

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

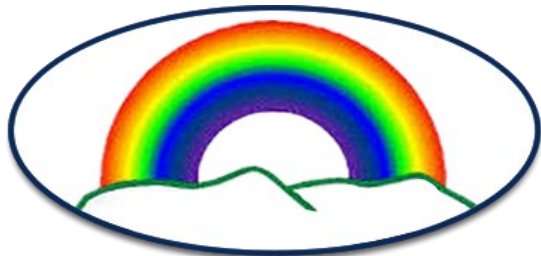
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

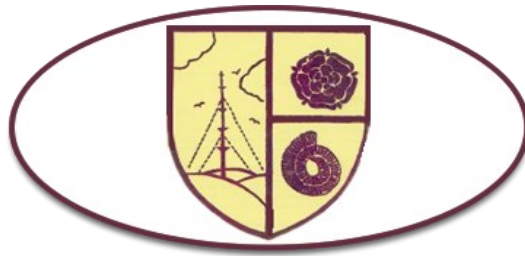
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Classes across both schools have been completing their termly assessments this week—we're very proud of how the children have lived out our vision by being independent, determined and never giving up. The information from these assessments is crucial to monitor children's progress and identify any gaps in learning that require revisiting.

The children are bringing home a couple of things today to prepare for the busy run up to Christmas. The most important of these is a letter which explains all of the events happening over the next 3 weeks, we hope this is useful in keeping everyone up to date. Please complete the relevant sections of the permission form and return to the office ASAP. Additionally, children have brought home an Advent booklet which they can work on as we journey towards Christmas.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—**92.6%**

Carlton—**94.4%**

National Average—95.4%



Awards

Star of the Week—Olive, Isaac, Darcy, Scarlett S, Scarlett, Fonzie, Arthur, Daisy, Eve, Siena, Beth

Kindness Award—Isla, Henry, Fonzie, Dolly, Oscar, Lydia

Handwriting Award—Edward, Aoife, Class 2, Ellie

Corridor King/Queen—Darcy and Lauren



Awards

TTRS Y3/4—2nd Beth, 3rd Toby

TTRS Y5/6—1st Zara, 2nd Sammy, 3rd Lauren and Siena

Vision Award—Bilsdale, Edward, Carlton KS2, Carlton KS1, Bilsdale KS2

Headteacher Hot Chocolate—Isabel, Anna, Tadhg, Aurora



Music of the Week

Next week's music of the week is 'How Far I'll Go' by Auli'i Cravalho.



Notes

Swimming

Please note that swimming next week is cancelled due to a re-arranged LA visit to school. Swimming is now finished until after Christmas.



Collective Worship

A prayer for Advent Sunday

Lord of Light and Hope,

As we begin this season of Advent, we turn our hearts toward You. Prepare us to welcome Your Son with joy and peace.

Help us to wait with patience, to live with faith, and to share Your love with all.

Come, Lord Jesus, and renew our world with Your grace.

Amen.

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

What a fantastic and busy week we have had in EYFS! The excitement is building as we continue to prepare for our school Nativity and our Class Christmas Sing-Along. The children have loved practising their songs, learning their star dance and taking on their special roles. Their enthusiasm is shining through and we cannot wait to share their hard work with you soon. In RE, the children continued exploring the question "Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?" We began by recapping the Nativity story and discussing why this story is so important for Christians. The children learned that many Christians believe it tells the story of God coming to Earth as a baby. We also introduced a new word: 'incarnation', which Christians use to describe Jesus being both God and human at the same time. The children enjoyed practising this tricky new word together! After watching a short video of the Nativity, the class created "freeze-frame" scenes, acting out moments from the story and posing for photographs. These photos were later used to help build a timeline of the key events.

We have also been completing work on our topic Marvellous Machines. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring what machines are and how they help us. This week, we read No-Bot, the Robot with No Bottom! by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. The story sparked lots of laughter and brilliant discussions! We talked about what robots are and the children shared what they already knew. We explained that robots are machines built by people to do specific tasks and that some robots even have human features. Little Owls had great fun designing and making their own creative robots, using a variety of materials to bring their imaginative ideas to life. On Wednesday, we revisited No-Bot and then explored programming using floor robots. This was a wonderful introduction to early coding skills and the children were highly engaged and eager to experiment!

