

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

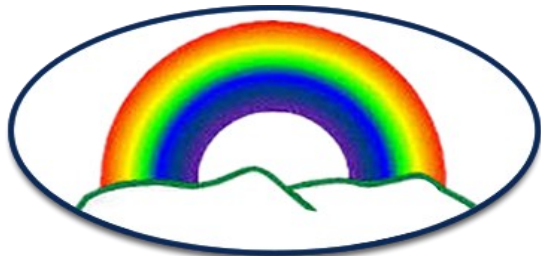
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

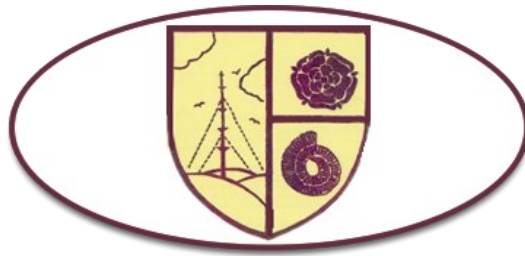
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another busy week across the federation—thank you to all parents and carers who made it to our Parent Teacher Consultations, it was wonderful to share the children's amazing progress with you all.

It was the turn of KS2 boys to compete in the local cluster football competition at Stokesley School this week, the children did really well and had a brilliant time. Especially well done to the Y3 boys as this was their first experience of a school competition.

It's hard to believe that there's only one week left until half term, however attendance is still as important as ever so please help us to get both schools closer to our 96% target by ensuring children are in school every day.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott

Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—**93.4%**

Carlton—**93.9%**

National Average—95.6%



Awards



Star of the Week—Darcy, Olive, Frank, Lavinia, Noah, Sammy, Buddy, Fonzie, Lyla, Zeff

Kindness Award— Louis, Lavinia, Eboni, Sammy, Arthur

Handwriting Award—Isla, Penelope, Noah, Cruz, Anna, Rupert, Beth

Corridor King/Queen— Ellie and Toby

Vision Award— Edward, Alice, Hugo, Sam, Zara

Headteacher Hot Chocolate— Darcy, Louis, Annie, Sammy, Aoife, Beth

Maths Awards

Numbots increase—1st Lavinia, 2nd Penelope, 3rd Tadhg

Numbots accuracy—1st George, 2nd Tadhg, 3rd Alice

Y3/4— 1st Isabel, 2nd Toby, 3rd Lyla

Y5/6— 1st Arthur, 2nd Zara, 3rd Eboni

Change of status—Garage Rocker—Lyla, Busker—Lauren



Music of the Week

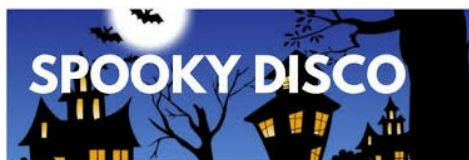


Next week's music of the week is 'Boogie Wonderland' by Earth, Wind and Fire.

Notes

Disco

Don't forget that tomorrow is the PTFA's 'Spooky Disco' at Carlton Village Hall, 2.30-4.30pm.



Collective Worship

A prayer for autumn: *Spirit of Life, we give thanks for this harvest season and the beauty of changing leaves. May we learn from the trees' letting go, find rest and inspiration in the cool air, and share in the abundance of this time. Transform us by your Spirit, and fill our hearts with peace. 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

Little Owls and Reception

We have had another wonderful week in EYFS, full of curiosity, creativity and joyful learning through play and exploration! The children have continued to thrive both indoors and outdoors, developing their independence, confidence and love of learning.

We began the week with a fantastic Forest School session for our Reception children. The children explored the changing autumn environment, noticing the colours of the leaves, collecting natural treasures to create a coaster. There was lots of teamwork, problem-solving and conversation about the signs of autumn—all wonderful opportunities for developing observation skills and language. Meanwhile, Little Owls enjoyed their own autumnal walk, looking closely at the world around them and spotting crunchy leaves underfoot. Their walk ended with an energetic and fun session on the timber trail, which gave them a great chance to practise balance, coordination and taking turns.

Reception have begun the exciting new story adventures of Nip and Nap on their ski trip! The children have been captivated by their snowy escapades and have been busy talking about cold places, skiing and winter clothing. In phonics, we have focused on the sounds k (ck) and e, and our common exception word of the week has been 'the'. The children have enjoyed practising these sounds in reading and writing activities. It is lovely to see their growing confidence in recognising and using them during play.

In our Mastering Number sessions, we have been practising subitising (recognising small quantities without counting) and comparing groups of three objects. The children have been matching sets 1:1 and identifying when groups have the same or a different number. It's wonderful to see them beginning to use mathematical language such as equal, more and fewer with growing understanding. Little Owls have been busy exploring patterns this week. They are beginning to spot patterns in the environment and create their own using colours, shapes and textures. It's been a joy to watch their creativity and focus develop through these hands-on experiences.

