

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

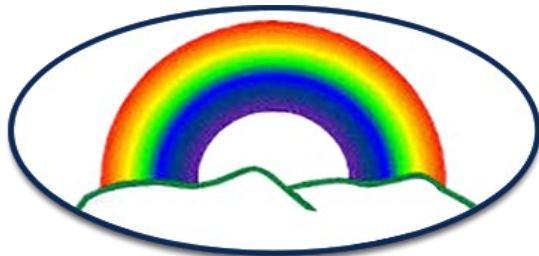
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

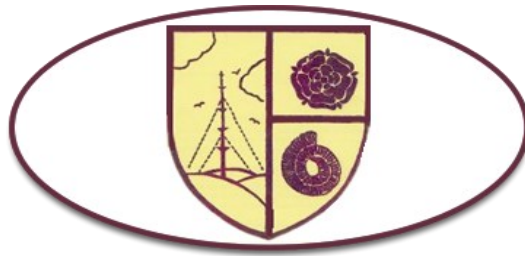
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week across the federation—Monday saw us welcome a visitor from Guisborough Rugby Club to work with Class 1 and KS2 pupils and provide a taster session—this linked perfectly as KS2 have been doing tag rugby in PE so they got the chance to show off their skills!

There has been a focus on maths in staff CPD this week—on Tuesday Mrs Cawthra and Miss Jeffries spent time with an expert from White Rose Maths as our school has been chosen to take part in a trial for a new teaching approach for Reception, and on Wednesday Mr Body attended a Maths Hub training session to consolidate understanding of the mastery approach. All of this training means our staff are able to deliver high-quality maths learning to our pupils.

Don't forget that Monday 3rd November is a training day—school re-opens for all children on Tuesday 4th November.

With best wishes for a restful half term break,

Mr. M. Scott

Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—**94.2%**

Carlton—**94.1%**

National Average—95.6%



Awards



Star of the Week—Reception, Isabel, Lyla, Scarlett K, Penelope, Lydia, Arthur, Ellie, Beth

Kindness Award— Florence, Scarlett S, Eve, Annie, Zeff

Handwriting Award—Bea, Aoife, Rocco, Zara, Ellie

Corridor King/Queen— Zara and Rocco

Vision Award— Louis, Scarlett S, Dolly, Aurora

Headteacher Hot Chocolate— Bea, Sam, George, Arthur

Maths Awards

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

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

Y3/4— 1st Zeff, 2nd Aoife, 3rd Lyla

Y5/6— 1st Buddy, 2nd Zara, 3rd Arthur

Spelling Frame (Sept) - 1st Fonzie, 2nd Beth, 3rd Zeff

Spelling Frame (Oct) - 1st Zara, 2nd Sam, 3rd Zeff



Music of the Week



Next week's music of the week is 'Canon in D Major' by Johann Pachelbel.

Notes

PE Kit

As we move into the colder months, we will still be doing lots of PE outside. Please ensure that children have tracksuit bottoms and a jumper/hoodie (plain) in their PE kits.

PE KIT



Collective Worship

No Outsiders this week linked to the protected characteristic of disability—why not follow this link and ask your child to recall what we discussed: <https://ks1no-outsiders-assembly.blogspot.com/2025/10/running-shoes.html>



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

What a fantastic way to end our first half term in Reception and Little Owls! We are so proud of how much the children have achieved, grown in confidence and settled into school life.

Our final week began with a fun-filled afternoon of physical learning, where the children explored the early skills of rugby with Sarah from Guisborough Rugby Club. Everyone had a brilliant time being active, learning new movements and working together. Sarah was so impressed with the enthusiasm and great skills shown throughout the session - well done, everyone!

In Phonics, we have been focusing on the sounds Uu and Rr. The children have been practising identifying, saying and writing these letters and sounds. A special highlight this week has been seeing the children so excited to read their first reading books with words - a big milestone in their learning journey!

In Mastering Number, we've been introduced to the concept of wholes and parts. The children had great fun exploring this idea by identifying parts of different animal bodies and recognising that some whole objects have parts that can't be taken away. Their curiosity and understanding have been wonderful to see. Little Owls have also been busy showing off their brilliant 1:1 counting skills to 5. It has been lovely to watch them confidently demonstrate their understanding through play and practical activities.

