

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

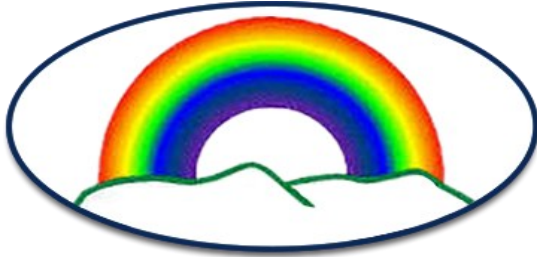
'The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works'

Luke 2:40

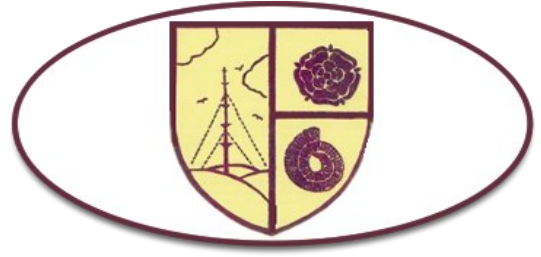
'And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...'

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 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see all of the children back in school this week, hearing all of their stories about the Easter break. I hope everyone managed to find some time to relax as a family.

Yesterday was National Primary School Offer Day where parents receive confirmation of their school places for Reception. We're very excited to welcome all of our new-starters into Reception in September, many of them are already familiar with school through their attendance at Little Owls.

Today we say goodbye to Miss Temprell and Miss Armstrong as they finish their final teaching placement. We'd like to thank them both for their hard work over the last few months and wish them well as they move on to begin their teaching journey as Early Career Teachers.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott

Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale— 92.3%

Carlton—94.2%

National Average—94.7%



★ Awards ★

Star of the Week— Aoife, Annie, Tadhg, Daisy, Anna, Henry, Arthur, Lauren

Kindness Award— Darcy, Toby, Oscar, Arthur, Siena

Handwriting Award— Jasper, Isla, Sam, Scarlett K, Lydia

Headteacher Hot Chocolate— Isaac D, Scarlett S, Bonnie, Ellie

Corridor King/Queen— Jasper and Zeff


Awards

Numbots—None this week, please remind children to access this at home.

TTRS awards— None this week, please remind children to access this at home.

Vision Award— Reception, Charlie, Y2, Bonnie, Lydia


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Music of the Week 

Next week's music of the week is 'Symphony No. 5, 1st movement' by Beethoven.

Collective Worship

Our new Christian Value for this half-term is service. Why not take some time to look through the attached information and activities as a family over the weekend?



Notes

PSHE Consultation

Thank you to the parents and carers who responded to our PSHE consultation on our updated policy for September 2026, including updates to relationships, sex and health education.

As no parents or carers expressed concerns or questions, the policy will go forward to be implemented ready for introduction in September.

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

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our children and families after the Easter holiday. It has been absolutely wonderful to see the children return so settled, happy and ready to embrace the Summer Term ahead with such enthusiasm, confidence and positivity. The children have quickly re-established familiar routines and have shown great independence, resilience and excitement for their learning. This week, we were delighted to welcome Mia to Little Owls. We hope that Mia thoroughly enjoys her journey with us and feels a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

We would also like to share that this week marked Miss Temprell's final week with us. She has built such lovely relationships with the children and has made a positive contribution to their learning during her time here.

Our learning this week has been centred around our exciting new topic, "Ready, Steady, Grow." This topic focuses on growth, change and the natural world and the children have already shown great curiosity and engagement. During our first session, the children confidently recalled their memorable trip to Big Sheep, Little Cow. They were able to talk in detail about what they saw, the animals they encountered and the experiences they enjoyed, demonstrating strong communication skills and an ability to reflect on past events. It was lovely to see how they made links between their experiences and our new learning theme. In Phonics, the children have been focusing on the digraph 'ar'. They have practised recognising, reading and applying this sound within words. The children enjoyed identifying 'ar' in familiar words such as "farm," linking their phonics knowledge to our topic. They also took part in blending and segmenting activities, supporting both their reading and early writing skills. Many children showed increased confidence when attempting to write words independently using their phonics knowledge.

