

At Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale Schools we are **KIND**:

**K**ind and accepting  
**I**ndependent learners  
**N**ever giving up  
**D**etermined 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

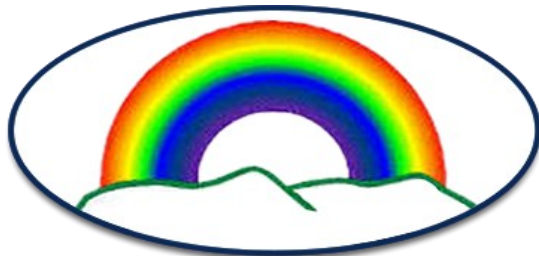
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

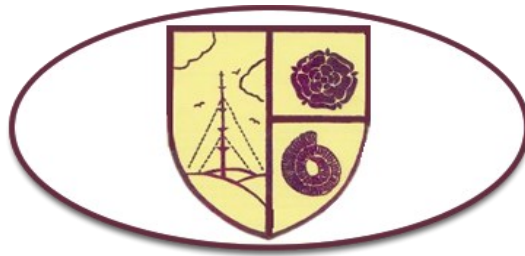
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another week of successes across the federation, starting with the many achievements at Stokesley Show last weekend. It was lovely to see all of the children's artwork displayed and well done to the prize winners. Thank you to Mrs Grundmann for organising all of the entries at the show field. A special mention for George (and others) who showed his calf in the pouring rain!

On Tuesday, Miss Jeffries, Mrs Grundmann and I attended the annual North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership conference in Harrogate—this is always a great day of learning about new developments to ensure we can keep children across both schools as safe as possible.

Don't forget to book your appointment for our upcoming Parent/Teacher Consultations, spaces are filling up quickly. If you require a different appointment please call the office.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott      Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—98.6%

Carlton—**94.8%**

National Average—95.5%



### Awards



**Star of the Week**—Isaac D, Frank, Isabel, Daisy, Bonnie, Oscar, Zeff, Beth

**Kindness Award**— Darcy, Lucia, Daisy, Scarlett K, Penelope, Lydia

**Handwriting Award**—Louis, Sammy, Bonnie, Alice, Aurora

**Corridor King/Queen**— Ellie and Florence

**Vision Award**— Bea, Toby, Buddy, Scarlett K, George, Ellie

**Headteacher Hot Chocolate**— Edward, Scarlett S, Eboni, Lavinia, Arthur

### Maths Awards

**Y3/4**— 1st Zeff, 2nd Rory, 3rd Beth

**Y5/6**— 1st Arthur, 2nd Lauren, 3rd Zara



### Music of the Week



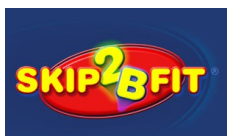
Next week's music of the week is 'Viva La Vida' by Coldplay.

### Notes

#### Skip 2B Fit

Don't forget that Monday is our first Skip 2B Fit day of the year. All children should come in PE kit on Monday and Bilsdale children are at Carlton all day.

Don't forget that parents/carers are welcome to join their child's session, details are on the letter emailed earlier this week.



### Collective Worship

Linking to our current worship theme of thankfulness, why not listen to this song together as a family and discuss how it relates to the theme? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vA83MufOCOA>



### 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 a fantastic week in EYFS, filled with exciting learning opportunities and plenty of creativity. In phonics, the children have continued the adventures of 'Nip and Nap' while learning to blend and segment the sounds Mm and Dd. It has been wonderful to hear about the enthusiasm for reading for pleasure at home, particularly with Sammy the owl joining in with story times. In maths, the children have been developing their subitising skills with arrangements of 2 and 3, as well as using positional language to describe patterns of 4. They are showing growing confidence and enjoyment in their mathematical thinking.

In RE, we reflected that many Christians give thanks to God at Harvest time. The children engaged thoughtfully in our discussion and enjoyed practising our Harvest song together. A real highlight of the week came on Wednesday afternoon, when we explored the theme of fantasy worlds. The children had a wonderful discussion about how magical imaginary places can be, before creating their own pictures of these worlds. We were especially inspired by Florence, who shared her vision of a world full of butterflies and rainbows. We have also been developing our physical skills in PE this week. The children had great fun completing the 'Friday Mile', showing wonderful determination and energy. Alongside this, we have been practising a range of circle games, which have helped us to build our coordination, teamwork and listening skills.

Well done to all of the children for their curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm for learning this week.





