

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

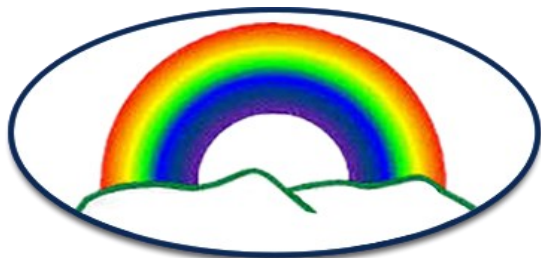
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

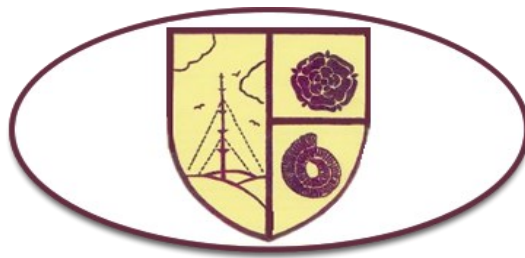
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

We uphold these values through our golden rules:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be safe



K
I
N
D



The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale CE Federation Newsletter

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant first week we've had! It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school and they have engaged really well with the routines of their new classes, as well as showing a brilliant attitude towards their learning.

We extend a big welcome to all of our new reception children: Ellie, Florence, Louis, Edward, Ted, Isaac, Isla, Frank, Olive, Bea, Darcey and Jasper. They have settled very well into their first week at school and we're incredibly proud of them.

Letters regarding extra-curricular clubs went home yesterday, please return these ASAP to secure places. Any over-subscribed clubs will run a waiting list.

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend,

Mr. M. Scott

Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Returns next week!



Awards



Star of the Week—All Reception, Ellie, Beth, Class 2, Bonnie, Buddy

Kindness Award— Edward, Aurora, Zara, Scarlett, Dolly, Noah, William, Anna, Isabel

Handwriting Award—Florence, Rupert, Zeff, Isaac, George, Annie, Scarlett, Eve, Tadhg,

Corridor King/Queen— returns next week!

Vision Award— Jasper, Aoife, Arthur, Lavinia, Daisy

Headteacher Hot Chocolate— Lydia, Alice, Hugo, Scarlett S

Maths Awards

Return next week!

Clubs Note

Please note that there was a small typo on the clubs letter. To confirm, fashion and design club will be on a Wednesday night.

Music of the Week



Next week's music of the week is 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley.

Notes

Apples

The apple tree in Carlton's front garden has lots of fruit on it—if anyone would like to pick the apples for their own use please feel free to do so.

Anyone taking the apples is responsible for their own health and safety when on school property.



Collective Worship

Our new focus value for this half term is Thankfulness—please find attached some ideas of activities that you may like to complete at home as a family to support this.



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 Class 1

What a wonderful first week we have had in EYFS! It has been such a pleasure to welcome our new Reception and Little Owls to school and see how quickly they have settled into our environment.

The children have embraced their learning with curiosity and enthusiasm, exploring every corner of our classroom and outdoor spaces. We have seen so many examples of the Characteristics of Effective Learning (CoEL) in action:

Playing and exploring - showing curiosity, trying new things and enjoying discovery.

Active learning - showing determination and celebrating success through effort.

Creating and thinking critically - having their own ideas, making choices and solving problems.

From investigating new resources to making friends and sharing experiences, our children are already showing us what confident, capable learners they are. We have also loved joining worship and play-times with the rest of the school, helping the children feel part of our wider school community right from the start.

Thank you for your support in helping the children make such a positive start. We are so excited for all the adventures ahead!

A big well done to all our new Reception pupils!

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

It has been so lovely to welcome all the children back to school this week. We have enjoyed our first few days together as the new Class 2, sharing news of all our exciting holiday adventures and for some, moving on from EYFS into KS1 learning new routines and making new friends.

