

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

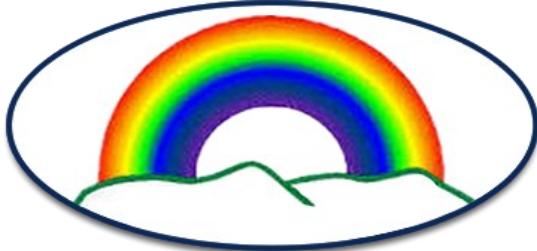
'The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works'

Luke 2:40

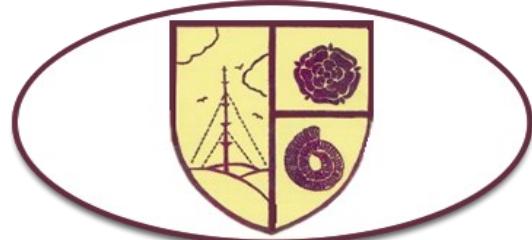
'And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...'

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 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another half term has come to an end and it's hard to believe that we are now half-way through the academic year! As this week has been Internet Safety Week, the children took part in a worship session which linked with this year's theme of Artificial Intelligence and there was lots of thoughtful discussion.

Last Friday saw Y5 and Y6 travel to London to visit The Houses of Parliament for a tour and workshop. The children had a brilliant time and their behaviour was very good—we had compliments from several members of the public and from other schools whilst inside The Houses of Parliament. After a brilliant day ended with a 3-hour train delay, it certainly made for a trip to remember!

Today we say goodbye to Buddy and Rocky as they move to a new school, we wish them lots of luck for the future. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 23rd February.

With best wishes for a peaceful half-term,

Mr. M. Scott Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale— **91.6%**

Carlton— **94.2%**

National Average—94.8%



School success starts with attendance



Awards



Star of the Week— Lyla, Rupert, Henry, Lucia, Annie, Lavinia, Isabel, Arthur, Buddy, Beth, Ellie, Florence, Bea

Kindness Award— Alice, Sammy, Siena, Louis

Handwriting Award— Lucia, Dolly, Lauren, Louis

Vision Award— Charlie, Y1, Oscar, Y5 and Y6, Darcy

Corridor King/Queen— Zara and Scarlett S

Headteacher Hot Chocolate— Cruz, Fonzie, Zeff, Frank

Awards

TTRS Awards— **We don't have any awards this week as children aren't accessing TTRs enough at home. Please encourage at least 15 mins per week.**

Numbots Accuracy—1st Tadhg, 2nd Alice, 3rd Noah

Numbots improvement—1st Alice, 2nd George, 3rd Noah



Music of the Week



Next week's music of the week is 'Máddji - Dawn Light' - a Finnish Folk Song .

Notes

Y3/4 Dodgeball

Parents of Y3 and Y4 children are reminded that children need to come to school in their PE kit on Tuesday 24th February for the dodgeball event at Stokesley School.

If you haven't brought your permission slip back yet, this must come in on the first day back after half-term. Thank you.

Collective Worship

No Outsiders this week was all about a penguin family with a difference. Buddy in Y5 remembered it reminded him of the story 'And Tango Makes Three' - why not listen to this recording of the story together as a family: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjmZjkXZpXQ>



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

It has been a wonderfully busy and exciting week of learning through play in EYFS!

We began the week with a brilliant Forest School afternoon for both Little Owls and Reception. Little Owls immersed themselves in a range of hands on woodland activities inspired by Little Red Riding Hood, building imagination, resilience and outdoor confidence. Reception children also had a fantastic time creating natural bird feeders using sticks, pinecones and seeds to support our local wildlife and develop their fine motor skills.