Next week, as we step into Advent, we will begin our new topic: 'Sparkle and Shine'.

This exciting project teaches children about the celebrations that take place during the winter season and helps them explore the significance and symbolism of light at this special time of year. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another joyful week full of learning, celebration and festive sparkle!

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

Class 2 have enjoyed another very productive week and have even managed to travel back in time!

Year 1 children have been focussing on place value beyond 20. They have used 100 squares, dominoes, cubes and counters to count on from 20 and back again to zero, trying to recognise numbers and identify the tens and the ones within those numbers - 65 is made of 6 tens and 5 ones. They are learning which number comes before and after a given number and count on in ones from any given number. Any support with counting on from 20 at home would be very much appreciated, giving children added confidence to progress with place value at school.

Year 2 children have shown our vision throughout the week as they have completed the first set of assessment booklets, so a very big well done to all of you for showing real perseverance and determination.

On Thursday, we travelled back in time to a Victorian classroom. The children loved dressing up in Victorian costumes and spent an afternoon in a 'Victorian' classroom, writing on slates, reciting times tables, learning about Queen Victoria and experiencing how very strict school was years ago. Here are some of the children's best (and worst) bits:

Tadhg - I liked dressing up and Mrs Leivers hitting the table with the cane. It made us all jump!

George - I loved writing the alphabet but I didn't like all the punishments!

Annie - I liked how the tables were in rows and the boys and girls sat separately.

William - I liked Mrs Leivers dressing up, but I didn't like it when she was so strict. Mrs Leivers acting was very scary!

Scarlett - I loved dressing up but didn't like the punishments.

Noah - When I accidentally snapped my chalk all the class got a punishment. I didn't like that because it wasn't fair.

Lavinia - I liked the dunce's hat and the cane on the table and dressing up as Victorians.

A fun afternoon was had by all!

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

Determination and creativity have been the two key skills on display this week. We've had quiet mornings full of focus, positivity and effort as children have demonstrated their learning in assessments.

Our afternoons have been creative with the children learning how pneumatic systems work, experimenting with syringes to compress air and cause movement. The children have then applied this knowledge to designing a moving mechanism box. The children greatly enjoyed making these - painting and decorating the boxes in different ways. They have reflected on their work, evaluating their products and suggesting further improvements. Well done everyone!

Diary Dates

Monday 1st December	Swimming cancelled	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—all children in PE kit please</u>	All	Letter sent
Wednesday 10th December	Full day rehearsal at Chop Gate Village Hall	Rec-Y6	Letter sent
Thursday 11th December	Nativity at Chop Gate Village Hall, 2pm Families welcome	Rec-Y6	Letter sent
Thursday 11th December	Little Owls closes at 12pm today	Little Owls	Letter sent
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	Letter sent
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas service at St Hilda's, Chop Gate. Families welcome.	Bilsdale	Letter sent
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	Letter sent
Wednesday 17th December	Little Owls and Reception Sing Along, 2.30pm	Little Owls and Reception	Letter sent
Thursday 18th December	Christmas dinner and jumper day— <u>Bilsdale at Carlton all day</u>	All	Letter sent
Thursday 18th December	PTFA chocolate raffle draw	All	Info. on newsletter
Friday 19th December	Carol service, 2pm. St Botolph's, Carlton Families welcome	All	Letter sent
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

Illness

We have seen a recent spike in children being off school due to illness. While this is expected at this time of year, we'd like to encourage parents to use the guide below, and the information on the link, when deciding if children are too ill for school. While we know children need to properly recover if ill, attendance at school is also very important.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

yes *until...* NHS

CHICKENPOX	At least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING	48 hours after their last episode.
HIGH TEMPERATURE	If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
IMPETIGO	Their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics.
MEASLES	4 days after the rash first appeared.
MUMPS	5 days after their swelling started.
SCABIES	They've had their first treatment.
SCARLET FEVER	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics.
WHOOPING COUGH	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics.