In Mathematics, the children have been exploring 3D shapes. They have been learning to recognise and name shapes such as cubes, spheres, cylinders and cones, as well as discussing their properties using mathematical language. The children particularly enjoyed a creative activity where they used 3D shapes to print patterns in paint. This hands-on experience allowed them to explore shape, pattern and repetition in a fun and engaging way while developing their understanding through play-based learning. In RE, we began our new unit, "Being Special - Where Do We Belong?" The children engaged in a thoughtful and meaningful discussion about what makes each of them special and unique. They showed great confidence in sharing their ideas and listened respectfully to others. Following this, the children drew pictures of their friends and spoke about what makes them wonderful, highlighting qualities such as kindness, sharing and being helpful. This activity supported their personal, social and emotional development, as well as encouraging positive relationships within the classroom.

Throughout the week, the children have also continued to develop their social skills through collaborative play, turn-taking and problem-solving. It has been lovely to see friendships flourish and the children supporting one another in both their learning and play. We are incredibly proud of how well the children have returned to school and the positive attitudes they have shown. We are very much looking forward to a busy, engaging and exciting term ahead, filled with new learning experiences and opportunities for growth.

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

Class 2 have had a fantastic first week back after the Easter holidays and have returned with brilliant enthusiasm for learning. In English, we have started our new book, 'Me and My Fear', which has already sparked some thoughtful discussions about feelings and how we can manage them. The children have shown great maturity when sharing their ideas and making connections to their own experiences.

In Geography, we have begun an exciting new topic on coastlines. This week, we focused on identifying the continents of the world and learning about the capital cities of the United Kingdom. The class impressed me with how quickly they picked up this new knowledge and their eagerness to participate.

A special mention must go to our Year 2 children, who did exceptionally well in their NFER assessments. They approached the tests with confidence and resilience, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they put in.

Finally, a little message from Miss Armstrong: Thank you, Class 2, for being such an amazing group of children. You have made me feel so welcome and have helped me grow so much as a teacher. I am going to miss you all so much—you truly are wonderful!

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

We've literally dug straight into our new geography topic: Sow, Grow and Farm. The children have been outside preparing soil and planting a variety of seeds and tubers. Over the next few weeks and months, the children will continue to water, watch and care for these plants, with the aim of being able to harvest the vegetables before the summer holiday. Some plants are in the classroom so the children can observe germination and answer other related scientific questions about the conditions for germination. The children have also been looking forward to visiting Mrs Howe's allotment on Friday and we hope to visit again later in the term to see how it all flourishes and develops.

Our first writing unit is The Princess and the Pea. We have focussed on engaging the reader with character description, making them feel empathy with the main character, Prince Tarquin. There have been opportunities to use prepositional phrases to describe Tarquin's search and the use of adverbs to create contrasting comparisons of potential suitors. As always, the children have impressed us with their creativity and ideas.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 28th April	Y5/6 dynamo cricket	Y5/6	Letter sent
Wednesday 29th April	Y3/4 Micro:Bit workshop—Bilsdale Y3/4 at Carlton all day	Y3/4	Letter sent
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday—school closed for all	All	n/a
Tuesday 5th May	Y3/4 dynamo cricket	Y3/4	Letter sent
WC Monday 11th May	SATS week	Y6	Info. sent
Monday 18th May	Y5/6 Micro:Bit workshop—Bilsdale Y5/6 at Carlton all day	Y5/6	Letter sent
Tuesday 19th May	School photos	All	n/a
Friday 22nd May	Open Door Art day	All	n/a
Friday 22nd May	School closed for half term	All	n/a
Monday 1st June	School re-opens for all	All	n/a
WC Monday 1st June	Y4 Multiplication Check	Y4	Info. sent
WC Monday 8th June	Phonics Screening Check	Y1	More info. to follow
Monday 8th June	Skip 2B Fit—Bilsdale at Carlton all day Children should come to school in PE kit	All	n/a
Monday 15th June	Sports Day—1.15pm start. Families welcome	All	More info. to follow
Monday 22nd June	Reserve Sports Day	All	n/a
Tuesday 23rd June	Rescheduled KS2 cross-country	Y3-6	More info. to follow
Friday 26th June	Bilsdale trip to Rievaulx Abbey	Bilsdale	More info. to follow
Wednesday 1st July	All day rehearsal at Chop Gate Village Hall	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Thursday 2nd July	End of year production, Chop Gate Village Hall, 6pm. Families welcome <u>AWAITING DATE CONFIRMATION FROM VILLAGE HALL</u>	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Tuesday 7th July	KS1 multi-skills event	Y1 and 2	More info. to follow
Wednesday 8th—Friday 10th July	Stokesley Secondary transition days	Y6	More info. to follow
Thursday 9th July	New class ‘move up’ day	Rec-Y5	More info. to follow
Monday 13th July	End of year reports published	All	n/a
Friday 17th July	Y6 leavers' service, 9.30am, St Botolph's Church. Families welcome <u>AWAITING DATE CONFIRMATION FROM CHURCH</u>	Y6 leavers	More info. to follow

