

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

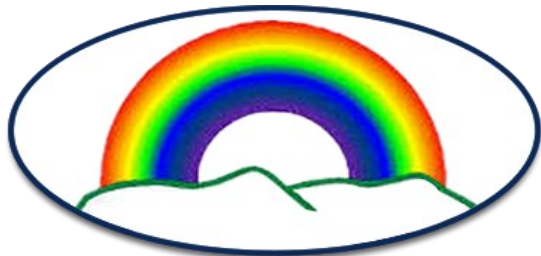
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

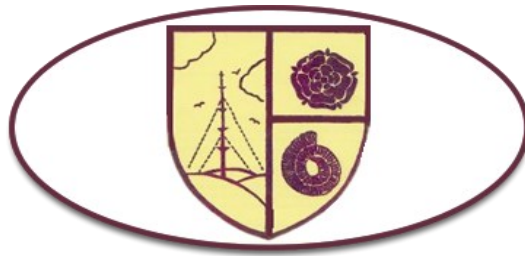
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break—the children have returned with enthusiasm and have launched straight into their new learning topics.

We've had a busy week for trips—on Tuesday our Y5/6 tag rugby team were in action at Stokesley School, a great time was had and our team came 2nd overall! Years 1 and 2 have also been on two visits this week—on Wednesday they visited Stokesley Library for an author workshop, and Thursday saw them travel to Preston Park Museum for a visit linked to their new history unit.

We also welcomed a new(ish!) member of staff to school this week. Many of you will remember Mrs Howe from Little Owls and Class 1, she re-joined us this week as a teaching assistant working primarily in Class 1.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—**94.2%**

Carlton—**94%**

National Average—95.4%



Awards



Star of the Week—Lyla, Anna, Isabel, Sam, Bonnie, Daisy, Hugo, Lucia, Eve, Arthur, Zeff, Jasper, Frank

Kindness Award— Olivia, Lavinia, Ellie, Isaac D

Handwriting Award—Lyla, Buddy, Lydia, Dolly, William, Aurora, Jasper

Corridor King/Queen— Eboni and Arthur

Vision Award— Charlie, Sammy, Class 2, Zara, Darcy

Headteacher Hot Chocolate- Rory, Isaac L, Lydia, Isaac D, Fonzie

Awards

Numbots increase— 1st Lavinia, 2nd Oscar, 3rd Cruz

Numbots accuracy— 1st Dolly, 2nd William, 3rd Oscar

Y3/4— 1st Toby, 2nd Beth, 3rd Lucia

Y5/6— 1st Arthur, 2nd Hugo, 3rd Buddy

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



Music of the Week



Next week's music of the week is 'I Got Rhythm' by George Gershwin.

Notes

Reminders for next week:

- Odd Socks Day on Monday
- Swimming restarts on Monday
- Bilsdale children at Chop Gate remembrance service on Tuesday
- KS2 visit to Life Centre on Thursday
- Children in Need on Friday

Collective Worship

This half term's focus value is trust—why not have a look through the attached information and have a go at some of the activities as a family.



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

It has been wonderful to see the children return to Class 1 so settled, enthusiastic and ready to learn through play. Their smiles and energy have filled our classroom with joy and we are so proud of how quickly they've adapted back into our routines.

This week, we have explored two significant celebrations: Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. The children were captivated by the stories and meanings behind these events, showing real curiosity and empathy. We had great fun creating our own firework pictures using a variety of materials and techniques, encouraging creativity and fine motor skills. The firework ribbon sticks were a particular highlight, bringing movement, colour and excitement into our classroom in a way that supported both imaginative play and physical development.

We have also introduced our new half-term theme: Marvellous Machines. The children amazed us with their existing knowledge and curiosity. Many were able to identify machines they use at home and those they see around school, sparking some fantastic discussions. This theme is already encouraging children to think critically, ask questions and make connections between their everyday experiences and the wider world. We are excited to see where their interests take us over the coming weeks, as we follow their lead and build on their ideas.

