

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

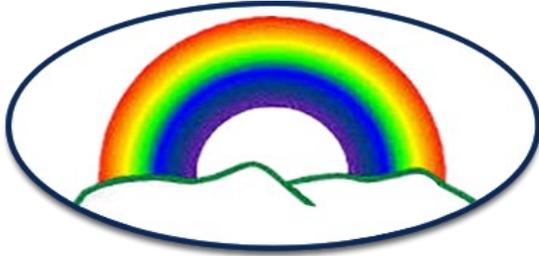
'The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works'

Luke 2:40

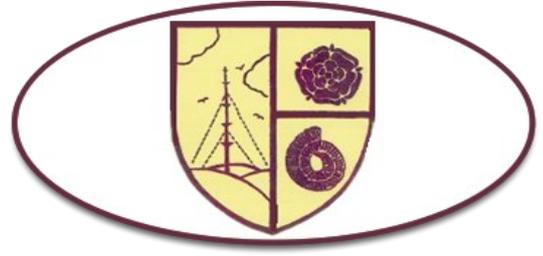
'And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...'

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 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week full of adventure and success. Last Friday saw our ever-popular book fair after school, facilitated by White Rose Books in Thirsk—it was lovely to see so many children be excited by choosing a new book to take home. Monday saw our annual outing with our fantastic choir to the Shine Schools Festival at Middlesbrough Town Hall—all of the children performed brilliantly and received some lovely feedback. The main event this week has been our Y3/4 residential to Newby Wiske Hall—we were bowled over by the determination, resilience and independence the children showed as they took part in a range of activities from climbing to zip-lining. Well done to all and I'm sure a restful weekend will be in order! Thanks to Mrs Leivers and Mr Body for leading the trip and volunteering to stay overnight with the children.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,
Mr. M. Scott Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale— **91.9%**

Carlton—**94.3%**

National Average—94.8%



Awards



Star of the Week— Louis, Jasper, Fonzie, Sammy, Arthur, Lauren, Lydia, Isaac L, Rocco

Kindness Award— Florence, Zara, Alice

Handwriting Award— Darcy, Isaac D, Ellie, Oscar

Vision Award— Olive, Daisy, Siena, Oscar

Headteacher Hot Chocolate— Edward, Eboni, Beth, Annie

Corridor King/Queen— Aurora, Penelope

Awards

Numbots Accuracy—1st Eve, 2nd Isaac L, 3rd Scarlett K

Numbots Improvement— 1st Eve, 2nd Rocco, 3rd William

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

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

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

Change of status—Support Act—Charlie, Toby, Garage Rocker—Isabel, Rock Legend—Eboni

Spelling Frame— 1st Zara, 2nd Anna, 3rd Daisy



Music of the Week



Next week's music of the week is 'Barber of Seville Overture' by Rossini.

Collective Worship

This week's Picture News featured an interesting discussion around robots and AI—why not take a look at the picture prompt contained in this week's newsletter and have a discussion as a family?



Notes

Trips

Don't forget that next Tuesday the Y5/6 netball team are in action—children attending need their PE kit in school and Bilsdale team members should be dropped off and collected from Carlton.

Reception are out on their trip to Big Sheep and Little Cow next Friday—all details in the letter. Friday Little Owls are in as normal until 12pm.



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

Reception have had another fantastic week of learning! The children have all worked extremely hard and continue to show great enthusiasm in everything they do. They have especially enjoyed continuing our topic about amazing animals, sharing facts, stories and ideas while exploring different activities across the classroom.

In Phonics, the children have been introduced to two new digraphs: ai and ee. They have been practising recognising these sounds in words and have worked very hard to read and write new words containing them. The children enjoyed taking part in phonics games, blending sounds to read words and segmenting sounds to help them with their writing. It has been lovely to see their growing confidence when applying their phonics skills during both adult-led activities and independent learning.

In Maths, Reception have been busy exploring building the numbers 9 and 10 as part of our White Rose Maths learning. The children used a range of practical resources such as cubes, counters and ten frames to investigate different ways of making these numbers. They enjoyed counting, grouping and explaining their thinking while working with their friends and showed great perseverance when solving simple number challenges.

Little Owls had a wonderful time working with Miss Temprell during their Musical Tracing sessions. The children thoroughly enjoyed combining movement, music and mark-making and they were very proud to share their fantastic work with Reception. It was lovely to see their excitement and confidence when showing what they had learned. A big well done to you all!

This week we have also seen lots of fantastic child-initiated play in the Quad. The children have been busy exploring the outdoor area, building, creating, role-playing and working together. It has been wonderful to see their imaginations at work as they developed their ideas, solved problems and collaborated with their friends.

In RE, we have continued learning about the Christian festival of Easter. The children talked about why Easter is important to Christians and explored some of the symbols linked to the celebration. They particularly enjoyed taking part in a creative activity where they designed and made their own crosses, using a range of different objects and loose parts found in the classroom.

It has truly been a great week of learning and the children should be very proud of all the effort they have put into their work. Well done everyone!