## News from the Classes

### Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

Our history this week has taken us outdoors, looking at the front of our school building and comparing it to photographs from the past. We spotted lots of changes and had great discussions about what differences and similarities we had seen, why things may have changed and what we liked about the building in the past and what we like now. We put our sketching skills to the test again, sketching the school frontage and located which adults worked behind which windows.

In science we found many different plants around the school grounds and studied them closely. We drew a plant of our choice and will study the same plant over the next few weeks to see what changes we see as the season moves further into Autumn. After studying the roots and leaves of a spider plant, we planted some baby spider plants and are hoping they will grow and produce new baby plants themselves over time. We have learnt two new names - spiderettes and plantlets, the names for these plant babies.

In art the children have continued to enjoy studying the bright and colourful work of the American pop artist James Rizzi and have worked on creating a 3-D mural based on Rizzi's work, using papers and cardboard layering techniques.

And all this work is just in our afternoons! The mornings are crammed full of our English, phonics, maths and Mastering Numbers work too. Class 2 is very busy and the children are all trying their hardest to be independent learners and follow our K.I.N.D. values.

We loved looking at the work the children had done in the sketchbooks for each reading bag that had gone home last week and are already excited to see what the next children have enjoyed sharing with us on Monday. Keep up the great reading everyone, enjoy your weekend, have fun and stay safe.

### Carlton and Bilsdale KS2

Our school vision of determination and doing our best has been evident this week with our independent write. Our children love writing and requested extra time to continue their work as they were so engaged in their own stories. We've really enjoyed reading them.

In Geography, the children have been exploring the local area using Ordnance Survey Maps. They have used their knowledge of grid references and contour lines to learn how both the physical and human features of the landscape around them are shown on a map.

RE is the only subject where we have different topics at each school. At Carlton, our key question is "How and why do believers show their commitments during the journey of life?" After discussing milestones in life, we have looked at different naming ceremonies for babies. For some Christians, baptism is a way of welcoming a baby into the church family. We recreated this service to help the children gain an understanding of the promises made and symbolism of different parts of the service. In the upcoming weeks, we will consider ceremonies that connect to dedicating life to a religion such as bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah for some Jewish children and the sacred thread ceremony for some Hindus.

Bilsdale KS2 have started learning about Hindu Dharma - one of the world's oldest religions, which began in India thousands of years ago. We discovered that it is very diverse, with many ways of living out Hindu beliefs. To help us understand this, we looked at a Banyan Tree. It grows from one trunk but spreads into many more, just like Hindu Dharma has no single founder but has grown and developed into many traditions and practices. We also learned key words like Mandir (temple), Dharma (a person's duty), Puja (worship), and Deity (a god or goddess). Did you know that around 1 million people in Britain are Hindu? Our local MP, Rishi Sunak, became the UK's first Hindu Prime Minister in 2022! This week we focused on Puja, an important daily practice for many Hindus. Just as we might start our mornings with routines like brushing teeth or eating breakfast, many Hindus begin their day with Puja. This is a way of connecting with Brahman (the supreme reality) by focusing on deities such as Ganesh (wisdom), Lakshmi (prosperity), and Shiva (transformation). Our learning is helping us understand how Hindu beliefs shape daily life, worship, and celebrations such as Diwali, both in India and here in the UK.

### Upcoming writing in KS2

The next KS2 writing unit uses a video about an unknown creature being washed up on a beach and being helped by the local community. It has been affected by plastic pollution and ultimately dies. It is a great way to provoke brilliant writing, but we thought you might like to watch it in case your child comes home with any questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0Ml8nrBJmY>

## Diary Dates

Monday 29th September	Skip 2B Fit Day—all children in PE kit to-day please. <b><u>PARENTS WELCOME</u></b> <b><u>Bilsdale at Carlton all day</u></b>	All	n/a
Friday 3rd October	Harvest service, 2pm, St Botolph's, Carlton Families welcome	All	Letter sent
WC Monday 6th October	NSPCC Kindness Challenge	All	Letter sent
Friday 10th October	No Outsiders book viewing, Carlton Village Hall—3pm onwards	All	Info. sent
Friday 10th October	Reception parents phonics and early reading meeting, 3.30pm, Carlton	Reception parents	Letter sent
Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October	Parent Teacher Consultations	Rec-Y6	Letter sent
Thursday 16th October	Flu immunisations	Rec-Y6	Email sent
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
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
Friday 14th November	Children in Need	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	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Monday 15th December	Christmas Craft Afternoon	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— <b><u>Bilsdale at Carlton all day</u></b>	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

# The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale CE Federation

Executive Headteacher - Mr. M. Scott



## OPEN OCTOBER

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.

"This is a truly inclusive school. Leaders have high aspirations for all pupils and the curriculum reflects this."

