

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

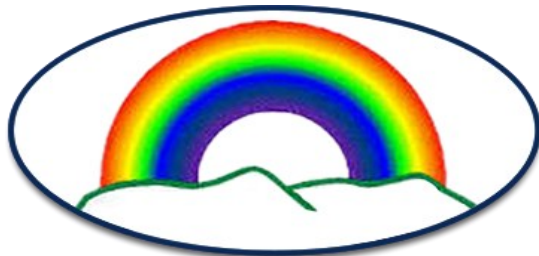
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

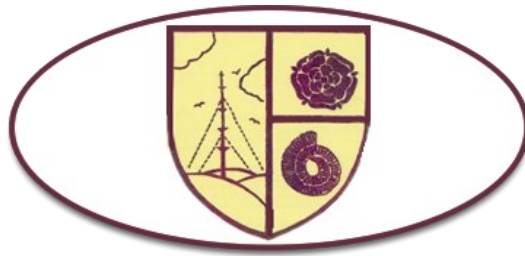
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the wintry weather, the children have had another great week in school. Well done to Bilsdale children for adjusting to being at Carlton at the last minute on Wednesday and Thursday, and to the Carlton children for being so welcoming and accommodating.

Today was the last day for the collection of shoebox gifts for the Ukraine appeal—thank you to all families who supported us with this as the gifts will make a real difference to those struggling with the ongoing effects of the war this Christmas. We collected a total of 21 boxes!

Don't forget that Mrs Cawthra is hosting our SEND drop in next Thursday 27th November, 1-3.30pm at Carlton. If you have anything you'd like to discuss with her please just call the office to make an appointment.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—**94.4%**

Carlton—**94.1%**

National Average—95.4%



Awards



Star of the Week—Bea, Jasper, Edward, Isla, Rupert, George, Noah, Cruz, Arthur, Buddy, Fonzie, Eboni, Bonnie, Daisy, Charlie

Kindness Award— Frank, Rocco, Zara, Sammy

Handwriting Award—Florence, Isabel, Alice, Aurora, Anna, Lucia

Corridor King/Queen— Lavinia and Lydia

Vision Award— Bea, Rory, Annie, Aurora, Hugo

Headteacher Hot Chocolate— Louis, Oscar, Zeff, Hugo

Awards

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

Numbots accuracy— 1st Tadhg, 2nd Olivia, 3rd Cruz

Y3/4— 1st Toby, 3rd Aoife

Y5/6— 1st Zara, 2nd Daisy and Siena, 3rd Arthur

Spelling Frame—1st Zara, 2nd Sammy, 3rd Zeff



Music of the Week

Next week's music of the week is 'Africa' by Toto.



Collective Worship

Weekend Prayer

Lord, thank You for bringing me through this week. As I step into the weekend, grant me peace, rest, and joy. Help me to cherish time with loved ones, reflect on Your goodness, and prepare my heart for the days ahead. Keep me safe and guide my thoughts and actions. Amen.

Notes

Christmas Products

The online shop is opening again from today until Monday 1st December—if you'd like to purchase further items please use the same details from the order card.

If you've lost them, [click here](#) to get support.



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 wonderful week in EYFS, filled with curiosity, creativity and lots of enthusiasm for learning. The children have shown such hard work and resilience and we are very proud of everything they have achieved. This week in Reception, the children continued developing their phonics skills by focusing on the sounds ll and ss. They practised blending and segmenting words containing these sounds and read simple sentences with growing confidence. We revisited our common exception words: no, to, I, go, the, into and the children impressed us with how well they are beginning to recognise and write them correctly. In our mastering number, the children explored subitising and number recognition. They worked on recognising numerals to 5, showing quantities quickly on their fingers and identifying dot patterns, including those found on dice. The children particularly enjoyed playing dice games, which helped them strengthen their understanding of number through fun.

Our 'Share It!' photography project with Little Owls was a great success on Monday afternoon. The children used card viewfinders to frame interesting outdoor scenes and then learned how to take photographs using the class IPAD. They selected their favourite images to create a wonderful photo gallery, which they were very proud of. They also enjoyed guessing where different photos had been taken around our setting, using their knowledge of our environment to make clever predictions. We continued our 'Marvellous Machines' topic by learning about how machines work. The children listened to Maddie's Do You Know? and discovered how vacuum cleaners function. They compared old and modern machines, discussing similarities and differences with great insight. A fun practical challenge took place where the children tried to find out whether a dustpan and brush or a vacuum cleaner was quicker for tidying. They also made their own imaginative machines using a range of materials, showing wonderful creativity and problem-solving skills.

