

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

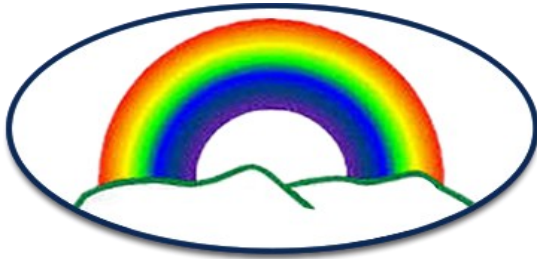
'The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works'

Luke 2:40

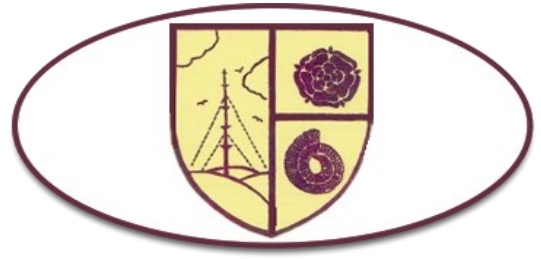
'And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...'

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 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another busy week across both schools and it's hard to believe that there is now only 7 school weeks left until we break up for the summer holidays! On Monday it was the turn of Y5 and Y6 to take part in a Micro:Bit workshop with Mr Foggett from Yarm School. This session helped them to deepen their understanding of coding and programming and was enjoyed by all.

Today was a very special day as Chris Layfield from Open Door Art came into school for his annual visit. Chris is a local artist who has worked with the children previously on collaborative pieces of artwork. This year the focus was on our whole-school approach to spirituality, helping children to develop their understanding of key concepts.

Remember that there is not a training day after half term and all children return to school on Monday 1st June.

With best wishes for a relaxing half term break,

Mr. M. Scott Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale— 92.1%

Carlton—94.1%

National Average—94.9%



School success starts with attendance

★ Awards ★

Star of the Week— Frank, Darcy, Sam, Charlie, Henry, Lyla, Siena, Zeff, Bonnie, Dolly

Kindness Award— Olive, Zeff, Sammy, Eve

Handwriting Award— Darcy, Lyla, Zara, Isabel, Tadhg, Penelope

Headteacher Hot Chocolate— Florence, Beth, Daisy, Scarlett K

Corridor King/Queen— Lydia and Annie

Vision Award— Bea, Henry, Toby, Arthur, Alice, Aurora

Awards

Numbots accuracy—1st Scarlett K, 2nd Alice, 3rd Lavinia

Y2 TTRS awards— 1st Cruz, 2nd Rocco, 3rd Oscar

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

Y5/6 TTRS awards—1st Siena, 2nd Lauren, 3rd Daisy

Change of status - Rock Star—Rocco, Daisy, Charlie; Breakthrough Artist—Rupert; Support Act—Isabel; Headliner—Lucia; Rock Legend—Zeff

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Music of the Week

Next week's music of the week is 'Pata Pata' by Miriam Makeba.



Collective Worship

On Wednesday, children took part in a special Picture News live worship session which helped to deepen their understanding of British Values like respect, democracy, and tolerance by connecting fictional stories with what is happening in the world around them.






Notes

KS2 triathlon

Don't forget that Y3-Y6 pupils are taking part in the Brownlee Brothers Foundation's junior triathlon event in Harrogate on Friday 5th June. If your permission slip hasn't been returned to school please do so ASAP after the half-term break.



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 way to end a fantastic half term in Class 1! The children have truly impressed us all this week as they have spent time consolidating their learning from across the term. It has been lovely to see how much they have remembered, applied and built upon and we are incredibly proud of the progress each and every child has made. Their confidence, independence and enthusiasm for learning continues to grow and this has really shone through in everything they have done.

A definite highlight of our week was our Forest School session with David on Monday afternoon. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and embraced the opportunity to be creative in the outdoor environment. They carefully listened to David's instructions and worked brilliantly to make their very own baby birds using clay and a range of natural resources. It was wonderful to see their concentration and creativity as they shaped and designed their birds.

The learning didn't stop there! The children then worked together to create nests for their birds, thinking thoughtfully about the materials they could use. They referred beautifully to David's language, considering how their nests could be: soft, warm, comfy and camouflaged. It was fantastic to see such teamwork, problem-solving and imaginative thinking in action, alongside their growing understanding of the natural world.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our lovely children for their hard work, determination and positive attitudes this term. They are an absolute credit to our school and we are so proud of everything they have achieved.

A big well done to everyone! Have a lovely holiday everyone.