Miss Temprell has continued to lead Phonics and Maths sessions this week. Reception have been working exceptionally hard to consolidate all the sounds learned this term, showing growing independence and enthusiasm during their reading and writing activities. In Maths, the children have begun exploring the concept of doubling and have been practising subitising, instantly recognising quantities without counting, through games, manipulatives and number challenges. To reinforce this learning at home, we would like to remind families to make use of the White Rose Maths 'One Minute Maths' App. This free app has been carefully designed to help children build number confidence and fluency in short, engaging one minute bursts. It offers practice in key early maths skills including adding, subtracting, doubling and subitising, with each task providing a unique set of randomly generated questions that encourage children to learn concepts rather than memorise answers. The app is simple, child friendly and requires no login. Children can independently choose a topic, complete a one minute challenge and receive instant feedback on their progress.

On Wednesday afternoon, we concluded our Once Upon a Time topic with a special celebration fit for a King or Queen! Children enjoyed crafting crowns, engaging in royal role play and storytelling and revisiting their favourite traditional tales from the term. It was a magical and memorable end to our story based learning journey.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you enjoy a restful Half Term ahead!

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

We have reached the end of yet another half term and what a busy and challenging one it has been. We are all so very impressed with how the children have adapted to being taught by different teachers during Mrs Leivers' absence, and on her return today she was very pleased to see how well the children have coped, what they have produced in their books and how they have progressed. Well done everyone!

Forest School fun this week was the making of bird feeders. Children scooped out oranges, then filled them with lard and bird seed. A delight for our feathered friends in this very wet and cold weather.

We are progressing with addition and subtraction, using Base 10 and number line chunks to help with calculations. In English, the children have begun to write about 'The Day the Crayons Quit', using adverbs, similes and a growing range of adventurous vocabulary and synonym words.

I think it is safe to say that everyone's favourite lesson this week has been D.T., when the children all made a bookmark using binca. They learned how to thread a needle, how to tie a knot to begin, make a simple running stitch and then all had a go at tying off their running stitches to finish neatly. They added simple embellishments and had lots of fun. Perseverance and patience were evident throughout the afternoon and they were all proud of their finished articles.

Here are a few of the children's thoughts as we reach half term:

Dolly: I have really enjoyed learning how to sew.

Rocco: I have loved writing about the story 'The Day The Crayons Quit'.

George: I loved making our own woodland in Forest School.

Penelope: I really enjoyed doing our independent write on 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'.

Oscar: I have enjoyed all of our maths work.

Well done children, have a wonderful half term holiday and don't forget - keep reading!

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

KS2 have experienced some of life's challenges this week with Y5/6 patiently and calmly waiting for delayed trains and Bilsdale admirably adapting to last minute changes. It was lovely to see their beaming smiles on Tuesday afternoon and all the children benefited from being together for our DT unit of Architecture. After looking at how the designs and materials of buildings have changed over time, we returned to Ancient Greece. We looked at the features of their buildings, particularly with the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian columns. The children then investigated how to strengthen structures. They first investigated the strength of triangles and squares using pieces of drinking straws and noted how using a triangle at each vertex of the square made it more stable. Our next experiment involved folding paper into cuboids and curving them into cylinders to create columns. Placing a book on top, the children were amazed to see the weight the paper could support. They are looking forward to using all this knowledge to create Greek temples.

With half term ahead, we have set the children the challenge of learning a poem off by heart to perform on Friday 27th February. This builds on the work we do every Friday and connects to our theme for World Book Day coming up in March.

After half term, our history topic of Ancient Greece continues and the children will be creating a piece of work about the Olympics. If they have the opportunity to watch any coverage of the Winter Olympics, this will greatly enrich their work. Please do take care if they try any sports over half term. We look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 23rd February.