All the children have settled very well, entering the classroom with lovely smiles, positive attitudes and ready to see what the day ahead holds. They have all worked so hard and impressed the adults with their confidence, independence and eagerness to do their best, completing work to the very best of their abilities. What a super start!

We have started our unit in science, thinking about what we know about plants and discussing what changes we see as Summer turns into Autumn. In English we have enjoyed the familiar story of 'Little Red Riding Hood', with some super discussion and are now ready to start our writing next week. Our Year 1 children have refreshed their phonics sounds and focussed on correct letter formation, ensuring tall letters are tall and small are small. In history we have talked about the past, present and future and had fun exploring old photographs of school. In maths we have begun our work on place value and we are excited to continue with all our learning next week.

On Monday we will begin our Forest School afternoon session, so please ensure children come prepared with a bag of clothes and suitable footwear to change into. Lots of layers and something waterproof to keep us sheltered from the elements as we explore and investigate our outdoor environment.

I am looking forward to another week of great learning and growing together and a huge well done on such a great start to Year 1 and Year 2!

Carlton and Bilsdale KS2

What a great first week! It was lovely to welcome the children back on Tuesday seeing them looking refreshed and hearing about their holidays. It's been a calm and positive start focussing on settling into new routines. We have spent time ensuring all the children have reading books. Tomorrow, Saturday 6th September is National Read a Book Day. We hope families can all find time to enjoy any type of book, perhaps sharing a book together or enjoying the peace that comes with becoming absorbed in a story. Reading opens doors to new worlds, sparking imagination, helping to understand people, places, and ideas. Whether it is a thrilling adventure, a funny story, or a fascinating fact book, reading has the power to take you anywhere! Choosing books to enjoy, whether that's comics, mysteries, fairy tales, or football magazines helps to become a more confident reader. The more you read, the better your vocabulary, spelling, and writing become, almost without you noticing! Starting next week, look out for our new book packs there will be a fact pack, a story pack and an information pack. Each will come with a card to explain how to use it and an invitation to respond with an activity. We look forward to the different responses the children will contribute. In school, we have several stories on the go. Y3/4 are reading Charlotte's Web, whilst on Fridays, Y5/6 are reading Holes. The Magic Paintbrush, a traditional Chinese tale is the inspiration for our first writing unit and connects to our history topic Dynamic Dynasties. Ask your child if they can name some of the Chinese dynasties.

Diary Dates

Friday 12th September	PTFA 'Welcome Back' event after school POSTPONED—new date TBC	All	n/a
Monday 15th September	KS2 swimming starts today	KS2 swimming group	Letter sent
Monday 29th September	Skip 2B Fit Day—all children in PE kit to-day please. <u>Bilsdale at Carlton all day</u>	All	n/a
Friday 3rd October	Harvest service, 2pm, St Botolph's, Carlton Families welcome	All	More info. to follow
WC Monday 6th October	NSPCC Kindness Challenge	All	More info. to follow
Friday 10th October	No Outsiders book viewing, Carlton Village Hall—3pm onwards	All	Info. sent
Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October	Parent Teacher Consultations	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Thursday 16th October	Flu immunisations	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Friday 24th October	School closes for half term	All	n/a
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	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

Music of the Week

Starting this week, every day in Collective Worship we will listen to a piece of music as the children enter/exit which represents a different genre/type of music. We have added a section to the newsletter which lets you know what the upcoming piece is in case you'd like to listen to it at home.



Breaktime snacks

Children in Reception and KS1 receive a free snack of fruit at breaktime. If children in KS2 would also like to bring a snack for breaktime this is fine, please ensure it is healthy and not containing excessive sugar/fat. Some examples could include:

- Fruit/vegetables
- Rice cakes
- Crackers
- Cheese cubes



Biscuits, crisps, protein bars etc. are not suitable snacks.

All children must eat their breaktime snack while sat in the gazebo so they can be monitored by an adult. Children in Class 1 have their snack in the classroom. Please remember we are also a nut aware school, snacks and packed lunches should not contain nuts or nut products such as Nutella or nutty cereal bars.

