

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

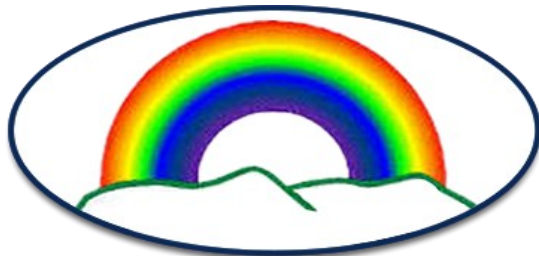
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

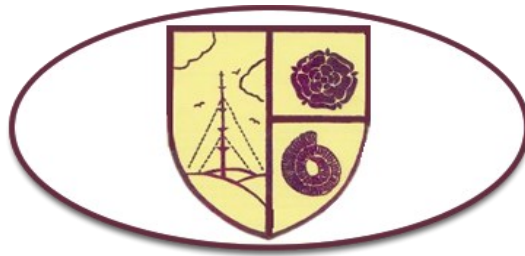
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have really settled back into the routine of school this week and it's been lovely to see them working hard when I've been popping in and out of classrooms. There has been lots of excitement with children launching into their new topics, whether that's Ancient Greeks in KS2 history, properties and uses of fabrics in KS1 DT or fairy tales in Early Years—the children are really creating a 'buzz' around their learning which is so lovely to see.

This week we welcomed Miss Armstrong and Miss Temprell, student teachers from York St John University, into school for their final teaching practice. They will be working in Class 1 and Class 2 until after Easter.

Thank you to all parents who came to the Y3/4 residential information session last night, if you couldn't make it the pack of information will be coming home today with your child.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott

Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale— **91.1%**

Carlton— **94.2%**

National Average—94.7%



### Awards



**Star of the Week**—Ellie, Louis, Frank, Rupert, Isabel, Sammy, Daisy, Class 4, Scarlett K, Noah, Beth, Zeff

**Kindness Award**— Florence, Henry, Sam, Toby, Charlie, Lavinia, Lydia

**Handwriting Award**—Edward, Aoife, Henry, Anna, George, Noah, Cruz, Lauren

**Vision Award**— Jasper, Charlie, Sam, Buddy, Oscar, Aurora

### Awards

**TTRS Y3/4** — 1st Beth, 2nd Toby

**TTRS Y5/6** — 1st Lauren, 2nd Siena, 3rd Hugo

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

**Headteacher Hot Chocolate**— Bea, Buddy, Dolly, Siena



### Music of the Week



Next week's music of the week is 'March of the Toreadors' by Bizet.

### Collective Worship

No Outsiders this week was all about the recent New Year firework display in London and how this celebrated Britain as a multi-cultural nation. Further details can be found here: <https://ks1no-outsiders-assembly.blogspot.com/2026/01/new-years-eve-2026.html>



### Notes

#### Cold Weather

Please can we remind parents and carers to take extra care on the roads and paths around school during cold weather as they may be icy. Our brilliant caretaker tries to keep on top of gritting paths on school grounds but those beyond our boundaries may not have been treated.



### 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 another busy, exciting and highly productive week in EYFS, full of wonderful learning opportunities, creativity and confidence building. The children have shown fantastic enthusiasm across all areas of the curriculum and it has been a pleasure to see their progress.

We are delighted to welcome our SE3 student, Miss Temprell, to our EYFS family. She has settled in beautifully and has already formed lovely relationships with the children. This week she has spent time getting to know the class, supporting learning in the classroom and thoroughly enjoyed listening to the children read. We wish her every success during her placement and look forward to working alongside her.

This week we have been sharing the traditional tale Goldilocks and the Three Bears, which the children have absolutely loved. Through story time, discussion and role play, the children explored the characters, setting and events in the story. Little Owls had great fun re-enacting the story together with Reception, developing their speaking, listening and confidence skills. A huge well done to our brilliant performers: Mummy Bear - Bella, Daddy Bear - Monty, Baby Bear - Mollie and Goldilocks - Florence. You brought the story to life with your fantastic expressions, actions and storytelling, truly wonderful performances!

Our first gymnastics session was a huge success and I must say how incredibly proud I was of our Champion Gymnasts. The children demonstrated impressive strength, balance and control as they practised a variety of movements, including travelling, balancing and holding shapes. They worked hard to link their movements into a short sequence, showing perseverance, resilience and teamwork. This session linked beautifully with our PSHE Jigsaw lesson with Jenie, where we discussed personal challenges and how we can push ourselves to try new things. The children showed excellent focus, determination and confidence when taking on their gymnastics challenges.

In Phonics this week, the children have been learning to recognise, blend and segment the sounds Ww and Xx. They have practised forming the letters, identifying objects that begin with these sounds and using them in words. The children are growing in confidence with their early reading skills and it has been lovely to see them applying their phonics knowledge in their play and reading. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of number through subitising, recognising small quantities without counting. The children have also been using their skills to find one more and one less than a given number, using practical resources and games to support their learning.