Poetry Slam

A letter came home today from our Reading Ambassadors regarding a poetry slam event in school on Friday 27th February—here's the link to suggested poems if children don't want to write one of their own: https://www.snettishamprimary.co.uk/_site/data/files/classes/EA4819B2DD27419BBC19F0743AA12FAA.pdf

Diary Dates

Friday 13th February	School closes for half term	All	n/a
Monday 23rd February	School re-opens for all	All	n/a
Tuesday 24th February	Y3/4 dodgeball	Y3/4	Letter sent
Wednesday 25th February	Y5/6 tag rugby finals	Team	Letter sent
Monday 2nd March	Skip 2B Fit day Bilsdale at Carlton all day	All	More info. to follow
Friday 6th March	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe workshops	Y2, 5 and 6	Letter sent
Monday 9th March	Shine Schools Festival <u>NO SWIMMING TODAY</u>	Choir	More info. to follow
Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March	Spring term Parent Teacher Consultations	All	More info. to follow
Thursday 12th and Friday 13th March	Y3/4 residential, Newby Wiske Hall	Y3/4	Letter sent
Monday 23rd March	No swimming today	Swimming group	n/a
Thursday 26th March	Rescheduled Y1-Y6 mosque visit Bilsdale at Carlton all day	Y1-6	Letter sent
Friday 27th March	Easter Labyrinth—families welcome	All	More info. to follow
Friday 27th March	School closes for Easter—no after school club today	All	n/a
Monday 13th April	Staff training day school closed to children	All	n/a
Tuesday 14th April	School re-opens for all	All	n/a

Children's Mental Health Week

On Wednesday, children took part in a live assembly session in conjunction with Picture News to explore the theme of inclusion and why it is important. Attached to this week's newsletter is a parent guide containing further ways to support your child's mental health. Follow this link for further information: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/resources/#families>



Toilet Training

New toilet training guidance and advice has been published by the Department for Education which we thought may be useful for some of our families—further information via this link:
<https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/toilet-training>



Health Advice

Each winter, the NHS faces increased pressure as seasonal viruses circulate, and more children become unwell. The Healthier Together website offers clear, trusted guidance on common childhood illnesses, when and where to seek help, and where to find the right support.

It's completely natural to feel worried when your child is unwell – but you don't have to figure it out alone. Healthier Together is packed with reliable advice from local doctors and nurses, helping you understand what to do, where to go, and when to get extra help, especially during the busy winter months.

For clear, practical advice to help you care with confidence, visit the Healthier Together website:
<https://tinyurl.com/79kwduuh>



It's also not too late for your child to receive the flu vaccine. Check with your GP and find out more here:
www.letsgetvaccinated.co.uk

Goodbye Mrs Myers

Mrs Myers, our wonderful cook at Carlton, has prepared her last meal today as she heads off for a well-deserved retirement. We'd like to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication and wish her all the very best for the future.



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 23rd February.

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/>

Struggling with domestic abuse? Here is some information on 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/>



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Family February Fun

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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.

Course	Date	Day	Time	Location
Family February Fun Whitby	16/02/2026	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Whitby Library, Whitby
Family February Fun Ripon	16/02/2026	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Ripon Library, Ripon
Family February Fun Catterick	16/02/2026	Monday	14:00 - 16:00	Catterick Library, Catterick
Family February Fun Scarborough	16/02/2026	Monday	14:00 - 16:00	Scarborough Library and Information Centre
Family Fun with Pancakes - Richmond	17/02/2026	Tuesday	10:00 - 12:00	Scout Hut, Richmond
Family February Fun Stokesley	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Stokesley Library, Stokesley
Family February Fun Norton	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Norton Hive Library, Norton
Family February Fun Knaresborough	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:00 - 12:00	Knaresborough Library, Knaresborough
Family February Fun Skipton	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:30 - 12:30	Skipton Library, Skipton
Family February Fun Selby	19/02/2026	Thursday	09:30 - 11:30	Selby Classroom, Selby
Family February Fun Harrogate	19/02/2026	Thursday	10:30 - 12:30	Harrogate Library, Harrogate
Family February Fun Filey	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Filey Library, Filey
Family February Fun Thirsk	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Thirsk Learning Resource Centre, Thirsk
Family February Fun Pickering	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Pickering Library, Pickering
Family February Fun Malton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Malton Library, Malton
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