As we come to the end of this first half term, we'd like to say a huge thank you to all our families for your continued support. The children have made an amazing start to their EYFS journey and we can't wait to see what the next half term brings!

Have a lovely and restful half-term break!

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

Week 8 and the end of the first half term as new Year 1s and new Year 2s. What a busy half term it has been, with lots of learning and lots of fun growing together. The children have shown every aspect of our K.I.N.D. vision and are all trying so hard to be their personal best in every lesson. Well done all of you, Class 2!

'Why are plants important for animals, including humans?' was our big science question for this week. We have discussed how plants are used in many differing ways by animals for shelter, for food and for materials. Trees can be used by many birds for shelter, they provide homes for squirrels and can be used to create cabins and homes for humans. We discussed what plants we have enjoyed during the week in our school lunches and what our favourite plants are to eat. Continuing our learning on plant parts we have investigated leaves, comparing two leaves and learning the names of the different parts of a leaf - margin, blade, vein, stalk. Using leaves from the school grounds, children were able to identify what type of leaves they had collected - simple, palmate, compound or lobed. In history we have concluded our work looking at our school over time and are looking forward to finding out about what schools were like in the past. In R.E. the children have enjoyed finding out about some Jewish festivals and have shared challah bread, traditionally eaten on Friday nights by Jewish families to celebrate the Sabbath. Forest School was an afternoon of practical skills; using flints to create fire, using peelers to peel willow stems and collecting natural objects to create 'magical' potions. Great fun was had by all and resilience was certainly demonstrated when trying to light the cotton wool!

Our first week back after half term will be filled with some wonderful experiences to inspire our new learning units and I am sure will be thoroughly enjoyed by all of us. I hope you all enjoy a lovely holiday. Have a good rest, stay safe and keep up with that super reading.

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

Our final science lessons for this unit have focussed on the mechanisms levers, pulleys and gears. We thought about how to lift heavy weights and open paint tins using levers and noted how the longer the lever arm from the fulcrum gave a mechanical advantage to lifting the load. Similarly, more pulleys meant the weight was distributed through more ropes, again leading to a mechanical advantage. This was certainly the case when we tried to lift water bottles from the floor using simple pulleys. Turning simple gears, the children learnt how the driver gear turns the follower in a different direction. They might ask at home to look at the chain gear on bikes or even explain how the pedals are the driver gears and the follower gears work in the same direction.

Next half term our science topic is Earth in Space. With the clocks changing this weekend, the nights will be darker earlier so this provides great opportunities for the children to look at the night sky. The children do have a chart to track the phases of the moon for the next month. If possible, please can you encourage them to sketch the shape of the moon over a period of days. We will discuss these in school over the next few weeks.

We have also ensured that the children have enough to read over the holiday. Some children have a second book as they are close to finishing their current book. Most children have set themselves a reading challenge and they also have a copy of Mr Scott's autumn reading challenge. A great time of year to snuggle up with a book. Something us teachers are going to do this holiday! Enjoy the half term break.

PTFA Raffle

A big thank you to our brilliant PTFA who organised the disco last week, and the goody hamper raffle which was drawn today. Well done to Fonzie and Rocco who were the lucky winners!



Diary Dates

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
Friday 31st October	Deadline for personalised Christmas card and gift orders	All	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
Wednesday 5th November	Y1/2 visit to Stokesley Library	Y1/2	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
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
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

IMPORTANT HOLIDAY INFORMATION

The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale CE Federation is now closed for the half term break. We hope you have a wonderful holiday! Staff may check their emails periodically but please do not expect a response before Monday 3rd November.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child during this time please use the following contacts:

- North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership telephone - 0300 131 2 131
- More information about making a referral - <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/aboutus/worried-about-a-child/>
- If you have serious, immediate concerns about a child call the Police on 999.