Martyn's Law

The introduction of Martyn's Law (Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025) outlines protective measures that all businesses, including schools, must take to reduce the risk of terror related incidents. We wanted to reassure parents and carers that we already have a range of protective measures in place, including:

- Annually updated Prevent risk assessment
- Annually updated emergency plan
- Bi-annual Action Counters Terrorism training for all staff
- Detailed evacuation plans which are practised termly
- Detailed lockdown plans which are regularly discussed and role-played at staff training days
- Secure door systems at both schools
- Secure gates and fencing to playgrounds at both schools
- Adequate adult supervision at break times
- Internal telephone communication systems at both schools
- The use of walkie-talkie systems for communication between the playground and main school building at both schools

If parents/carers have any questions or queries please feel free to get in touch with the school office.

Sporting Successes

We'd love to know about any children who have sporting successes outside of school. Maybe they won an award with their football team, took part in a gymnastics competition or competed on their trials bike for the first time. Please send us any pictures you may have, along with a short description, to admin@carltonfaceby.n-yorks.sch.uk—we'd love to display them in school.

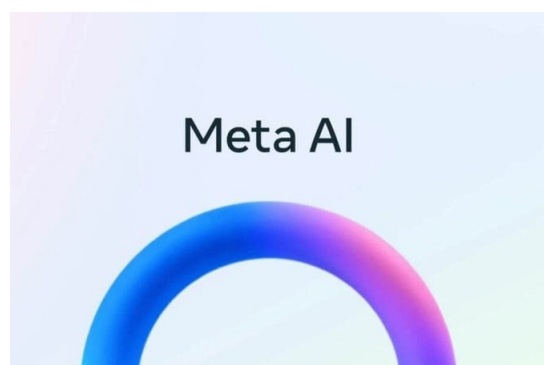


Facebook T&Cs update

Please be aware that Meta (the parent company of Facebook) may use public content, including photos posted on Facebook, to train its artificial intelligence (AI) models. Although Meta states it will not use data from children's accounts, photos of students posted by schools on public pages may still be included in this data collection if publicly accessible. By giving consent for the school to publish photos on social media, you acknowledge and consent to the possibility that your child's image may be used in Meta's AI training processes.

You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the school. Please note that if you withdraw your consent, the school will no longer publish pictures of your child on social media and will remove such images from the Facebook page. However, the school cannot retrieve images that Meta has already used for AI training.

You can find more information about Meta and how it processes personal data for these purposes [here](#).



Choir Competition

Before the summer holidays, we shared our choir's entry into the School Song Competition. During the holidays we received an email saying the following;



"We are delighted to announce that your school has made it to the Top 50 and would like to congratulate you on your achievements. The standard was extremely high, and we cannot wait to hear the finalists in October."

While we didn't make it to the final, finishing in such a high position when against schools from all over the UK is a brilliant achievement—well done choir!

This week in EYFS



The Carlton & Faceby and Biltsdale 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."

Biltsdale 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



01642
712340

www.biltsdalecarltonschoools.co.uk

Find us on
Facebook

Faceby Calendar

Entries of photographs for the Faceby 2026 calendar are encouraged—more information below taken from the Faceby newsletter.

Children are welcome to enter photographs, and they don't have to be a resident of Faceby to contribute.

Happy photographing!

"Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful," said William Morris, the 19th Century designer and polymath. Each year we aim to produce a calendar of Faceby and its surroundings which not only fits both those categories, but also raises much-needed funds to help keep Faceby's lovely St Mary Magdalene Church open and functioning.

We haven't had huge numbers of photos being submitted so far this year, so it's by no means certain that we'll be able to manage a calendar for 2026. Please do have a look through your photos of the area, to see if there's anything that might be appropriate amongst them. They can be landscapes, photos (possibly close-ups) of nature, or maybe something more unusual. Please, also, do keep watching out for any opportunities for a good photo when you're out and about.

