

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

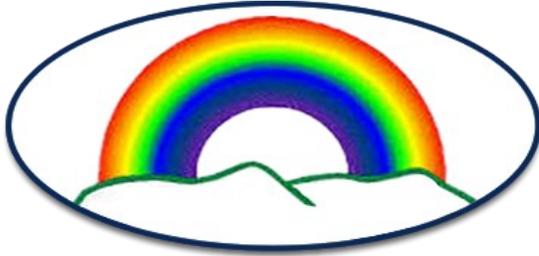
'The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works'

Luke 2:40

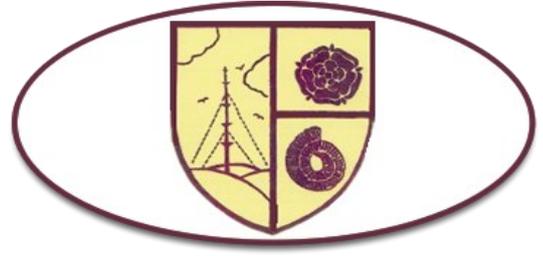
'And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...'

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 27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break—the children have settled back into school life brilliantly. This half term is a short one but it is packed with lots of fantastic learning and extra-curricular opportunities. On Tuesday, children from Y3 and Y4 attended a dodgeball festival at Stokesley School—the children had a brilliant time and Mrs Cawthra and Mr Body were very impressed with the children’s conduct at the event. Don’t forget that next Thursday is World Book Day, children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite animal to align with our poetry theme, based on the National Trust poetry book ‘Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright’.

Today we also say goodbye to Hugo and Rupert as they move to a new school closer to their new home. We wish them lots of luck for the future.

With best wishes for a restful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott                      Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale— **91.6%**

Carlton—**94.3%**

National Average—94.8%



★                                      Awards                                      ★

**Star of the Week**— Isla, Bea, Daisy, Hugo, Bonnie, Scarlett, Scarlett, Lucia, Isabel, Charlie, William, Eve, Lavinia , Zeff

**Kindness Award**— Frank, Henry, Alice, Ellie

**Handwriting Award**— Reception, Lucia, Lyla, Eve, Siena

**Vision Award**— Olive, Arthur, Toby, Cruz, Zara

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

**Headteacher Hot Chocolate**- Darcy, Daisy, Henry, Scarlett K, Lydia

Awards

**TTRS Awards**— **None this week, the maximum time spent by any child on TTRS this week was 5 minutes. We aim for a minimum of 15 minutes per week, please support us with this be encouraging children to access TTRS at home.**

**Numbots Accuracy**—1st Scarlett, 2nd William, 3rd Annie

**Numbots improvement**—1st Tadhg, 2nd Oscar, 3rd Annie

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Music of the Week 

Next week’s music of the week is ‘Flight of the Bumblebee’ by Rimsky-Korsakov.

Collective Worship

Our new focus value this half term is justice—why not look through the attached information as a family this weekend?



Notes

**Skip 2B Fit**

A reminder that pupils will take part in a Skip 2B Fit session on Monday, as per the letter sent out earlier this week. Parents/carers are welcome to join for their child’s session - please come to the back gate for the start time stated on the letter.

**Bilsdale children will be at Carlton all day and all children should come dressed in PE kit.**

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 have had a truly wonderful first week together and it has been a joy to see how confidently and enthusiastically the children have returned to school. They have settled straight back into our routines and shown great excitement as we introduced our new learning theme for the term: Animal Safari. From the very first day, the children have been eager to talk, explore and discover more about animals and their habitats and this enthusiasm has already sparked some fantastic discussions and imaginative play.

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all families who uploaded photos of their children's pets on Tapestry. These special contributions helped us launch our animal theme in such a meaningful way. The children were incredibly proud to share their pets with their friends and it provided a lovely opportunity for them to talk about similarities and differences between animals, how we care for living things and the importance of showing kindness and responsibility.