If you're a child who needs help, here are the details for Childline:

- Phone - 0800 1111
- Website - <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

If you're struggling with food, here are some links:

- Hambleton Food Share - <https://dev1.hambletonfoodshare.org.uk/>
- Middlesbrough Food Bank - <https://middlesbrough.foodbank.org.uk/>

Worried about your child's time online? Here is some advice from the NSPCC - [https:// www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/)

Struggling with domestic abuse? Here is some information on how to get help - [https:// www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help)

Need help with your mental health? Advice can be found here – <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/>

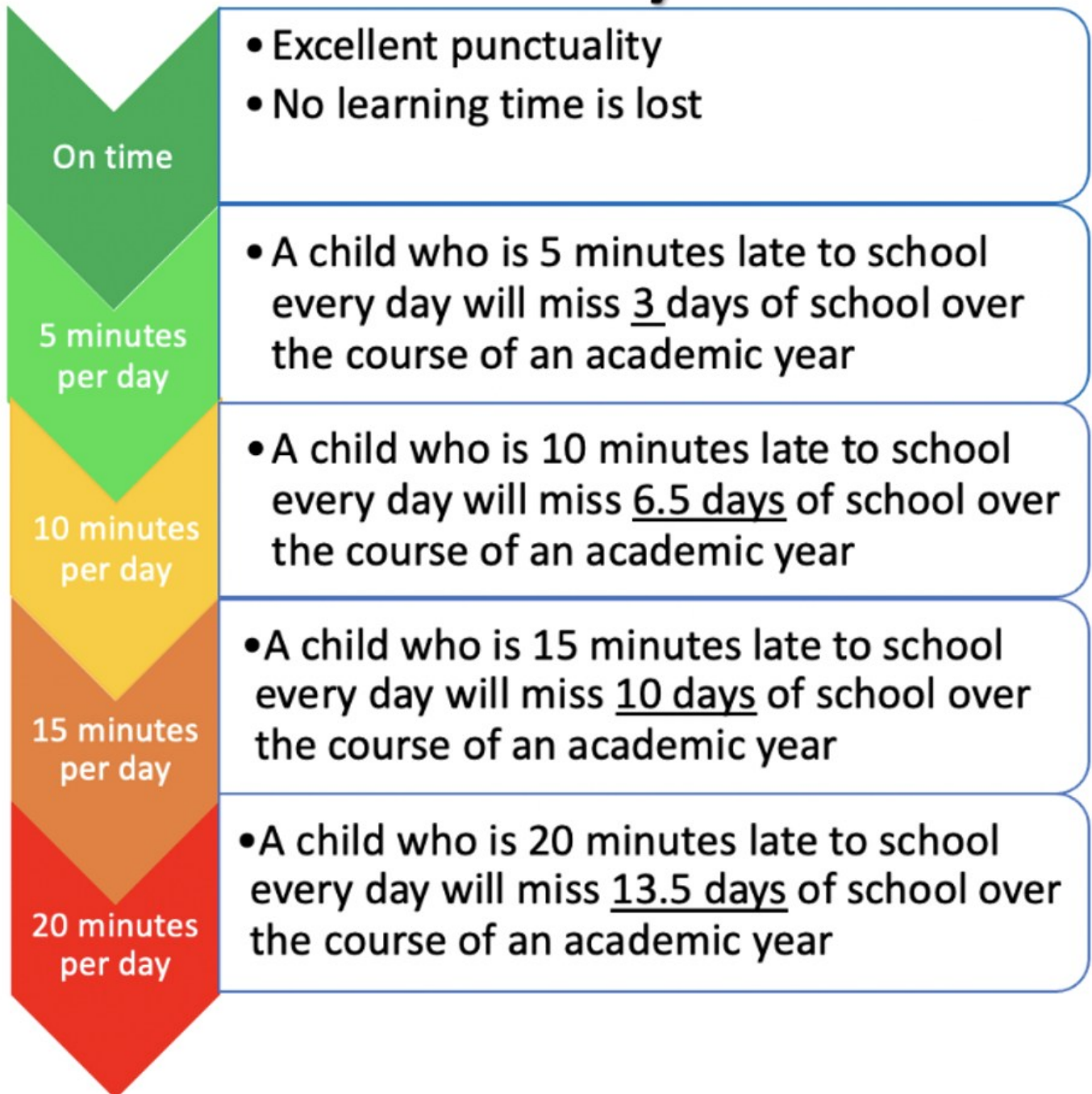


Punctuality

Please can I remind all families of the importance of a punctual start to the school day. All children in Reception—Y6 should arrive between 8.40am and 8.50am, any arrivals later than this impact the efficient start of the whole class's learning.

Children in Little Owls can arrive between 8.40am and 9am.

Punctuality Matters



Did you know that it is
Selective Mutism Awareness Month?

Selective Mutism (SM) is an anxiety-based condition where a person can speak comfortably in some situations but finds it impossible to speak in others. It's not about being shy or stubborn—anxiety is stopping them from talking. This is the freeze part of the body's "fight, flight, freeze" response.