Photos don't need to have been taken this year, can have been taken on phones as well as cameras, and there is no limit on the number you can send in. Ideally the photos will have a minimum resolution of 1MB, though 3MB plus is the ideal.

The email address for photos is [**facebycalendar@gmail.com**](mailto:facebycalendar@gmail.com). If you have multiple photos and large files to send you can do so via WeTransfer [**https://wetransfer.com/**](https://wetransfer.com/), which is a free online tool and very easy to use. Alternatively, if you'd rather submit photos via a memory stick or CD you can drop them off with Val at Sandy Lodge.

Many thanks to those who have already sent in photos. There are some beauties amongst them, and your support is much appreciated.

Please keep them coming. 😊



For more information about food items, menus, or recipes please speak to your on-site catering team, or contact our Technical Support Team:
E: NYESCatering@northyorks.gov.uk T: (01609) 535324
W: www.northyorks.gov.uk/schoolmeals

i Fresh fruit or yoghurt options available every day!



If your child has an allergy or special dietary requirements, please inform your school and our catering team, so we can discuss their needs.



We have highlighted the 14 allergens on our menus to help you make informed decisions. Some of our recipes include 'may contain' information, but this is not included on our menus. This information is however available on our daily allergen matrix. Please contact your school cook for further information.

V = Vegetarian **VB** = Vegan



Our menus are not only tasty, but comply with the Government School Food Standards, meaning they are good for your children too. They will very occasionally need to change due to circumstances beyond our control, so please check with your catering team if your child has any dietary requirements.



Find out if you are eligible to receive free school meals and apply in a matter of minutes by scanning here:



www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Autumn 2025 Menu

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
	Served w/c 1st Sept, 22nd Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 1st Dec 2025, 5th Jan, 26th Jan 2026	Served w/c 8th Sept, 29th Sept, 20th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec 2025, 12th Jan and 2nd Feb 2026	Served w/c 15th Sept, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 24th Nov, 15th Dec 2025, 19th Jan, 9th Feb 2026
Monday	V Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake ***** VB Vanilla Swirl Cookie *****	Chicken Burger ***** VB Diced Potatoes ***** V Oat Cookie & Cheese *****	V Pizza ***** VB Potato Wedges ***** V Chocolate Brownie *****
Tuesday	Chicken Korma with 50/50 Rice ***** V Fruity Jam Sandwich & Custard *****	V Crunchy Topped Mac & Cheese ***** V Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard *****	Spaghetti Bolognese ***** V Cheese & Biscuit *****
Wednesday	Minced Beef & Dumpling ***** VB Mashed Potatoes ***** V Jelly & Ice-cream *****	Roast Gammon ***** VB Mashed Potatoes ***** V Berry Mousse Pot *****	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding ***** VB Mashed Potatoes ***** V Rice Pudding & Jam *****
Thursday	Hot Dog ***** VB Potato Wedges ***** V Toffee Apple Muffin *****	Beef Mexican Taco with Rice ***** V Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce *****	Pork Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Rice ***** V Rhubarb Crumble Sponge & Custard *****
Friday	Battered Fish ***** VB Chips ***** V Chocolate Orange Mousse Cake *****	Fish Star ***** VB Chips ***** V Lemon Drizzle Shortbread *****	Fish Fingers ***** VB Chips ***** V Fruit Muffin *****

Please be aware that we are unable to guarantee a completely food allergen-free environment, as foods containing allergens are used in the kitchen. Additional items may be available at your school, i.e. jacket potatoes and sandwiches. Please speak to your school for further information.



Dear Parent/Carer,

Across England, millions of children and families are beginning a new school year.

As a father of two, I know well the pride and joy of watching your children grow up. But I also understand how juggling parenthood, work and other responsibilities can sometimes be difficult especially when the cost-of-living is still tough, childcare is expensive, and your time is tight.

Supporting families is at the heart of our Plan for Change. Over the past year we have started to deliver the change promised - new help designed to make your life easier and give your children the best possible start.

