

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

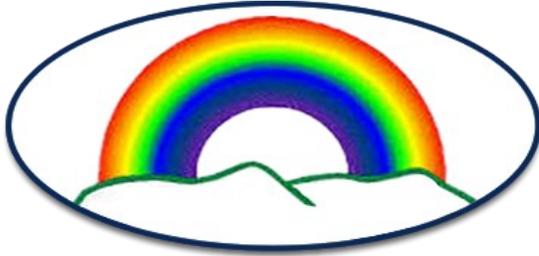
'The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works'

Luke 2:40

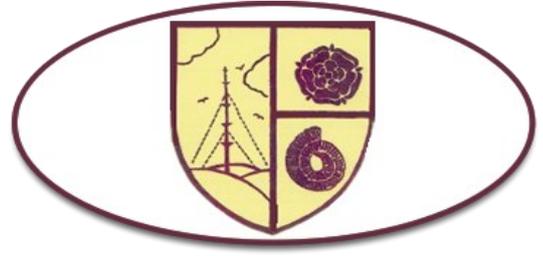
'And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...'

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 6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've come to the end of another busy week across the federation. Monday saw the return of the ever-popular Dave from Skip2BFit—all classes enjoyed a fun workout session and thank you to all of the family members who came to join in as well.

Thursday was World Book Day and we were super impressed with the effort everyone went to with their animal costumes—there were lots of brilliant designs! The children spent the day exploring poetry and shared this in today's celebration worship.

Don't forget that slots for Parent Teacher Consultations close for booking on Sunday at 7pm, please make your bookings ASAP. If you need help or can't make these dates please contact the school office.

With best wishes for a restful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale— **91.9%**

Carlton—**94.2%**

National Average—94.8%



Awards

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Star of the Week— Louis, Ted, Lucia, Henry, Fonzie, Bonnie, Sammy, Lucia, Eboni, Daisy, Aoife, Toby, Annie, Noah, Zeff, Beth, Zara

Kindness Award— Florence, Scarlett S, Penelope, Zeff

Handwriting Award— Isaac D, Olive, Charlie, Anna, George, Lauren

Vision Award— Bea, Sam, Anna, Scarlett K, Lydia

Awards

TTRS Y1/2— 1st Cruz, 2nd Rocco, 3rd Lavinia

TTRS Y3/4—1st Toby, 2nd Aoife, 3rd Lucia

TTRS Y5/6—1st Zara, 2nd Eboni, 3rd Arthur

Corridor King/Queen—Siena and Dolly

Headteacher Hot Chocolate- Isla, Daisy, Oscar, Zara

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Music of the Week



Next week's music of the week is 'Can't Stop The Feeling' by Justin Timberlake.

Collective Worship

As we continue through Lent towards Easter, why not watch this online Collective Worship as a family? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3eznTkXxG0&list=PLI7KFJJeAX4cPILPign0HvKqlanA-9r0&index=19>



Notes

Choir

Don't forget that next Monday is the choir event at Middlesbrough Town Hall—children can be collected straight after the event, or can return to school on the bus with staff.

Y3/4 Residential

Next Thursday is our Y3/4 residential to Newby Wiske Hall, please ask at the office if you have any questions and refer to the letter sent home on Tuesday.

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

What a wonderful week of learning we have had in EYFS with Miss Temprell.

We began our week with an exciting Forest School session with Mr Sims. The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork and curiosity as they explored the outdoors together. They spent time bird watching, noticing different sounds and movements in the trees, before working in groups to build shelters. It was brilliant to see their collaborative skills and imaginative ideas shining through.

In maths, we have moved on to learning about time, beginning with the days of the week. The children really enjoyed learning a new days of the week song, which helped make the new vocabulary memorable and fun. In phonics, we introduced two new sounds: th and ng. The class worked incredibly hard reading and writing words containing these sounds and they especially loved spotting them in their reading books and around the classroom. RE lessons have continued to focus on the Easter story, particularly exploring how Palm Sunday is celebrated in different countries. The children were fascinated by the different traditions and then enjoyed designing their own Salvador Cross, adding beautiful colours and creative patterns.