News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

This week in Class 2 has been full of curiosity, creativity, and hands-on learning. We began with our Forest School session, where the children embraced the outdoors with great enthusiasm. They explored the natural environment, searched for signs of spring, and enjoyed planting seeds that we will continue to care for over the coming weeks. Their excitement grew even more as we introduced our class caterpillars. The children have already begun observing them closely, ready to watch their transformation as part of our science topic on animal survival.

In Design and Technology, we explored different types of mechanisms. The children were introduced to slider mechanisms and used them to create colourful hot air balloons that appear to bounce across the sky. They also experimented with lever mechanisms, producing wonderful moving pictures with waving arms—each one showing fantastic imagination and careful construction.

PSHE lessons were tailored to each year group. Year 1 focused on keeping clean and healthy, learning how simple habits like handwashing help prevent germs from spreading and causing illness. Year 2 explored medicine safety, discussing why medicines are sometimes needed, who can give them to us, and how to use them responsibly.

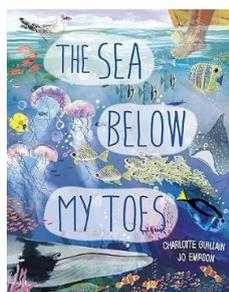
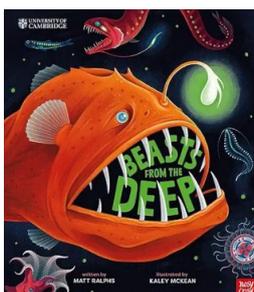
It has been a busy and joyful week, filled with new discoveries and growing independence. We are looking forward to seeing how our caterpillars change and to continuing our exciting learning journey next week.

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

Excitement has been building all week for Y3/4 as they have been looking forward to PGL. They have worked hard this week, as have Y5/6.

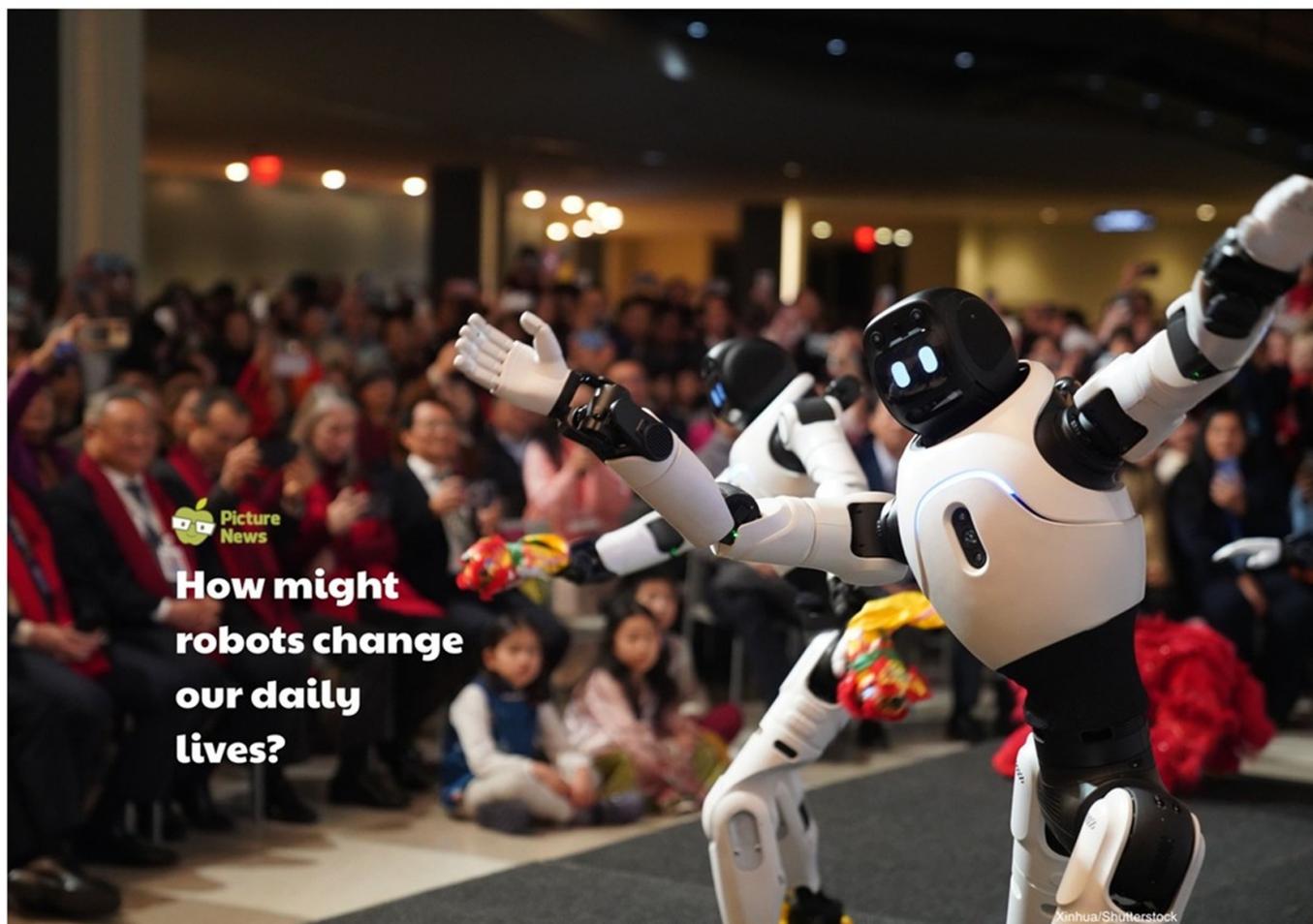
In English, we have returned to the holiday brochures the children wrote a few weeks ago. The children enjoyed imagining they had visited a Greek island with Y3/4 writing postcards and Y5/6 writing letters of complaint as their holiday wasn't the promised advertised experience. In maths, Y3/4 have continued their work on fractions whilst Y5/6 are connecting fractions to decimals and percentages. Next week is assessment week so the children can demonstrate their learning and we can celebrate progress.