In Phonics, we've jumped back into the adventures of Nip and Nap, which the children always enjoy. This week, we focused on the sounds Hh and Bb, learning to blend and segment these sounds in words. The children are becoming confident early readers, showing independence and pride in their progress. We love seeing their growing ability to apply their phonics knowledge in both reading and writing.

Our Mastering Number sessions have been full of exploration and discovery. Reception children have been investigating ways to compose and decompose numbers 4 and 5, using spatial language to describe shapes and arrangements. These activities support mathematical thinking and problem-solving, helping children to develop a deep understanding of number. Meanwhile, Little Owls have continued to enjoy recognising numbers 1, 2 and 3 and have been singing a variety of number rhymes to support their learning in a fun and engaging way. These experiences build confidence and lay strong foundations for future learning.

Throughout all our activities, we continue to nurture the characteristics of effective learning. These characteristics are at the heart of everything we do, helping children to become curious, resilient and reflective learners.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a half term full of creativity, curiosity and marvellous machine adventures.

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

Our first week back after half term and what a busy and exciting week we have had. On Wednesday afternoon we had our first class visit to Stokesley Library, where we met an author, Martha Lowe, and had fun listening to her story 'Onisere and the Ballet Queen'. Onisere wants to be a ballet dancer but there's just one problem: she's black and she's never seen any other ballet dancers who look like her. Enter the ballet queen, Simbira, who takes Onisere, and her annoying, football mad little brother Tayo, on a fantastical journey through the history of black British ballet. Martha read her story and had the children laughing, dancing and acting out parts as she read. A very enjoyable and informative afternoon was had by all.

On Thursday we set off out again for our second visit, to Preston Park. The children were transported back in time to a Victorian classroom, learning about the punishments, the curriculum and then experiencing how difficult it was to write with a slate board and slate pen and ink and ink pens. Next, they explored 'All Aboard', a hands-on experience linking to the invention of the steam train. Great fun was had dressing up, stoking the train engine, working the cogs, manning the water tanks and riding the horses. A sensory walk around a stunning art installation of dried plants and flowers was a great way to end our science unit on plant parts before lunch - always a very exciting part of a day out! In the afternoon, we explored the Victorian street, meeting some of the staff and finding out about life in Victorian times. This was a super introduction to our unit on Victorian schools, helping to bring times long past to life. Some of the best bits of the day:

"The plants were lovely and smelled beautiful."

"The best bit was writing with the ink."

"The street was my favourite bit with all the shops."

"I loved all of it, it was great!"

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

KS2 children are already fascinated by our new science topic Earth and Space. We have been amazed by the conversations the children have had with their friends discussing different aspects of space as well as sharing their knowledge in lessons. This week's full moon has also been a topic of conversation. Please continue to look at the moon each night if possible. We are certain that next Thursday's visit to the Life Centre will ignite further conversations and research.

History provided another memorable moment this week as we learnt more about Fu Hao. She was one of 60 brides sent to marry King Wu Ding (this fact created much discussion). Due to her strength and intelligence, Fu Hao soon became one of the king's favourite wives. She quickly rose through the ranks of the royal household to become the king's priestess and military general. She demonstrated that women could be key members of society in a civilisation that did not value them. The children's fascination was evident in their superb written work. Well done everyone!

Sports News

A huge well done to our fantastic Tag Rugby team, who represented Carlton and Bilsdale brilliantly at the cluster event this week. The team showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. We are incredibly proud to share that they came second place! What an achievement! Their enthusiasm and effort were outstanding and they truly embodied the spirit of fair play and perseverance.

We would also like to say a big thank you and well done to all the families who are taking part in Junior Parkrun. It's been lovely to hear the children talk about their experiences, share their achievements and celebrate their progress. Whether they are running, walking, or cheering others on, it's wonderful to see our school community embracing active lifestyles and spending time together outdoors. These moments on the pitch, in the park and in the classroom are all part of helping our children grow into confident, resilient and healthy individuals. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement!