*Bilsdale Midcable Chop Gate CE School OFSTED, May 2023*

"Pupils enjoy being part of their school community. Staff and pupils describe the school as like being part of one big family."

*Carlton & Faceby CE School OFSTED, January 2023*



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22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Dear Headteacher, staff and pupils

Thank you so much for taking part in this year's Stokesley Show, sharing your impressive handwriting, artwork and crafting.

The Children's Tent was packed with fantastic contributions, which were enjoyed by everyone visiting the tent. We had so many lovely comments from our visitors who were delighted to see the children's work. Well done everyone!

Thank you for your time and commitment. I am looking forward to supporting your school again next year.

Kind regards

*Lynne Borwell*

Children's Tent Steward

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

# Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!  
We will share the link with you privately.

**This session will cover all aspects of children's online lives and will cover the risks associated, the latest trends and data and guidance on how you can support their online lives.**

**WEDNESDAY  
1ST OCT  
2025  
4PM – 4.45PM**



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# 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](https://bbc.co.uk/500words)

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# Safe around roads

*“ One act of bad driving robbed the world of a beautiful, intelligent and caring young person. Our lives have been turned upside down by our daughter’s death. ”*

Bereaved Dad whose daughter was killed in a car accident

**It can be hard knowing how best to teach your child to stay safe.  
Here we help you to break it down and keep it simple.**

## **Pedestrians – younger children**

- Get young children into the habit of holding your hand or use walking reins
- Ask questions while you’re out to help them understand simple ideas like ‘fast’ and ‘slow’
- You can start teaching the Green Cross Code from age five, encouraging children to stop, look, listen and think
- But they won’t always remember safety rules, especially if they’re excited or spot a friend across the road
- Children will copy what you do, so try to avoid stepping into the road without checking for traffic first. If you can do the right thing, it will help them get into good habits.

## **Pedestrians – older children**

- Children find it difficult judging the speed and distance of traffic until they’re at least eight. Accidents peak around 12, as children start making independent journeys
- Children learn by doing and practising. If they’re moving to a new school, help them practise the route over the holidays. Where are the safe places to cross? What should they do if they see their bus and they’re on the other side of the road?
- They can be mesmerised by their mobiles, so remind them not to talk or text on their phones or listen to music while crossing the road.




## **In the car**

- Make sure your car seat is the right one for your child’s height and weight and for your car – not all seats fit all cars

## **Cycling**

- Get your child into the habit of wearing their helmet. If you cycle as a family, remember to wear yours too
- Look out for cycle training. Many schools offer courses to help children gain practical skills.

 **Driving** – speed is everything when it comes to a child’s chances of survival. They’re 3.5 times more likely to die if hit by a car doing between 30-40 mph.

- Keep an eye on your speed
- Keep your phone in the glove compartment so it can’t distract you.





**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.





# **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**

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**Tickets available from Jonny – 07808771886**



**STOKESLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

# **STOKESLEY** **BOOK** *fest*

**2025**

**Books**

**Stalls**

**Town  
Trails**

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
**11am-3pm**

**author talks**

**childrens activities**

*Booklovers  
everywhere -  
join us at the  
library for a fun  
filled day of  
books, crafts  
and reading!*

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# STOKESLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## Design a **BOOKMARK** Competition



For children  
5-7yrs

Do you love reading  
books?

Get your crayons,  
pens and pencils  
ready for our FREE

**BOOKMARK  
COMPETITION!**

Deadline Sept 30th

**£10 book  
voucher  
prizes!**

Imagine you are designing  
a bookmark for your favourite  
book. What would it look like?

Would it have a spaceship, a  
unicorn or maybe a  
superhero? Show us why you  
love reading. We want to see  
your most creative and  
imaginative ideas!

**Bookmark templates available  
at the library, ask at desk.**

*Hand your finished entries in to the  
library by 5pm Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.*

*Winners will be announced at the  
Stokesley Book Fest on Oct 4<sup>th</sup>*

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# STOKESLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# POETRY

## Competition

In the run up to Stokesley Book Fest you are invited to take part in our FREE poetry competition.

The theme is:

**Books & Reading**  
**Deadline Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Sept**



3 categories:  
8-11yrs £25  
12-17yrs £25  
18yrs+ £25

Bookmark  
competition for  
5-7yr olds,  
see poster

*Poems must be unpublished,  
neatly written or typed and no  
more than 300 words. Please  
hand in entries to the library by  
5pm Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.*

*Winners will be announced and  
prizes presented during  
Book Fest on Sat Oct 4<sup>th</sup>*

Prizes are **BOOK VOUCHERS**

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