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

We have had another wonderful week of learning in Class 2, with great progress continuing in our English writing and all children thoroughly enjoying our maths work on fractions. This week the children have been recognising and finding halves, quarters and thirds and learning how to write them as words, as fractions and as a digit, showing how many equal parts each fraction has. They have then used these equal parts to calculate the whole and tackled some tricky word problems related to fractions. Flower art has linked well to our science unit on plant survival, and the class have enjoyed looking at shape, form, pattern and texture in nature. Flowers are often brightly coloured and patterned. These colours and patterns attract birds, bees and other animals to help the plants to reproduce. The bright colours and patterns of flowers, along with other visual elements, also means that they are interesting for artists to draw, paint and sculpt. We explored and discussed some famous artworks based on flowers and then enjoyed creating our own colourful flower heads. In Computing, children are learning what an algorithm is and have created simple programs using an algorithm, adding commands to build a sequence, adding backgrounds and making objects move. We thoroughly enjoyed sharing a 'Reading for Pleasure' session on Thursday afternoon with some of our grown-ups and had lots of fun reading our favourite books. Our week ended with a visit from the artist Chris Layfield, and we all enjoyed contributing to a whole school piece of artwork. We are looking forward to it being displayed in our school.

I wish you all a very enjoyable and restful half term holiday. Fingers crossed the sun will shine for us all. Don't forget to keep on reading and Year 1s keep reading your phonics booklets. Happy holidays to you all!

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

This week it was Y5/6 who enjoyed Mr Foggett's micro:bit workshop. The children quickly learnt new skills using coding to produce a chasing letter display, create images when the micro:bit was tilted or shaken and programmed an external device making different coloured lights appear on a light strip. The children were amazed when Mr Foggett demonstrated further uses of the micro:bit such as a moving robot device that can draw circles or find its own way around a given track. They are already looking forward to using micro:bits again in the future.

Geography this week focussed on Jersey potato farming. After listening to a podcast and researching, the children demonstrated their learning by creating a double page spread. The children are very proud of this work, taking care over presentation and including details about the process of potato farming and how the climate, soil and landscape are all factors in producing this tasty potato.

After much anticipation, the children now have their parts and scripts for our summer production *The Mystery at Magpie Manor*. Supporting the children in learning their lines and lyrics would be greatly appreciated. We have asked the children to bring their scripts to school every day as we will take opportunities to sing and practise whenever we can with main rehearsals on Friday afternoons.

Thank you to all family members who joined us for our Big Read event. We are so fortunate to have a wide range of good quality in books in school as well as from the pop up library service. The children all have books to enjoy over the half term and we look forward to hearing their book reviews. Happy half term reading everyone!

Diary Dates

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
Thursday 18th June	Carlton Reception-Y6 visiting St Botolph's Church	Carlton Rec-Y6	n/a
Monday 22nd June	Reserve Sports Day	All	n/a
Tuesday 23rd June	Rescheduled KS2 cross-country	Y3-6	More info. to follow
Tuesday 23rd June	Reception new starters parent meeting	Reception 26 starters	Letter sent
Wednesday 24th	Reception new starters lunch with par-	Reception 26 starters	Letter sent
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, including Reception 26 starters	More info. to follow
Monday 13th July	End of year reports published	All	n/a
Tuesday 14th July	Y5s to Stokesley School–Addams Family production	Y5	More info. to follow
Friday 17th July	Y6 leavers' service, 9.30am, St Botolph's Church. Families welcome	Y6 leavers	More info. to follow

Safeguarding Update

The government has added a section to its Kids Online Safety website covering misogyny, with advice for parents/carers to use if they are worried about their child developing misogynistic views. Further information can be found by [following this link](#).

Online hate: misogyny

IMPORTANT HOLIDAY INFORMATION

The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale CE Federation is now closed for the half-term break. We hope you have a wonderful holiday! Staff may check their emails periodically but please do not expect a response before Monday 1st June.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child during this time please use the following contacts:

- North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership telephone - 0300 131 2 131
- More information about making a referral - <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/aboutus/worried-about-a-child/>
- If you have serious, immediate concerns about a child call the Police on 999.

If you're a child who needs help, here are the details for Childline:

- Phone - 0800 1111
- Website - <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

If you're struggling with food, here are some links:

- Hambleton Food Share - <https://dev1.hambletonfoodshare.org.uk/>
- Middlesbrough Food Bank - <https://middlesbrough.foodbank.org.uk/>

Worried about your child's time online? Here is some advice from the NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Struggling with domestic abuse? Here is some information on how to get help - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help>

Need help with your mental health? Advice can be found here – <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/>



Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children

Microwaving NEEDOH Toys and Squishies

Parents and Carers Guide

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

A viral trend is encouraging children to microwave squishy silicone toys, known as NEEDOH toys or squishies, among other names (Jelly Cubes, Nice Cubes) in order to make them softer and more pliable. Often, the packaging warns against this, but children are ignoring it because online videos and trends on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube encourage them to do the opposite. The toy feels cool to the touch after microwaving, but bursts when squeezed, spraying boiling material on hands, neck and face. A child in Bristol was seriously hurt on 4th May 2026 and children in America have experienced significant burns and injuries. This has happened to children as young as seven.

