



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

News from the Classes

Carlton and Bilsdale EYFS

This week in Class 1, the children have been very busy taking part in a wide range of purposeful and engaging learning experiences. In phonics, Reception children focused on developing their blending and segmenting skills, with a particular emphasis on the sounds 'oi' and 'ear'. Children were encouraged to listen carefully to phonemes, blend them to read words and segment words to support spelling. They also practised reading and recognising the common exception words were and when, building these into sentences during shared reading and discussion.

As part of our Understanding the World learning and linked to our current project, the children explored the theme of 'Spring'. They learned that spring is a season that comes after winter and before summer and discussed the changes that occur during this time of year. Children went on a walk around the school grounds, using spring spotting sheets to carefully observe and record what they could see, including signs of new growth, leaves appearing on trees and blossom beginning to form. These observations led to thoughtful discussions and questions, helping children to develop curiosity and deepen their understanding of seasonal change. In the creative area, children used pink and white paint to create spring blossom tree pictures, experimenting with colour mixing, brush control and texture.

The children have also explored the topic 'Let's Grow!', sharing the story Jasper's Beanstalk and learning about how plants grow. They examined a variety of seeds using hand lenses, carefully observing their shapes, colours and textures and comparing similarities and differences. The children learned that some plants produce seeds to grow new plants and that seeds need water, air and warmth to begin to grow. These hands-on experiences encouraged curiosity, careful observation and descriptive language.

Daily toothbrushing sessions continued to support children's understanding of healthy routines and self-care. If any of our Little Owls want to take part in this healthy initiative, please let Mrs Cawthra know. We are very proud of the children's enthusiasm, curiosity and growing confidence across all areas of learning this week.

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

This week we have been geographers, further developing our map reading skills and learning all about the seaside and how our coastline can change over time. We explored the idea of coastal erosion, which is when the sea slowly wears away the land. The children learnt that erosion could cause changes over time to an environment or place, that it is a physical process and that it is caused by wind and water, including waves, floods, rivers and rainfall. The children looked at pictures and videos showing how waves can wash away cliffs, rocks, sand and can also destroy and wash away any human features that had been built near to the cliff edge, such as carparks, houses and hotels. They were brilliant at spotting the changes and talking about why they happen. We talked about how people try to protect the coast using things like sea walls, rock rip raps and wooden groynes. The children enjoyed thinking about how these help keep beaches and towns safe. The children used their map-reading skills, looking closely at a map of Whitby. They found key features such as the harbour, Whitby Abbey, the beach, the River Esk and the cliffs. We found Whitby on a map of the United Kingdom and lots of children enjoyed sharing their experiences of visits to Whitby and what they had seen. They explored the town's human and physical features and discussed how the town was different to other seaside locations they had visited. We then compared Whitby with Brighton, and the children noticed many similarities and differences, finishing our discussions with how the South coastline looks and how it might change over time.

In English, we have completed another Independent Write, using the book 'My Fear and Me' as our stimulus. The children have enjoyed making the narrative their own and have used a range of punctuation and some lovely synonym words to good effect. More super reading at home, so thanks again for your continued support. The Year 1 children will be bringing the second phonics booklet home, so please help your child by spending time with them as they sound out the phonemes and graphemes, then blend them together to read the real and fake words.

Even though the sun has been shining, it is still changeable weather and can be quite chilly on the playground. Please send your child with a coat daily. Have an enjoyable long weekend, and we will see you all on Tuesday for more fun learning together.

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

It's been a busy week in KS2 with extra activities for all year groups. Y5/6 had an enjoyable day at the cricket festival on Tuesday. On Wednesday Y3/4 were lucky enough to have a visit from Mr Foggett from Yarm School who led a workshop on Micro:bits. Small robotic devices into which children can input code so it will follow instructions. The children were successfully able to get the Micro:bit to show and sound a heartbeat, spell out their names, and even play a game of Rock, Paper, Scissors! We were especially proud of the children's determination and teamwork in getting the fussy Micro:bits to follow their instructions.

All KS2 love art and have been developing their artistic skills through an exploration of different drawing techniques, inspired by two very different artists. They began by studying single line drawings, influenced by Pablo Picasso's famous continuous line style. Using just a single, unbroken line, they were able to observe carefully and draw with growing confidence. This encouraged them to think creatively and embrace imperfections, resulting in some wonderfully unique pieces. Building on their drawing skills, the children then explored techniques for creating light and shade, taking inspiration from the work of Rembrandt. They learned how artists use shading to give their work depth and realism, experimenting with tone, contrast, and blending. Next the children worked with chalk on black paper, working from light to dark. This was a new and exciting challenge and produce bold, dramatic effects. Their artwork showcases not only their developing technical skills but also their willingness to experiment and express themselves. Well done, KS2!