Our shared book focus has been the much-loved classic, Mr Gumpy's Outing. The children have really enjoyed retelling the story, acting out the characters and predicting what might happen next as more and more animals climb into the boat! The story also inspired some lovely discussions about where we live and places we have visited. I was so impressed by the children's memories and enthusiasm. We heard about trips to Jersey, Wales, Menorca, Majorca, London and Stokesley! These conversations helped the children make meaningful links between stories, real-life experiences and their sense of place.

With the beautiful autumn sunshine, we've made the most of our outdoor spaces. The children have enjoyed riding the balance bikes, building strength, coordination and confidence as they whizzed around the playground. They've also taken part in a range of active games that encourage teamwork, turn-taking and resilience.

We ended our week with a lovely circle time with Jigsaw Jenie and Jerry Cat, focusing on the theme of being responsible. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how we can look after our toys, each other and our environment. It was heartwarming to hear their understanding grow and to see them taking pride in being responsible members of our class community.

We hope you all have a wonderful, restful weekend and we look forward to another exciting week of learning ahead!

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

Our week started creatively, with our Forest School afternoon. The children had great fun using varying grades of sandpaper to smooth rounds of wood, then used paint pens to carefully sketch a tree, showing all the parts - trunk, branches, leaves, blossom, fruits, roots. They thought about colours and shapes and also about how large the root system would need to be to hold the tree securely in the ground. The finished pieces all look lovely. A gentle reminder again of the importance of a complete change of clothing for Forest School. Even though we have had some sunny days, the field is often windy and cold and children spend a lot of time on their knees, bottoms and exploring. Wellies, water-proofs, hats and coats are an essential during the colder seasons to protect children from the rapidly changing elements. Thank you.

I have been delighted by the writing in English this week. 'A House that Once Was' has proved a great stimulus for some amazing use of adventurous vocabulary. All the children have pushed themselves to use new and unfamiliar words to describe both the setting and the house. Also, it is also super to see the Year 2s beginning to use some of the joins taught in their writing. Well done and keep it up! 'Where do new plants come from?' was our question in science this week and we have explored a variety of seeds and bulbs, looking at similarities and differences and looking at the structures of them that enable new plants to grow. Our spider plants are growing well but not yet producing any spiderettes - fingers crossed they soon will. We have investigated and sketched a variety of leaves and learnt the terms blade, margin, stalk and veins. Your support at home with reading is much appreciated and really does make a difference to your child's confidence and fluency. Please continue to listen to your child read their school book and enjoy and share bedtime stories. Thank you.

Carlton and Bilsdale KS2

This week Y3/4 children have started implementing their knowledge of place value in addition and subtraction. They have been using their new vocabulary of addend, sum, minuend, subtrahend and difference. They are learning that addition is commutative and further developing their mental strategies. Y5/6 are now on a multiplication and division unit. Working on multiples, common multiples and factors, the children have identified that knowledge of times facts is key. Extra practise using Times Table Rock Stars would sharpen skills and support learning.

With our packed, busy weeks the children love art and look forward to a more relaxed and mindful lesson. This half term, they have focussed on tints and tones using these to create landscapes that look realistic and full of depth. First, the children explored colour mixing by adding white to make tints (lighter colours) and black to make tones (darker colours). They experimented with different shades of blue, green, and brown to see how artists can use colour to show light, shadow, and distance in a picture. Once they had understood and explored tints and tones, the children began looking at landscapes by various artists exploring their use of colour and perspective. They learned that perspective helps an artist make flat paper look three-dimensional. By using a vanishing point—a special spot on the horizon where all lines appear to meet—they made roads, rivers, and fences that seem to stretch far into the distance.

KS2 Boys' Football

This week it was the boys turn to go to the football tournament. On Tuesday we went to Stokesley school and played three different schools.

We all really enjoyed it and we were all absolutely amazing. Despite trying really hard we came fourth but we all accepted that and stayed joyful because we scored 5 goals throughout the tournament. Everyone supported each other even if the other teams were scoring goals. We all played well and had fun. We had no injuries. We would like to thank Mrs Cawthra and Mr Body for taking us.