We have also begun our PSED sessions with Jigsaw Jenie, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. This week we discussed how we can keep our bodies fit and well, sharing ideas, experiences and healthy habits. Our theme of Amazing Animals continues to be a real hit. This week, we learned more about the Asian elephant, ostrich and lion, thinking about their features, habitats and behaviours. The children then drew and labelled their favourite animal, producing some fantastic and thoughtful work.

It has been a busy and joyful week of learning, exploration and creativity in EYFS. Well done everyone!

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

Our week began with another fantastic skipping and circuit session with Dave. It was lovely to have lots of our adults joining us and we were very impressed with their skipping skills! Our first day of the week continued with Forest School, where we had lots of collaborative fun building shelters. We had to work together to fix the ropes to the ground and keep the tents upright. We have continued our science unit on animal survival; this week focussing on microhabitats and what some of the creatures living in microhabitats on our school field need from their habit in order to survive. Our new Design Technology unit is 'Push and Pull' and today we have explored a range of machines we find in our everyday lives, thinking about three types of mechanisms: sliders, linkages and levers and the moving parts in each machine. Paper collage and the use of white space has resulted in some wonderful artwork, using Piet Mondrian as our inspiration. The finished pieces were bright and vibrant, using primary colours to great effect. Thursday saw a range of creatures, in all shapes and sizes entering our classroom. Dressing up costumes were fabulous and all the children loved sharing their animal costumes. To celebrate World Book Day, our English this week has focussed on poetry writing. We have had lots of creative fun using some amazing, adventurous alliteration, and have written an animal alphabet alliterative poem. We had fun performing it as a class. Don't forget to use your book token if you haven't already and happy reading!

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

Poetry week started last Friday afternoon with impressive, clear and confident performances in our poetry slam. We have continued to read poems this week noting different types of poems and identifying features. The children have enjoyed writing animal poems, and we have certainly found many great poets.

History this week focussed on the social hierarchy in ancient Greece. In this male dominated society, the children quickly identified that some slaves had more freedom to leave the house than some wives. An interesting discussion ensued about who the children would choose to be if they were ancient Greeks.

This half term's PSHE unit is Healthy Me. The upcoming lessons will cover healthy choices with information about smoking, alcohol, drugs and healthy relationships as appropriate for each age group, as well as diet and physical fitness. Y3/4 will certainly be testing their fitness at PGL next week!

World Book Day

Diary Dates

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
Tuesday 17th March	Y5/6 netball event at Stokesley School	Y5/6 team	Letter sent
Friday 20th March	Reception trip to Big Sheep, Little Cow	Reception	Letter sent
Friday 20th March	Parent governor nominations close today at 5pm	All	Letter sent
Tuesday 24th March	Y3/4 multi-skills at Stokesley School	Y3/4	Letter sent
Wednesday 25th March	Decorated egg competition	All	Letter sent
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	Letter sent
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

Dismissal at Carlton

Please can we ask for the support of parents, carers and families during dismissal at the end of the day at Carlton. When we dismiss the children from the gate, it is often difficult to see where adults are as there is usually a crowd of people—if you see us trying to dismiss your child, please advance towards the gate as this makes the process much easier for all involved. Staff have been instructed not to dismiss children unless they can clearly see their adult so please support us with this to achieve a safe and efficient end of day process.

Additionally, if your child is due to be in after-school club, please ensure this is pre-booked as it helps us to ensure children are in the correct place at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support to ensure that all children remain as safe as possible.



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Easter adventure awaits!

The school holiday countdown is on, and we've got a fun-filled, action-packed programme planned. From Adventure Club and Family Activity Days to exciting courses, there's something for everyone!



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