Diary Dates

Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday—school closed for all	All	n/a
Tuesday 5th May	Y3/4 dynamo cricket	Y3/4	Letter sent
Friday 8th May	Library in today	All	n/a
WC Monday 11th May	SATS week	Y6	Info. sent
Monday 11th May	'A Squash and A Squeeze' colouring entries returned by today	Rec-Y3	Letter sent
Friday 15th May	Y6 SATS treat—Hollywood Bowl	Y6	Letter sent
Monday 18th May	Y5/6 Micro:Bit workshop—Bilsdale Y5/6 at Carlton all day	Y5/6	Letter sent
Tuesday 19th May	School photos	All	n/a
Thursday 21st May	Big Read—2.30pm in classes. Parents/carers welcome	All	Letter sent
Friday 22nd May	Open Door Art day	All	n/a
Friday 22nd May	School closes for half term— no choir today	All	n/a
Monday 1st June	School re-opens for all	All	n/a
WC Monday 1st June	Y4 Multiplication Check	Y4	Info. sent
Friday 5th June	KS2 at triathlon event	Y3-Y6	More info. to follow
Friday 5th June	Library in today	All	n/a
WC Monday 8th June	Phonics Screening Check	Y1	More info. to follow
Monday 8th June	Skip 2B Fit—Bilsdale at Carlton all day Children should come to school in PE kit	All	n/a
Monday 15th June	Sports Day—1.15pm start. Families welcome	All	More info. to follow
Monday 22nd June	Reserve Sports Day	All	n/a
Tuesday 23rd June	Rescheduled KS2 cross-country	Y3-6	More info. to follow
Friday 26th June	Bilsdale trip to Rievaulx Abbey	Bilsdale	More info. to follow
Wednesday 1st July	All day rehearsal at Chop Gate Village Hall	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Thursday 2nd July	End of year production, Chop Gate Village Hall, 6pm. Families welcome	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Friday 3rd July	Final library visit	All	n/a
Tuesday 7th July	KS1 multi-skills event	Y1 and 2	More info. to follow
Wednesday 8th—Friday 10th July	Stokesley Secondary transition days	Y6	More info. to follow
Thursday 9th July	New class 'move up' day	Rec-Y5	More info. to follow
Monday 13th July	End of year reports published	All	n/a
Friday 17th July	Y6 leavers' service, 9.30am, St Botolph's Church. Families welcome	Y6 leavers	More info. to follow



BANK HOLIDAY
CREAM TEAS

1pm till 5pm

@ CHOP GATE VILLAGE HALL



IN AID OF
ST HILDA'S CHURCH CHOP GATE

SUNDAY 3RD MAY

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 Social Media & Livestreaming - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of social media and livestreaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children.

**WEDNESDAY
6TH MAY
2026
4PM – 4.45PM**



Knowsley
City Learning Centres

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For further information and to sign up, please visit the link below:

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Fun & exercise
for all Primary
School children

Cricket and Athletics Camp

only

£20

per athlete



Tues 26 May
10am-3pm
Scruton Cricket Club

*Wrap around care from 8.30am provided
at an additional cost of £3 per child*

We operate in a COVID-secure environment

Along with Matty Brown, former North East Premier League batsmen and Level 1 coach, the kids will have a fun-packed day learning the fundamentals of cricket and athletics with Glen Hilton, athletics coach and former England international athlete.

For more details contact Glen Hilton:
hiltonglen444@gmail.com



Your child will need:

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of fluids

Location address: Scruton Cricket Club, Station Rd, Scruton, Northallerton DL7 0QN

A fun-filled, action-packed half term

If you're looking for fun and adventure in the great outdoors, our action-packed activities are available to book now for May half term!

Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 May

Adventure Club is back at **Bewerley Park**, with planned activities on set days. Save 10% when booking siblings or multiple days.



Our **East Barnby** team are also running a two-day RYA sailing course at Scaling Dam, where young people can gain their Stage 1 or Stage 2 qualification.



Find out more and book now at outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays

YOLS | North Yorkshire
Outdoor Learning Service

Go Sports!

Wednesday 27th May

2-3.30pm

At Northallerton Library

10 - 16 year olds

Join us for an afternoon of playing indoor sports such as ping-pong, darts, and other games.

Prizes to be won!

Free but donations are welcome.

No booking needed

Refreshments included.

Contact Northallerton Library for more information.

northallerton.library@northyorks.gov.uk

or ring 01609 533832

**GO
ALL
IN.**



**MARK SHIMWELL'S
MAY HALF TERM
CAMPS**



Tues 26th May	Guisborough, Belmont TS14 7BS
Thurs 28th May	Carlton Faceby School TS9 7BB
Fri 29th May	Coulby Newham, RoseWood TS8 0UG

 **07966626816**  **Contact Mark**

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

**ONLY £20 for 1 child, £30 for 2
siblings, £40 for three siblings**

 **Bring packed lunch & drinks** 

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

**PLEASE BOOK TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT**

For boys & girls aged 4-11





May school holiday family learning in Catterick



Jack and the Beanstalk – Growing Beanstalk & Plant Pot Craft

This hands on family learning session uses the classic story Jack and the Beanstalk to inspire creativity, early reading skills, and simple scientific exploration. Children and their parents work together to create imaginative crafts that bring the beanstalk and its magical setting to life, while also planting their own "magic bean" to observe and care for at home. Across three engaging activity stages, families explore the story's characters, setting, and key events while promoting talk, prediction, and story sequencing.

Thursday 28 May 2026
2pm to 4pm
Catterick Library

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.

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Interested?

If so, the **NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning** could be the perfect course for you.

Why train with the Swaledale Alliance.

- ✓ Support children in your local school.
- ✓ Gain a nationally recognised qualification.
- ✓ Full support as you embark on a new career.

**APPLY NOW FOR
SEPTEMBER 2026**

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