Throughout the week, the children have impressed us with their growing confidence and curiosity during carpet sessions and independent learning time. They have shown real excitement when exploring new words linked to animals and have enjoyed listening to stories that sparked their imagination about habitats and wildlife.

In Maths, the children have been highly engaged in exploring length, using classroom objects to compare items and describe what they found. They particularly enjoyed moving around the environment, making predictions and using words such as long and short to explain their ideas.

Little Owls have had a fantastic week full of creativity and imagination. They enjoyed exploring mark making with Miss Temprell, creating tracks leading to safari animals an activity that supported both fine motor skills and storytelling. Their creative ideas continued into the art area, where they worked with great concentration to design beautiful flower patterns and a blue chameleon!

It has been a super start to our new spring term, filled with sunshine, smiles and a renewed enthusiasm for learning. Well done everyone!

## News from the Classes

### Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

What a wonderful first week back after half term we've had in Class 2 . We began with an exciting Forest School session, where the children explored the outdoors, observed seasonal changes and worked together to build and investigate using natural materials. Their curiosity and teamwork were fantastic to see.

In art, we launched our new topic where we will study a different artist and style each week. We started with Georges Seurat and his famous pointillism technique. The children were fascinated by how tiny dots can create such vibrant pictures, and they enjoyed experimenting with this style in their own artwork.

Our new Design and Technology topic also got underway. We are learning about push and pull mechanisms, and the class has been exploring how different objects move and what makes them work. This hands-on learning has sparked lots of great questions.

In PSHE, our focus has been on keeping healthy. We discussed the importance of looking after our bodies, making good choices and understanding what helps us feel our best.

It has been a busy, creative and engaging week, and the children have approached every activity with enthusiasm. We're excited for everything still to come.

### Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

It's been a productive week in KS2 with the children immersed in writing a non-chronological report about the Olympics. They learnt about the origin of the Ancient Greek Olympics being surprised that the athletes competed naked and unhappy that the games were for men only. The writing also contained information about the modern Olympic games, how it has developed into being an international sporting event split between a summer Olympics and the winter games and now also includes the Paralympics. Within the writing, the children were challenged to include expanded non phrases, fronted adverbials and complex sentences. This has resulted in interesting and informative reports.

In science, we are now considering mixtures, both heterogeneous and homogenous, and how to separate them back to their original parts. The children enjoyed the challenge of making their own sieve from tin foil trays to separate sand and shells, soil and stones, milk and oats. We then looked at filtering as a technique to separate a homogenous mixture. When filtering muddy water, the children were surprised at how clear the resulting filtered liquid was.

In art, we have started a new unit of mixed media with the children having the opportunity to try different paper crafting techniques, marbling, quilling and origami. Over the next few weeks, they will be creating a collage that represents themselves and their interests. If possible, please send in old sporting or animal magazines that they can cut up and use in their art. Thank you.

### World Book Day

Help us support children's love of reading and poetry by sending them to school dressed as their favourite animal on Thursday 5th March—details in the letter sent out before half term.

Also, don't forget that White Rose Books are holding their annual book fair after school on Friday—children can be collected as normal then please use the front entrance to access the book fair.



## Diary Dates

Monday 2nd March	Skip 2B Fit day Bilsdale at Carlton all day Children to come to school in PE kit	All	Letter sent
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day—children welcome to attend school dressed as their favourite animal. Vouchers sent home.	All	Letter sent
Friday 6th March	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe workshops	Y2, 5 and 6	Letter sent
Friday 6th March	White Rose Books book fair in school	All	Letter sent
Monday 9th March	Shine Schools Festival	Choir	Letter sent
Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March	Spring term Parent Teacher Consultations	All	Letter sent
Thursday 12th and Friday 13th March	Y3/4 residential, Newby Wiske Hall	Y3/4	Letter sent
Friday 20th March	Parent governor nominations close today at 5pm	All	Letter sent
Tuesday 24th March	Multi-skills at Stokesley School	Y3/4	More info. to follow
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
Tuesday 15th April	Netball competition at Stokesley School	Y5/6	More info. to follow

