

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

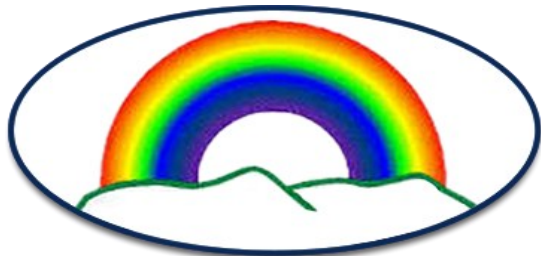
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

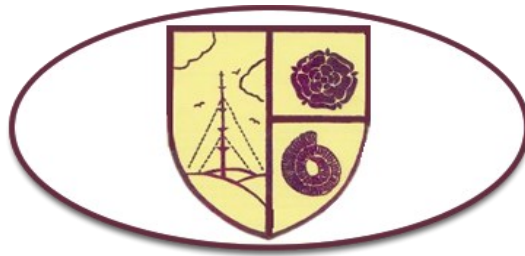
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all of our families had a fantastic Christmas and New Year break—it has been lovely to have the children back in school this week despite the cold weather! Please ensure that children have footwear, coats etc. that are appropriate for the weather as we do try to get outside as much as possible.

Over the holidays it seems as though the playground may have been accessed by children as the door to the play shed was open and equipment scattered across the playground. Please could you remind children who may 'play out' in the village that it isn't safe to access the school site during weekends and holidays. Thank you.

The full complement of after-school clubs begins next week, if you haven't returned your reply form please do so ASAP as some have limited places. The swimming group also re-starts on Monday.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale— **90.3%**

Carlton— **94.2%**

National Average—94.7%



Awards

Star of the Week—Florence, Edward, Sam G, Charlie, Lucia, Toby, Rocco, Zara, Bonnie, Daisy, Buddy

Kindness Award— Olive, Henry, Penelope, Zeff

Handwriting Award—Louis, Scarlett S, Cruz, Zara, Daisy

Vision Award— Reception, Scarlett S, Class 2, Siena, Fonzie

Headteacher Hot Chocolate— Jasper, Charlie, William, Ellie, Sammy



Awards

TTRS Y3/4 — 1st Beth, 2nd Toby, 3rd Lyla

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

Change of status—Busker—Lyla

Corridor King/Queen—Lydia and Alice



Music of the Week

Next week's music of the week is 'We Don't Talk About Bruno' by the cast of Disney's 'Encanto'.



Collective Worship

This half-term's focus value is perseverance. Why not have a look at the information attached to this week's newsletter and have a go at some of the activities as a family?



Notes

Y3/4 Residential

Don't forget that the information event for the Y3/4 residential to PGL Newby Wiske Hall is next Thursday in the hall at Carlton at 5pm.



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

Happy New Year to all our families! We hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed spending time together. The children have returned full of excitement and have settled back into their routines extremely well. We would like to welcome our new Little Owls, Freddie, Chester and Arabella. We are so pleased to have you join our Class 1 family and the children have already been wonderfully kind and welcoming, helping everyone to settle in happily. This week we have begun our new learning project, "Once Upon a Time." This project supports children in developing a love of stories and reading. It encourages them to learn, retell and act out familiar and traditional tales, including Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have loved exploring the story through role play, small world activities and discussions, sharing their ideas and building confidence in storytelling. There was great excitement when the children arrived to discover that a beanstalk had grown overnight in Class 1! The children were very surprised and full of imaginative ideas about how it had grown and what might be waiting at the top.

Linked to our new RE topic, learning has focused on the question "Which stories are special and why?" The children enjoyed talking about something that is special to them and explaining why it is important, listening carefully to one another and showing respect for different views and experiences. In Phonics, we have started a new adventure with a new character called Luna. The children have learned the sounds Jj and Vv, practising saying the sounds correctly and beginning to recognise them through fun games and activities. In Maths, we have been focusing on Alive in 5, with particular emphasis on recognising zero and not zero. The children have enjoyed using practical resources to count, compare and talk about numbers.

Little Owls have really enjoyed getting to know each other and becoming familiar with routines again. They have taken part in lots of mark making activities and had great fun creating repeating patterns. The highlight of the week was definitely the weather! We had great fun exploring ice and trying to rescue sea creatures that had become stuck inside. It was wonderful to hear the children suggesting using salt to help melt the ice and they were delighted when it worked. This activity encouraged curiosity, problem-solving and early scientific thinking. Thank you for your continued support - we are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead full of learning, stories and exciting experiences.

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

What a wonderful start to the Spring term we have had. The children all came in with news of exciting Christmas times and presents, with beaming smiles and were all eager to see what the new term has in store.

We have enjoyed the start of our new English unit on 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark', with some super word collecting. Onomatopoeic words to describe the noises of fireworks and some super alliteration describing the movements of fireworks. We can't wait to start using our word collections in our writing next week. In maths the children have been busy developing their confidence with numbers beyond 20, using 100 squares to count on and back to 20 and beyond.