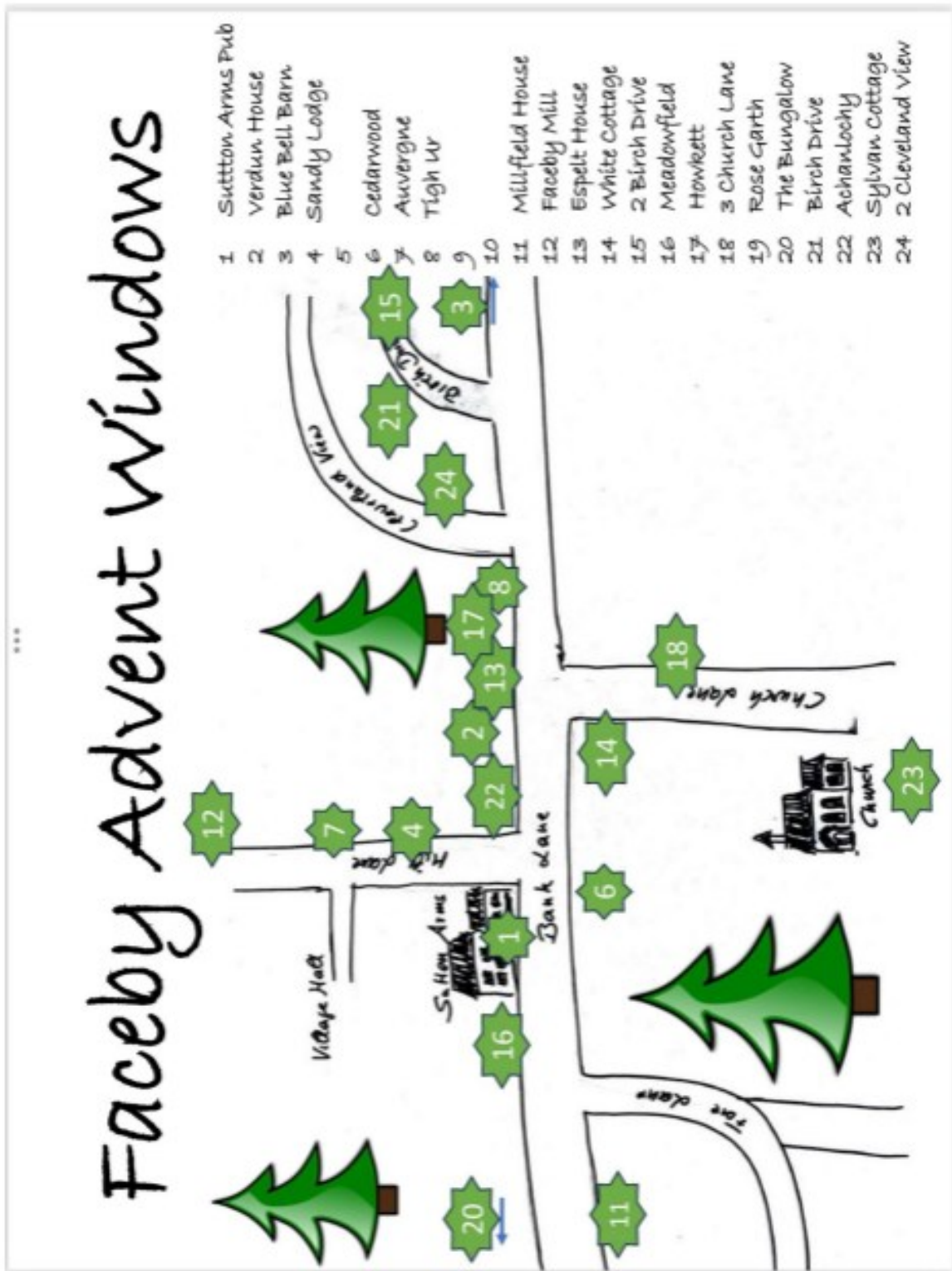
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CONJUNCTIVITIS	You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.
COUGHS & COLDS	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.
HAND, FOOT & MOUTH	If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.
HEAD LICE	There's no need to keep your child off school. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing your GP.
THREADWORMS	Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend treatment.
SORE THROAT TONSILLITIS	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.
SLAPPED CHEEK	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

Faceby Advent Windows

Enjoy evening walks spotting the advent windows lighting up each night of Advent.



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)

CRASH BANG WALLOP YOUTH THEATRE
PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR



SATURDAY 13TH
DECEMBER

10AM - 3PM

AT STOKESLEY TOWN HALL



*with a
special visit
from
Santa!*