### Future Talent Musicians

If your child is an aspiring young musician they may be able to access support via the Future Talent Programme—more information can be found via this link: <https://www.futuretalent.org/join/programme>



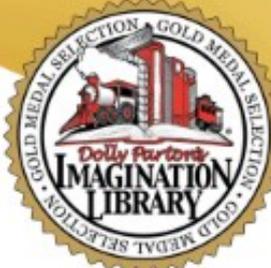
## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

If you live in Stokesley, and have a child aged 0-5 years old, they could receive free books from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. See information below:

Have you signed your children up for FREE books yet (0-5)? Please click on the registration form below:

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/?lng=en>

If you don't live in Stokesley, it's worth checking to see if your area is covered, if not you can sign up for alerts for when a new scheme opens in your area.



# 2026

## GOLD MEDAL SELECTIONS

Titles on this list are subject to change.

### UNITED KINGDOM

The first book a child receives is

**The Tale of Peter Rabbit**  
(customized version)

The month a child turns 5 they will receive

**Just Imagine**  
(customized version)

**GROUP 6**  
Children born in 2021

Speak Up!

An Adventure for Lia and Lion

The Greatest Show on Earth

Flower Block

- Sleep Tight
- Disgusting Blob
- Bert and the Bubble
- Welcome to Dinosaur School
- My Rice is Best
- Strong Like Me
- When I Grow Up...Firefighter
- The Snowman



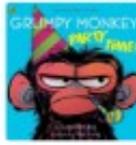
**GROUP 5**  
Children born in 2022

The Elephant and the Sea

Poems out loud

Sparkle and Splodge

- Hey Duggee: The Green Planet Badge
- 5 Funny Animals
- Grumpy Monkey Party Time
- Mrs Armitage on Wheels
- Ten Whizzy Racers
- Night Flight
- Funnybones
- Penguin's Egg
- I'm Gonna Eat a Monster



**GROUP 4**  
Children born in 2023

The Dinos on the Bus

Max at Night

Geoffrey Gets the Jitters

There's a Bear in Your Book

If You're Happy and You Know It

- Don't Disturb The Pirate
- Pow!
- Each, Peach, Pear, Plum You Choose
- Stanley the Baker
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar First 100 Animals
- Fantastic Daisy Artichoke



**GROUP 3**  
Children born in 2024

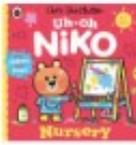
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

Ladybird First Favourite Nursery Rhymes

Little Pop-Ups: Little Red Riding Hood

Ladybird Hide and Seek In the Garden

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar Eats Snacks
- A Walk in Summer
- Busy Day Mechanic
- Ten Minutes to Bed: Where's Little Dinosaur?
- Spot Bakes a Cake
- First Words: Shapes
- Uh-Oh Niko Nursery
- Mina and the Big Bite



**GROUP 2**  
Children born in 2025

Uh Oh Niko Bath time

Ladybird Photographic - My Body

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Baby Touch: Hugs and Kisses

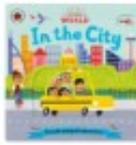
Is That You Little Puppy

Stanley's Numbers

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Lift and Learn Farm

- Little World: In the City
- Where's Spot
- Baby Touch: Rescue Vehicles
- Say Goodnight, Little Bunny
- This Little Teddy



**GROUP 1**  
Children born in 2026

Baby Touch: Feelings

Baby Touch: Farm

Baby Touch: Toys

All about me

How to Bath Your Little Dinosaur

Teatime Baby

Baby Touch: Colours

- First Words: Baby Animals
- Moomin 1,2,3 Tummy Time
- Baby Touch: I Love You
- Stanley's Toybox



• Signifies a new book to the program

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# ENSEMBLES PROJECT DAYS



15 March  
19 April  
14 June  
20 June

10am - 3pm



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# VOCAL PROJECT DAYS



7 March  
18 April  
16 May  
20 June

10am - 3pm



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Primary School  
Carr Lane  
YO19 6JQ

## Love to sing?

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