As part of British Science Week, we joined a virtual assembly entitled Ocean Depths: What Lies Beneath. We refreshed our knowledge of the ocean layers as well as learning about the creatures living there and how they survive. It inspired the children to look at the books we have in the classroom - 'Beasts from the Deep' and 'The Sea Below My Toes'. In our science lesson, we explored the results of our evaporation investigation, writing a scientific explanation of evaporation and noting that dissolved substances can be separated.



Diary Dates

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



 Picture
News

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robots change
our daily
lives?**

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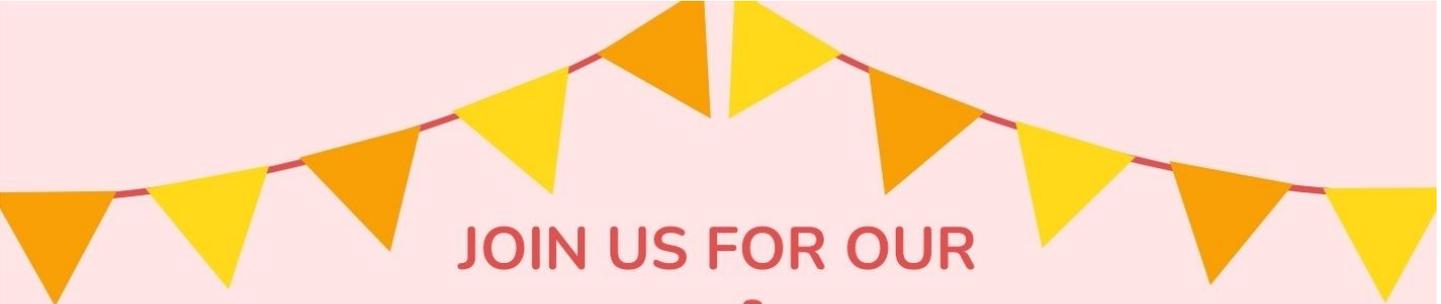
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Easter Decorated Egg Competition



Wednesday 25th March

Any theme welcome.
Must contain at least 1
decorated hard boiled
egg.

Prizes for the winners
in each class.



Lent Generosity and Kindness Challenge



Family wallchart

Sundays are rest or catch-up days

1 Blessing

Trace your hand on paper and write in it five ways you could help someone this week

2 Pause

Donate one toy, book or clothing item (in good condition) to a charity shop

3 Share

Share a snack, seat or game with someone today

4 Include

Make small encouragement cards with kind words or Bible verses and hide them for people to find

5 Seen

Leave a note, sticker or small treat somewhere for someone to discover with a note that says, "You are loved"

6 Spark

Draw a lightbulb and fill it with ideas for sharing books, games, food or tools

7 Inspire

Share a favourite book, song or film with someone and tell them why you love it

8 Measure

Pack a kindness kit (snack, tissue, note). Carry it and pray for someone in need

9 Create

Bake, paint or build something together and give it away to brighten someone's day

10 Compliment

Give three compliments today at home or out and about and see how many smiles you can make

11 Together

Make a kindness coupon book (help with chores, hug, etc.) and give it away

12 Chocolate Tuesday

Share some chocolate (or other treat) with others to make them smile

13 Hope

Paint or decorate a stone with a hopeful word or picture and leave it somewhere for someone to find

14 Priority

Choose one thing you love - a toy, some money, your time - and give it to someone who needs it more

15 Presence

During a meal today put away toys, games and screens and really listen to one another

16 Pay forward

Pay for someone's treat if you can, or share a snack or drink with a friend

17 Overflow

If you can, add something extra to your food shop and donate it to a local foodbank

18 Light

Go for a prayer walk as a family. Pray for people and places you see along the way

19 First fruits

Take biscuits and/or a thank-you card to local heroes (teachers, firefighters, etc.)

20 Every need

Choose a charitable cause or person to support together as a family and give or pray for them this week

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FEAST
NORTH YORKSHIRE

EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP COLBURN - RPP



BOY'S & GIRLS 5-13 YEARS OLD
TIME = 9AM TILL 3:30PM
PRICE = £22 PER DAY
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TUES 7TH APR
WEDS 8TH APR
THURS 9TH APR
FRI 10TH APR

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THURS - 2ND APR

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