, if they wish to enter please return to school by Friday 28th November.

Spike the Road Safety Hedgehog works very hard!

He attends lots of Walk to School Days and School assemblies and is getting a little bit tired.

Spike needs a friend to help him with all his Road Safety and Active Travel Work.

CAN YOU DESIGN A FRIEND FOR SPIKE?

We would like you to give them a name (it can be a girl or a boy) and they can be any colour and any design you want.

Spike is a hedgehog, but his friend can be any animal at all.

All we need is a name, a design and what they do i.e.: Spike 'the Road Safety' hedgehog so we know what his friend's job is.

Spikes new friend has to help Spike so his/her job needs to be similar to his.

Ideas are:

Active Travel, sustainable travel, road safety, clean air, walking, cycling, scooting, healthy, staying safe etc.

Please return all entries in the SAE enclosed.

This is Spike

Some of you may have seen him in your school before working very hard.



THE WINNER WILL WIN A VISIT FROM SPIKE TO YOUR SCHOOL WITH SOME FREEBIES



NORTH
YORKSHIRE
COUNCIL

IF IT'S NOT TOO FAR LEAVE THE CAR



**WALKING, CYCLING AND SCOOTING TO SCHOOL CAN HELP
US BREATHE CLEANER AIR, KEEPS US SAFE, HEALTHY AND
HELPS US ARRIVE AT SCHOOL REFRESHED, ALERT AND
READY TO LEARN.**



Has your child had their eyes tested yet?



This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to **help with the cost.**

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.

How can you tell if your child has an eye problem?

Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to **take your child for an eye test.**

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them



An eye test is very **important** especially if there's a **history** of early glasses use, childhood **eye problems, squint** or **lazy eye**, in your family.

Did you know?

Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including **screen use**. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by **managing screen use** and encouraging them to **get outside often** (this helps their eyesight).

More Information:

- NHS information: [nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/)
- Find an optician: **Find an optician - NHS**
- Information on Vision/Eye tests **Humber and North Yorkshire ICB**
- Information on Vision/Eye tests for families in **Craven, West Yorkshire ICB**
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes - **College of Optometrists**
- Children's eye health - **Association of Optometrists**



Please donate your pre-owned but pristine toys to Yorwaste's campaign - Reuse Santa.

From table football to scooters, books to puzzles. No gift is too big or too small!

Make a child smile this Christmas!

What we accept

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| ★ Dolls and action figures | ★ Building blocks |
| ★ Toy cars, lorries & tractors | ★ Colouring books that have not been coloured in |
| ★ Cleaned baby toys | ★ Colouring sets, crayons, etc. |
| ★ Games and puzzles without missing or broken pieces | ★ Children's or teenagers' books |

**Please remember to donate toys that are
CLEAN, and COMPLETE.**



If you have toys you can donate, please bring them to your nearest North Yorkshire or York household waste recycling centre between the 15th and the 30th. Collection points have been set up there and staff will be more than happy to help you.

The toy donations need to be:

- Clean
- Complete
- In working order



Scarborough LIGHTS

Winter illuminations & drone display



**Friday 14 November to
Sunday 21 December 2025**



Brought to you by



- Perfect for all ages, explore glowing trails at Peasholm Park, shimmering harbour lights at Ships Ahoy!, and Dino-bouts
- Don't miss the spectacular drone display at Scarborough Castle with live music and fire performances before the show (19-23 Nov)!
- Discover mesmerising Scarborough Histories & Mysteries in stunning illuminations at St Mary's Church
- Enjoy SPRiTES, an enchanting walk-through story experience for families at Scarborough Spa
- Follow glowing characters as they play, sing and share festive tales through Scarborough's streets in the Countdown to Christmas
- Plus, enjoy free illuminations, workshops, activities, and more across town.
- Visit scarboroughfair.uk/lights to plan your visit and book tickets.

Contact Email: info@scarboroughfair.uk