Our afternoons have been busy and creative, designing, making and enjoying some healthy salads and sandwiches. The children initially thought about where we source our food from - plants or animals, then tasted a variety of salad vegetables and fruits. They created delicious looking plates of salads and all of them tasted a new food they had not tried before. Yesterday, we looked at a range of supermarket sandwiches, then the children designed their dream sandwich, before having more Food Technology fun making a healthy, appealing and easy to eat sandwich, using lots of the preparation skills learnt earlier in the week.

Lavinia: "Making salads and sandwiches was great because I liked all of it."

Annie: "My sandwich was my favourite part of this week because I liked all of the ingredients."

Tadhg and Cruz both thought everything tasted good!

William: "Doing Mastering Number this week was fun because I like doubling and halving."

George: "Maths has been great because I have liked counting on the 100 square."

Dolly and Rocco are both enjoying our new writing unit and can't wait to get busy next week!

A great start back and well done all of you! Don't forget that Monday sees the start of Forest School again. Please ensure children have wellies, lots of warm layers and waterproof bottoms.

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome the children back and they have been keen to start new units of work. In history, we started our work on Groundbreaking Greeks with the question "When was Ancient Greece?" and used timelines to compare Ancient Greece with other periods of world history such as the Ancient Egypt, the Shang Dynasty and the Romans. We have identified the six different periods within Ancient Greece and noted some differences between these periods. We have also begun to consider how we know about the Greeks researching some artefacts and placing these on the Greek timeline.

Science focuses on Properties and Changes of Materials. The children were challenged to write definitions for the different properties. This provided opportunities to use specific scientific vocabulary. Initially, a suggestion that absorbs means "sucks up water" was improved to "soaks up water". The children are looking forward to investigating the different properties over the next few weeks.

Recruitment

Mrs Myers, our fantastic cook at Carlton, is retiring next month and our catering company are advertising for her replacement. Please pass this on to anyone who may be interested: <https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/I/4538/0/461806/20078/cook>



Diary Dates

WC Monday 12th January	Swimming group and clubs re-start	All	Info. sent
Thursday 15th January	Y3/4 residential parent information event, 5pm	Y3/4 parents	Letter sent
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 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
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
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

Mrs Myers will be making this menu on Thursday 15th January at Carlton instead of the usual menu.





M S Coaching

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

INDOOR AT STOKESLEY PRIMARY

First & last session dates :

Mon 12th Jan to Mon 9th Feb

Time : 4:45pm - 5:45pm

Only £25 for the 5 Monday's

Contact Mark on 07966626816

All staff are qualified coaches with DBS, Safeguarding and First Aid Certificates

Fun Football Class for Boys & Girls Aged 4+

Monday Football Jan-Feb'26 (ALL Sections must be filled for Health and Safety Reasons)

Name of child:.....Date of Birth:/...../.....

Allergies / Medical Conditions.....

Emergency Number during the club.....

THIS CHILD WILL BE COLLECTED

I consent for name above to take part. Signed:.....(Parent/Guardian)



THE DANGERS OF FROZEN WATER

Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters and adults find themselves at risk as they attempt to save them. Over 50 % of ice related drowning involved an attempted rescue of another person or a dog.

Areas with frozen waters can be beautiful to look at but they are also extremely dangerous. Here are some useful tips to help you enjoy these areas safely.

TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE

NEVER GO ON THE ICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

This includes attempting to rescue another person or animal who may have fallen through the ice.

ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Try to take walks in the daylight but if you must walk in the evening, only use well lit areas and avoid anywhere with water.

KEEP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER

Never go close to the edge or lean over to touch the ice. You may overbalance or trip and fall in.

ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS

Look out for each other and if someone does fall through the ice there will be others around to raise the alarm and get help

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Keep calm and shout 'help'

Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you

Try to kick your legs and pull yourself out of the water and on to the ice

Lie flat, spreading your weight across the surface and pull yourself to the bank. you may find it easier to roll.

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Keep your head above the water, press your arms by your side and keep your legs together

Once you are safe, it is important that you go to hospital immediately for a check up



WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Shout for '**HELP**' and dial **999** or **112** if you can

DO NOT walk on to the ice to attempt a rescue

Shout to the person to '**KEEP STILL**' and offer reassurance.

If they are close enough, **LIE DOWN TO AVOID OVERBALANCING** and falling onto the ice, and try to reach them with a tree branch clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

If you cannot reach them, **SLIDE SOMETHING** which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

If they are too far away, **WAIT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES** and reassure the casualty from the safety of the bank.



Feeling the squeeze from rising costs?

You're not alone.

North Yorkshire Council can help point you in the right direction if you're struggling, whether that's emergency support with everyday living costs, benefits, food or energy bills.

There's information about money management, advice for families and free adult learning courses too.

Find out more at northyorks.gov.uk/NYcostofliving