We are making high quality childcare more affordable by introducing 30 hours of government-funded childcare during term time, from the end of parental leave to the start of primary school, saving an average working parent up to £7,500 per year - money that stays in your pocket for your family's needs.

We are making family life easier too, with hundreds of school-based nursery places opening this September, and thousands more to come. This means more families can access government-funded childcare and perhaps manage with just one school run in the morning. This comes alongside expanding wraparound childcare available to you outside of school hours, including a free Best Start Breakfast Club which we will be rolling out in every primary school.

We are proud to build on the legacy of Sure Start through our Best Start Family Hubs, a growing network of welcoming spaces. Families can access a wide range of support and services to make the journey of being a parent a little easier - from expert advice on feeding your baby to how to support your toddler's learning and development at home.

Of course, this is just the beginning. This government will keep building support for you and your family to help make parenting easier and ensure no child's background dictates what they go on to achieve. I know that this is also a priority for local MPs and councils, who can provide more information about what is available in your area. I encourage you to get in touch with them directly.

To find out more about the support available to you and your family, including free breakfast clubs, eligibility for childcare offers, Best Start Family Hubs in your area and support with your child's early health and learning, visit our new site that brings this all together in one place: www.BestStartinLife.gov.uk.

I also wanted to thank you, the parents and carers, and the grandparents, as well as the childminders, early educators, teachers and health workers, for all you do to give children the best start in life.

Nothing will stop me in my mission to back families like yours through our Plan for Change, to build a better future for you, for your children, and for Britain.

All best wishes,

Keir Starmer

JUNIOR RUGBY

**NORTHALLERTON RUGBY CLUB IS
RECRUITING NEW PLAYERS
AND WE WANT YOU!**



**IF YOU ENJOY GETTING MUDDY AND WANT TO TRY
SOMETHING NEW, COME DOWN AND GIVE RUGBY A GO!**

**DON'T BE SHY
GIVE IT A TRY!**



**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-17
SUNDAYS AT 10:30AM
AT BROMPTON LODGE, DL6 2PZ**



@NorthallertonRUFCjuniors



northallertonrufcjuniors@gmail.com



Dancing for All

Dates:

Wednesdays:

17.09.25 08.10.25

24.09.25 15.10.25

01.10.25 22.10.25

Time: 5.00pm—6.00pm

Venue: Richmond School
Darlington Road
Richmond
North Yorkshire
DL10 7BQ

Audience: Personalised lessons
for all abilities

Standard price:

£29 / pupil

Hardship bursary is available.

**Please apply by emailing
yes@arete.uk by 19th July 2025**

To book please visit

[www.yesataretelearningtrust.net/
Training-Events](http://www.yesataretelearningtrust.net/Training-Events) or email
yes@arete.uk

**Places won't be secured until
payment and completed
consent forms have been
received.**

In conjunction with the Community Lottery Fund, YES@ Areté Learning Trust are hosting a 6-week dance sessions for all abilities.

The aims are:

- To bring children of all ages and abilities together in a creative exploration of dance themes.
- To provide an opportunity for expression and individuality through dance.

If you are aged between 5 and 15 and **LOVE TO DANCE**, this is a project that you will enjoy. We will explore a variety of starting points for dance and through creative movement workshops and physical development of skills.

Workshop size is limited to 25.

Closing date: 31st July 2025

Sessions led by: Ruby Weaver-Cooke

Ruby has had a lifelong passion for dance. She dedicated herself to sharing the joy of movement with the next generation. Ruby offers community dance lessons for children aged 5 to 15, creating a fun, supportive space where young dancers can express themselves, build confidence, and stay active. Whether it's their first step or they're ready to perform. She is committed to helping every child discover the rhythm within.

**Cancellations/Refunds**

Cancellations of training events are subject to a 25% administration fee where the cancellation is made 3 weeks or more before the date of the event. No refund is payable for a cancellation made within 2 weeks prior to the training course – in this event the full sum shown on the invoice remains payable.