In RE, the children revisited the Nativity story, recalling key events and discussing who visited baby Jesus first. They looked closely at a selection of Nativity cards and talked about which ones reflected the Bible story accurately. Their thoughtful ideas led to some lovely discussions about the meaning of Christmas for Christians. This week in Jigsaw, we explored the theme of families. The children talked about how all families are different but share similarities too. They sorted photographs and discussed fair and unfair ways of grouping people. Throughout the session, the children showed sensitivity and understanding, reinforcing the message that everyone is unique and special.

We are incredibly proud of the children and all they have achieved this week. We hope you have a relaxing weekend and look forward to another wonderful week of learning ahead.

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

We have had another busy week, enjoying our poetry writing on 'Firework Night', with some lovely use of adjectives to describe the sights, sounds, noises and smells of bonfires and fireworks. It has been an exciting change of writing style for everyone and we are looking forward to continuing our descriptions next week. In phonics, both year groups are revisiting and consolidating sounds and focussing on the many ways one sound can be written in words. Handwriting continues to be a focus, ensuring our tall letters are tall and our joins are correctly formed.

In science we have described the basic structures of a variety of common animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals and used this knowledge to create the outlines and 'skeletons' of some animals in Forest School. In computing, the children have been thinking about what personal information they need to keep safe when using any form of technology. The children can recognise which personal information can affect their safety and who to tell if someone asks them for their personal information. In art, we enjoyed a colour mixing session, making orange and using fallen leaves to print into sketch books. Looking at classroom artefacts from Victorian times and comparing with our modern-day equipment has been interesting and next week we will share news of some time travelling adventures! We have also started to work through the script for our nativity and the children have enjoyed their first attempts at acting. Keep learning those lines at home boys and girls and thank you for your continued support at home with this.

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

We have had a very productive week this week. Following our trip to the Life Centre, we have captured our learning about planetary motion. The children worked really hard and produced some amazing, detailed double-page-spreads about the moon including facts about its size, orbit, phases and moon landings. The children have also completed an independent write retelling the story of Luna, who had a dream of becoming an astronaut, from her father's point of view. The children drew on their knowledge from sentence stacking lessons and the short film we watched to inspire our writing. We have been really impressed with their emotive writing considering the reader and use of writing taught strategies. The children are rightly proud of this week's achievements. Well done everyone!

Considerate Parking Reminder

Please help us keep our school community safe and respectful by parking considerately at drop-off and collection times. We kindly remind parents and carers to use the pub car park whenever possible to ease congestion near the school. Please also remember to drive slowly and carefully around the village, particularly in the cold weather.

We also ask everyone to treat our village residents with courtesy—aggressive or confrontational behaviour is never acceptable and is not endorsed by the school. This reminder follows another complaint from residents in Carlton regarding inconsiderate parking and behaviour.

I have asked Stokesley PCSOs for their support in patrolling the area at key times.

Thank you for working together to maintain a positive and welcoming environment for all.



Diary Dates

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	Online store for Christmas products closes today	All	n/a
Monday 1st December	Posada journey begins	All	Letter sent
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	Christmas service at St Hilda's, Chop Gate. Families welcome.	Bilsdale	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)



15th November 2025

2025 Middlesbrough and Stokesley Hub Wrap Up Campaign

Carlton & Faceby Primary School

Dear Mrs Battle and the School Council,

On behalf of the Rotary clubs of Middlesbrough Erimus, Cleveland, and Stokesley we would like to thank you for kindly hosting a collection box in your school and supporting this year's WrapUp campaign. As you will know we sought to collect coats, scarves, gloves, hats and items of warm clothing which we then sort and pass on to charities working with those in need. We have had an outstanding response from all the 54 collection points, this has resulted in 2535 items of warm clothing being donated. This is a tremendous achievement which far exceeded our expectation.

Since the collections ended, we have sorted and distributed the donations to 12 Primary schools and to the following charities across the Teesside area: The Salvation Army, Nitelight, Homestart (Teesside), The Genesis Project, Methodist Asylum Project, My Sisters Place, Hartlepool Harbour Refuge, Breckon Hill Community Centre, The Open Well Project, Hemlington ECO shop and Together Middlesbrough. The scope of these donations cannot be understated, and you can take pleasure and pride in the fact that our donations are already keeping someone who is struggling to make ends meet, have a warmer winter this year.

If you are interested in what we do or perhaps in helping Rotary in other ways do have a look at www.middlesbrougherimusrotary.org or [Stokesley Rotary](#) where you will find more details about Rotary and about this year's campaign.

We hope to run the collection once again in autumn 2026 and will be in touch closer to that time with details. In the meantime, thank you again and a very happy Christmas and successful New Year to you.

Kind regards,

Dave Whittaker
Community Service Chair

Mark Graham
Stokesley Rotary President