Little Owls have had a wonderful time exploring the areas of provision, extending their play and learning through imaginative role play, construction, mark making and small world activities. The children have been busy creating, building, problem-solving and working collaboratively with their friends. It has been lovely to see them so engaged, curious and confident in their learning. It has truly been a fantastic week of learning and exploring. The children have shown kindness, resilience independence and enthusiasm in everything they have done. We are so proud of their achievements and the progress they are making every day.

## News from the Classes

### Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

We have had another busy week in Class 2 and have enjoyed welcoming Miss Armstrong, a final year teaching student, who will be with us until after Easter. She will gradually build up her teaching commitment to 80% over the next few weeks and we look forward to sharing our learning with her.

In history this week we have revisited some familiar historical terms and been introduced to new project-specific terms which the children will become familiar with throughout our new unit, 'Magnificent Monarchs'. In Design Technology, we have moved on to working with fabrics. This week children explored a range of home products made from fabric, such as tea towels, pillowcases, cushions, oven gloves, toiletry bags, slippers and peg bags. The children handled and explored the items, asking what the product is, what it does, what fabric it is made from, and described any fastenings that it had. They then looked at each product's seams, stitching, fabric and finishing and begin making suggestions about how each product could be improved. Over the next few weeks, we will learn simple stitches and make our own fabric products. Plop the baby barn owl has continued to provide a great stimulus for some super writing. The children have all pushed themselves to increase and improve their range of vocabulary and have also included dialogue between characters. Imagination was the key in Forest School on Monday, when the children used willow branches to weave and create archways, trapdoors and doorways, thinking about where their doorway could lead. Great teamwork and determination were shown all afternoon and the finished products looked amazing. We are hoping they will still be standing next week - fingers crossed! Thank you for ensuring your child had suitable clothing to change into, especially waterproofs and wellies. The field is quite muddy and if children get wet, they soon feel the cold.

As 2026 is the Year of Reading, a huge thank you for your continued support with reading at home. So many children have read throughout the Christmas holidays, and all are eager to see what book they will go home with next - keep up the great work! Wishing you a lovely weekend - have fun and keep reading!

### Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

This half term's Christian value is perseverance, and we have seen a lot of perseverance in maths. Y3/4 have been applying their knowledge of times tables to work out factor pairs, multiply three numbers together as well as being introduced to column multiplication. They are now realising the importance of knowing their times tables, so any extra practice on Times Table Rock Stars will greatly aid their understanding of these concepts.

After a lot of practise, Y5/6 have cracked long multiplication and have put equal effort into mastery short division and learning the method for long division. Despite initial worries and some calculation errors, the children have proved to themselves that effort and determination do result in success.

Writing has provided more joy and escapism as we have been looking at the scenery and blue skies of Sicily and writing a travel brochure. The children have sharpened their persuasive skills using precise verbs, adjectives, adverbs, similes and metaphors to tempt the reader into booking a dream holiday. Next week, it is the independent write using the skills gained to tempt us to book a holiday to Greece. The children enjoy the independent write, and we love to read them, so we are all looking forward to next week.

### Water Bottles

Please can we remind parents/carers that children should not bring expensive/sentimental water bottles to school in case of damage or loss. Additionally, they should be small enough to fit inside children's bags and should remain watertight—large 'Stanley' style cups are not required and those with fixed straws should not be brought to school as they pose a health and safety risk. Children have access to fresh water with their lunch and are able to access the water fountain at break and lunch times as well.

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 27th January	KS2 cross country	KS2	Letter sent
Friday 30th January	Supervised tooth brushing programme in school to work with Reception children	Reception	Letter sent
Friday 30th January	Library in school	All	n/a
Friday 30th January	No choir today	Choir	Letter sent
Friday 6th February	Y5/6 London trip	Y5/6	Letter sent
Tuesday 10th February	Y1-Y6 mosque visit Bilsdale at Carlton all day	Y1-6	Letter sent
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	More info. to follow
Wednesday 25th February	Y5/6 tag rugby finals	Team	More info. to follow
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 <b><u>NO SWIMMING TODAY</u></b>	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
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



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.

**Guide to Online Gaming -**  
this session will cover the latest trends and emerging threats. We will focus on developing your understanding of online gaming, the associated risks and the steps we can take to support our children.

**WEDNESDAY  
28TH JAN  
2026  
9.30AM – 10.15AM**



# Family February Fun

**Join us for FREE family fun throughout the school holidays. Discover creative ways to support your child's learning both at home and in school through a variety of exciting craft activities.**

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
Family February Fun Northallerton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:30 - 12:30	Northallerton Library, Northallerton

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# M S Coaching

  HALF TERM CAMP  

at Hutton Rudby School

## Thursday 19th Feb

**Sports, football, multi-skills, fun,  
games, music, crafts, etc**

**ONLY £20 for 1 child, £30 for two siblings,  
£40 for 3 siblings**

07966626816  Mark Shimwell

 Bring Packed Lunch and Drinks 

Drop off between 9-10am / Collect between 2-3pm

  For Boys & Girls Aged 4-11  