Safe Driving

A concern has been raised by a parent around unsafe driving/speeding through Carlton village at drop off and collection times. Please ensure you drive safely to ensure the safety of all road users at these particularly busy times. Thank you.

School Lunch Updates

Mr Roberts, our new cook at Carlton, started on Tuesday and is already getting to know the children and routines of school. He is shadowing an experienced cook for the first few weeks until he fully finds his feet. We are very happy with the quality of the meals and they are certainly going down well with the children!

To offer some further variety, sandwiches and jacket potatoes will have the following fillings on the following days:

- Monday—cheese
- Tuesday—tuna
- Wednesday—cheese
- Thursday—tuna
- Friday—ham sandwich, cheese and beans jacket potato



For those children having a sandwich or jacket potato, a new self-service salad bar will also be introduced to promote children independently selecting their vegetables and to encourage them to try new things.

As always, a pre-order is not required and children can change between packed lunch and school meals on a day-by-day basis.



Extra-curricular clubs/camps

Please can parents/carers note that while we may advertise external holiday and extra-curricular club availability, these are not endorsed or checked by school. It is up to parents and carers to perform their own due-diligence as to the safety and suitability of externally provided clubs.



Did you know

- You could be missing out on **£450 of free school meals**
- **All children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are entitled to free school meals**
- If you are eligible for certain income support and allowances, support under the Immigration and Asylum Act, child tax credit*, working tax credit*, or universal credit*, **you may also be able to obtain free school meals.**



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

*Conditions apply. Please check our website for full details



May school holiday family learning in Catterick



Jack and the Beanstalk – Growing Beanstalk & Plant Pot Craft

This hands on family learning session uses the classic story Jack and the Beanstalk to inspire creativity, early reading skills, and simple scientific exploration. Children and their parents work together to create imaginative crafts that bring the beanstalk and its magical setting to life, while also planting their own "magic bean" to observe and care for at home. Across three engaging activity stages, families explore the story's characters, setting, and key events while promoting talk, prediction, and story sequencing.

Thursday 28 May 2026
2pm to 4pm
Catterick Library

All places must be booked and enrolled online - please feel free to contact our office if you are unable to do this, as enrolment is essential to access the sessions for free.

Without prior enrolment, charges may apply.

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NYC SEND Hubs ~ Speech & Language Advice for Parents/Carers

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY ~ PLEASE BOOK

An opportunity for parents/carers to come along with their child & speak to our Speech & Language Therapist & Speech & Language Therapy Assistant about their child's speech, language & communication

Where: North Yorkshire Council, 80 High Street, Starbeck, HG2 7LW

When: Monday 27th April 2026 or Wednesday 8th July 2026

15 minute private appointments are available between 10am – 11.30am

If you would like to attend, please email: Catherine Baranyai (SLTA~ HKRC SEND Hub)

catherine.baranyai@northyorks.gov.uk Thank you 😊



NY SEND Hub

STAY & PLAY GROUP

Come & join us for a relaxed play session
for 0 - 5 year olds run by NY SEND Hub
Speech & Language Therapy Assistants


A relaxed chance to chat with the SLTAs & get informal
signposting to helpful information about children's speech,
language & communication

DATES:

Wednesday 22nd April
9:30 am - 10:30 am

Thursday 25th June
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**There is no charge
for this group**
Plenty of parking
Siblings welcome
Hot drinks & biscuits for
the adults
Snacks for the children

Location:  Stockwell Community Wellbeing Hub
Stockwell Avenue, Knaresborough, HG5 0LG.

Please let us know you're coming by
contacting Carol & Catherine

Carol.Moxon@northyorks.gov.uk
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For further information and to sign up, please visit the link below:

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Along with Matty Brown, former North East Premier League batsmen and Level 1 coach, 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: Scruton Cricket Club, Station Rd, Scruton, Northallerton DL7 0QN

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