Diary Dates

Monday 10th	Odd Socks Day	All	Letter sent
Tuesday 11th November	Bilsdale children attending Chop Gate Remembrance Service	Bilsdale	Letter sent
Thursday 13th November	KS2 to Life Centre— <u>Bilsdale at Carlton all day</u>	Y3-6	Letter sent
Friday 14th November	Children in Need	All	Letter sent
Friday 21st November	Ukrainian Christmas shoebox appeal boxes into school by today	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 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	PTFA and choir Christmas event	All	More info. to follow
Monday 15th December	Christmas Craft Afternoon Families welcome	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
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

Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Cluster Event

As we arrived at Stokesley school, we all felt like we were ready to try our best. When we got there on the pitch, it didn't start too well but we didn't give up. In the next game, they scored one try but we didn't stop working together and we scored nine tries and won our first game. We then had a break and Verity and Alice, the sports leaders from Stokesley School team, encouraged us and then we scored three tries which led us to our second win of the tournament. Our continued effort paid off and we ended up becoming second in the whole tournament. Buddy scored seven tries, Sammy scored six tries and Hugo scored two tries. Buddy was awarded player of the tournament for Carlton. We would all like to thank the teachers that took us there, the people that set up the Stokesley tournament, the referees and especially Alice and Verity encouraging us all.

By Buddy and Sammy



RACE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Organised by Carlton Sports & Social Committee

FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Carlton Village Hall

Doors open 7:00pm | 1st Race 7:30pm

**Advance Tickets Only - £10
(Includes Pie & Peas)**

Sponsor a Horse - £5

Win up to £15

**Your name & humorous horse
name on race card**

Sponsor a Race - £30

**Your name or company
featured in the race card
& mentioned in the live
commentary**

**Every donation goes straight back into
improving and supporting our village**

Tickets available from Jonny – 07808771886

MURTON PARK



Hello,

We're writing to share details about a special Christmas event for bereaved children.

We would like to invite children remembering a loved one to join us for a Christmas-themed afternoon at Murton Park on Sunday, 30th November 2025. The event begins at 2:30 pm with hot chocolate and a cookie and will last approximately three hours.

Activities include decorating a wooden tealight star or snowflake, a train ride, a walk to meet Santa, gift selection, a festive show, making reindeer food, and a candlelight ceremony around The Wish Tree.

Because spaces are limited, this is a **pre-booked event** with only 100 free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To receive the secret booking link, please email fiona.brown@yorkshirebarn.co.uk

This event is exclusively for children and their supporting adults who have experienced loss and is sponsored by York Crematorium.

Let's come together to create a comforting and memorable Christmas.

Thank you for sharing this with families who might find solace in attending.

Seasonal Leek and Potato Bake

Bringing a taste of school lunches into your home



Ingredients

- 600g White Potatoes
- 30g Onion
- 60g Leek
- 50g Butter/Margarine
- 50g Plain Flour
- 50g Milk Powder
- 500ml Water
- 120g Cheddar Cheese

This makes 4 portions

Top Tips :

- Add fish, chicken or bacon for a non-vegetarian option.
- Keeping the skin on potatoes increases fibre, vitamins and minerals in this dish - ensure the potatoes are thoroughly washed

Method

1. Wash, slice and par-boil potatoes. Set aside for later.
2. Finely chop onions and leeks. Gently fry in butter or margarine. Add flour, whilst continuously mixing, to make a paste (roux).
3. In a separate bowl or jug, whisk the milk powder into water and gradually add to the paste to make a sauce.
4. Stir in half of the grated cheese to the sauce and simmer until thickened and smooth.
5. Add the par boiled potatoes to a baking dish and pour over the sauce.
6. Sprinkle remaining grated cheese on top and bake until golden brown.

Serving suggestion: peas, sweetcorn and gravy