Please note - Your child does not need to have searched for this. The algorithm shows it to children based on other content they have watched.



IF YOUR CHILD HAS ONE OF THESE TOYS

It is natural to feel concerned, but the most important thing is to remain calm. Children are far more likely to talk to you, now and in the future, if they know they will be met with a steady response rather than alarm.

This is also a valuable opportunity. What your child sees online, from friends or from trends, does not always show the full picture or the consequences. Safety conversations are not about restricting their fun, they are about making sure they understand how to protect themselves and others.



STARTING THE CONVERSATION

You do not need to be an expert. A relaxed, open and honest conversation is enough. A few things that can help:

- Use the toy as a natural conversation point rather than sitting them down for a formal talk.
- Tell them simply that children their age have been seriously hurt following this trend. Reality carries more weight than a rule.
- Avoid taking the toy away without explaining why as providing a reason builds trust. Removing it without understanding may lead a child to hide things from you.
- If the toy feels too firm, the manufacturer's recommendation to soften it is to knead it with your hands for a few minutes. Encourage them, or help them, to do this instead.
- If they have already seen the videos, remain calm. The algorithm does its job quietly. What matters is the conversation that follows.



KEY POINTS TO DISCUSS...

You do not need to be an expert. A relaxed, open and honest conversation is enough. A few things that can help:

- The toy looks and feels completely normal after microwaving, the outside stays cool to the touch. But inside, it has reached temperatures as hot as boiling water so when squeezed, it bursts and dangerous hot liquid can explode.
- The injuries include severe burns, potential scarring and in some cases, a risk to eyesight. Some children have been hospitalised because of the trend.
- Remind them it could hurt anyone nearby - a friend, a sibling, whoever is in the room when it bursts.
- Online videos are designed to look like helpful tips, sometimes to get more followers. They do not always show what happens afterwards.
- If a friend suggests trying it, knowing and explaining the real danger makes it much easier for them to say no.
- If they have already tried it, or something has worried them, they are not in trouble. What matters is that they are safe.



If your child is worried or needs help, make sure they know they can always come to you first or an adult they trust. They can also:

- Talk to a trusted adult at school – their teacher, a youth worker or the school Safeguarding Lead or Child Protection Co-ordinator.
- Contact Childline, free, confidential and available any time
- If they have been hurt, seek medical attention straight away - call 999 immediately. Burns from this can continue to cause damage after the initial contact.

Please do not search for this on TikTok or Instagram yourself. Every search feeds the algorithm and makes this content more visible to others. For news coverage, use the links below and share this and our alert with friends and family to raise awareness.

For verified news coverage: [BBC News](#) | [The Independent](#)

If your child has seen these videos or even tried this trend, do not react with panic or anger. That is the response most likely to close the conversation down. Staying calm keeps the door open, and an open door to conversations with adults they can trust is what makes children safer.

SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

Childline – free, confidential support for children and young people: 0800 1111 | www.childline.org.uk

NSPCC Helpline – support and advice for adults with concerns about a child: 0808 800 5000 | www.nspcc.org.uk





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

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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

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TRIAL DATES



U12 Trial Dates for 2026/27 Season
Open Trial - Wed 27th May 6pm to 7.30pm



Year 7 from Sept 2026

U12's Boys - 9v9 Format

**Stokesley Football Club, Broughton Rd
Stokesley, TS9 5NY**



Please scan the QR code & complete the
JotForm to confirm your place

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

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**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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FAMILY WEEKEND

GREAT AYTON

Village Fete - Saturday 13th June 2026 - 1-4PM
Food Festival - Sunday 14th June 2026 - 12-4PM

HIGH GREEN - GREAT AYTON

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!
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SATURDAY 13th June 2026

1pm - 4pm

VILLAGE FETE

- Local Charity Stalls
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Miniature train ride
- Entertainment
- Kids Rides
- Bar

SUNDAY 14th June 2026

12pm - 4pm

VILLAGE FOOD FESTIVAL

- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Miniature train ride
- Entertainment
- Kids Rides
- Cakes & Desserts
- Street Food
- Bar

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