By Sammy, Hugo and Rupert

Diary Dates

Saturday 18th October	Carlton Church Autumn Fayre, Carlton Village Hall 10.30-12.30	All	n/a
Saturday 18th October	PTFA Spooky Ball, Carlton Village Hall, 2.30-4.30pm	All	Info. on newsletter
Friday 24th October	School closes for half term	All	n/a
Friday 31st October	Deadline for secondary school applications via North Yorkshire LA	Y6	Letter sent
Monday 3rd November	Staff training day—school closed for children	All	n/a
Tuesday 4th November	School re-opens for children	All	n/a
Tuesday 4th November	Tag rugby competition	Y5/6 team	Letter sent
Thursday 6th November	KS1 to Preston Park	Y1/2	Letter sent
Friday 7th November	‘Wrap up Middlesbrough’ - coat donations to school by today	All	Letter sent
Monday 10th November	Odd Socks Day	All	More info. to follow
Tuesday 11th November	Bilsdale children attending Chop Gate Remembrance Service	Bilsdale	More info. to follow
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
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
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
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



Proposed School Admission Arrangements 2027/2028

In accordance with our statutory duty under The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulation 2012. North Yorkshire Council is consulting on proposed school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for 2027/2028.

The consultation opens on 13 October 2025 and closes on 24 November 2025. You may view this at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/proposed-school-admission-arrangements-community-and-voluntary-controlled-schools-2027-2028>

If you wish to respond, please use the QR code shown below or via the following link <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/pe9okp>

Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academy, UTC and Free Schools

The determination of admission arrangements for Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academy, UTC and Free Schools is the responsibility of the schools' governing bodies as the admission authority for the school. Any comments relating to a Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academy, UTC or Free Schools should be addressed directly to the school in question.



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Autumn reading challenge

Between now and the first week back after half term, why not have a go at the autumn reading challenge? Complete a row, column or diagonal line and come to Mr Scott for a special prize!

Read under the covers	Read a mystery book	Read a book someone else chooses	Read a book to someone else	Read outside
Whisper read	Read a biography or a true story	Read a comic	Read a magazine	Read poetry
Read in your pyjamas	Read a book to a pet/ teddy	Read a book written before you were born	Read a book published in the last 2 years	Read the first book of a series
Re read your favourite book	Read in a silly voice	Read under a tree	Read like a robot	Read with a friend
Read a book with an animal as the main character	Read on an even number day	Read a book with the letter 'a' in the title	Create a crazy hair do then read	Read in an 'extreme' location



Winter illness

The Department for Education has asked us to remind parents of the NHS guide which is available to help determine whether children are well enough to attend school, please see information below. Further details are available [via this link](#).



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

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
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
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 the 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

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale CE Federation

Executive Headteacher - Mr. M. Scott



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Is your child starting school in September 2026? Come and see our nurturing learning environments where children thrive.
Call us to make an appointment to visit our wonderful schools.

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Carlton & Faceby CE School OFSTED, January 2023



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AUTUMN FAYRE

Saturday 18th October

10:30 - 12:30

Carlton-in-Cleveland Village Hall

CAKES | PRESERVES | PLANTS
& BULBS | CRAFTS | BRIC À
BRAC | TOMBOLA |
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES |
RAFFLE

Adults admission: £2
(Includes hot drink & biscuit)

Children free





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AT CARLTON VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 18TH 2.30-4.30
SCARIEST OUTFIT IS THE AiM
HOT DOGS, TREATS AND FUN GAMES
£5 PER TiCKET



Wrap Up Teesside

Wrap Up Campaign

18th October – 1st
November 2025



Each winter some adults and children across Teesside don't have a coat to keep them warm

If you have a spare unwanted coat please donate it and we will ensure it get to someone in need.

Look out for the Wrap Up box.

Collection boxes are located at the:

Leisure Centre
Methodist Church Parish Church
Newcastle Building Society
Freer Askew Bunting Solicitors
Stokesley Sports Club
Stokesley School
Town Hall
Springfield Coop
Gt Broughton Primary School
Carlton and Facetby Primary School

Stokesley Rotary and Middlesbrough Erimus Rotary members will then collect, sort and pass on all items donated to local charities working to support those in need.





**Fun & exercise
for kids – all
ages welcome**

Cricket and Athletics Camp

only
£20
per child



Tue 28 Oct
10am–3pm
Knayton Sports Hall

We operate in a COVID-secure environment

Along with former professional cricketer and Level 1 coach Matty Brown, the kids will have a fun-packed day learning the fundamentals of cricket and athletics with Glen Hilton, athletics coach and former England international athlete.

For more details contact Glen Hilton:

hiltonglen444@gmail.com



Your child will need:

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of fluids

Location address: Hillside Rural Activities Park, Oaktree Bank, Knayton, Thirsk YO7 4AX

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0-11 yrs old**

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FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Wednesday 5th November 2025

Gates open 6:30pm | Fireworks at 7:00pm

Carlton and Faceby Primary School Field

BBQ and soft drinks

Suggested donation

Adults £3 • Children £2

(Larger donations welcome)

Cash only please

Every donation goes straight back
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our village.



500 WORDS



Fun, creative story writing competition
opens Tues 23 Sept – Fri 7 Nov 2025

No need to worry about spelling,
punctuation or grammar!

You could have
your story read out
on TV by a celebrity!

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STORY
you would
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Ages
5 – 11



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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

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