Over time, a child with SM may develop the identity of "the person who doesn't talk," making it even harder to speak. Sadly, because SM is often misunderstood, children may be seen as rude or defiant when in fact they are experiencing intense anxiety.

With understanding and support from families, friends, and schools, children can overcome SM. Awareness and empathy make all the difference.

To learn more about SM, visit www.confidentchildren.co.uk and SMiRA - www.selectivemutism.org.uk

SENDIASS

SENDIASS have updated their parent and carer information pack and it can be found via this link: https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Noticeboard/Red%20bag/Attachments/2025/Autumn%20Term/SENDIASS%20Information%20Pack.pdf?utm_campaign=2996743_CYPs%20e-Red%20Bag%20-%202024%20October%202025&utm_medium=email&utm_source=North%20Yorkshire%20Council&dm_i=4BPJ,1S8AV,34LOX0,8EJ84,1





This year's Poppy Appeal launches in school on Tuesday 4th November in aid of Britain's veterans.

As part of this year's appeal, a spotlight is being shone on efforts to rebuild the lives of struggling Armed Forces personnel.

At any given moment, more than 7,000 members of the military community are being helped by the RBL, and given expert advice and practical support.

This year, the appeal, launched in London this morning, is aiming to raise more than £50million.

We have the traditional Poppies for sale in the reception area of Carlton School.

We have also been given some merchandise to sell to the children in school. There are items priced at 50p, £1 and £2.



If the children would like to buy any items, could they please bring their money to school, and Mrs Swales will be in the Hall each morning until Tuesday 11th November. The merchandise will also be on sale at Bilsdale on the days Mrs Swales is there. We will then send the donations from the school.

But, if you would like to make your own donation, the Royal British Legion are asking people to use the following methods:

Online:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

By phone:

Remember you can always call our friendly fundraising support team on 0345 845 1945 to make a donation by phone.

By text:

To donate £2 text POPPY2 to 70545*

To donate £5 text POPPY5 to 70545*

To donate £10 text POPPY10 to 70545*

**Texts cost £2, £5, or £10 plus your standard network rate. We receive 100% of your donation.*

We will contact you by text on the mobile number you used to allow you to let us know how you would like to be contacted in the future and to find out whether you would like to add Gift Aid to your donation.

By post:

Please print off a [donation form](#) and return to Royal British Legion, Supporter Care, Haig House 199 High Borough Street, London SE1 1AA.

Thank You for your Support

North Yorkshire Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

I'm delighted to launch my Christmas Card Competition and invite children from across York and North Yorkshire to take part.

This year, I am asking pupils to design a Christmas card on the theme:

"Your Favourite Place in York and North Yorkshire at Christmas"

We are lucky to live in such a beautiful and historic region, full of incredible landscapes, landmarks, and local treasures. Whether it's a favourite park, a historic building, a scenic view, or even a cosy café or playground, I want to see what makes York and North Yorkshire special to the children who live here.

The winning design will feature on my official Christmas card, which will be sent to key community figures, organisations, and partners across the region. The winner and runners-up will also receive a special certificate and an invitation to meet me at my office in York.

How to Enter

The competition is open to all primary school pupils across York and North Yorkshire.

Entries should be on A4 paper and designed using any materials or techniques (paint, crayons, collage, digital art, etc.).

Please ensure the child's name, age, school, and a short explanation of their design are included on the back.

Schools can submit entries by post to David Skaith, Mayor of York and North Yorkshire, YNY Combined Authority, West Offices, Station Rise, York YO1 6GA or by emailing scanned designs to mayor@yorkandnorthyorks-ca.gov.uk.

The closing date for entries is Friday 14 November and the winning design will be announced in early December.



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



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.



STOKESLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Dare to come to our

HALLOWEEN

event for children

Thurs 30th Oct

2-3.30pm

**For children
0-11 yrs old**

Children under
8 must be
accompanied
by an adult

**FREE
spooky
activities**



Website: www.theglobellibrarystokesley.org

Email: library.theglobe@gmail.com Tel: 01609 533461

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**Carlton Sports and
Social Committee**

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
into improving and supporting
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!



Write a
STORY
you would
love to read

Ages
5 – 11



Find out more and enter at
bbc.co.uk/500words

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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

**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