

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

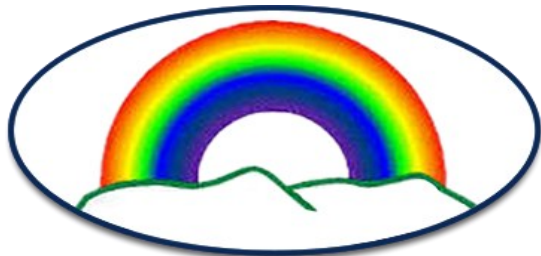
‘The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works’

Luke 2:40

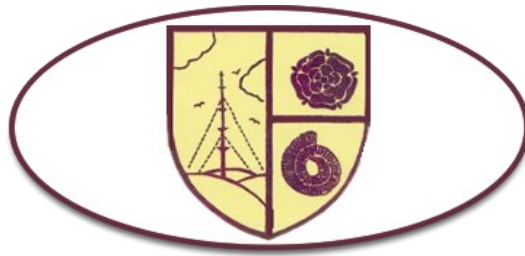
‘And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...’

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 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that the first half-term of the year is already over! We've had a brilliantly busy 7 weeks with trips, visits and visitors enhancing the children's learning experiences. Our visit to church for the Harvest Service was a particular highlight, especially for our Reception children as this was their first visit.

Earlier this week Y5 and Y6 children visited Yarm School to take part in an exciting day run by the North East STEM Foundation—the children really enjoyed this hands-on experience.

We hope that everyone has a relaxing half-term break, don't forget that there is no training day when we return and all pupils are due back on Monday 2nd November.

I've attached some Halloween safety information to the newsletter to help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable night.

With best wishes for a peaceful half term,

Mr. M. Scott

Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale—96.4%

Carlton—**93.2%**

National Average—96%



Awards



Awards return after half term!

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Music of the Week



Next week's music of the week is 'Stomp!' by Steps—Mr Scott's Choice.

Notes

KS1 Trip

Don't forget that Y1 and Y2 pupils are going on their trip to Hartlepool Art Gallery and Museum on the first day back—Monday 2nd November.

Children should come in school uniform with their packed lunch and water bottle. Anyone who has pre-ordered a school packed lunch will be provided with this on the day.



Collective Worship

This week's No Outsiders was a very popular story about Fiona the sheep who was stranded at the bottom of a Scottish cliff for 2 years before being rescued by local farmers. Read more about it here:

<https://ks1no-outsiders-assembly.blogspot.com/2026/10/fiona->



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 EYFS

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting Autumn Term 1, the children in EYFS have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our topic, "Me and My Community", with a special focus on the wonderful changes that autumn brings. Throughout the half term, the children have developed their confidence, independence and curiosity through a wide range of hands-on learning experiences inspired by the natural world.

This week, the children have continued to investigate seasonal changes, exploring autumn leaves and discussing the colours, textures and shapes they observed. They created beautiful leaf prints and collaborative artwork, helping to develop both their creativity and understanding of the world around them. We also enjoyed learning about woodland animals, discussing where they live, what they eat and how their features help them survive in their habitats.

In Reception, the children have continued to make fantastic progress in phonics, practising blending and segmenting sounds and building their early reading skills. Handwriting sessions have focused on mixed patterns to develop pencil control, while mark-making opportunities throughout provision have supported the children's emerging writing skills. Our mathematics learning has centred around the numbers 1, 2 and 3. The children have enjoyed mathematical discussions, recognising numbers, counting objects and exploring repeating patterns through practical activities.

The children particularly enjoyed our physical activities this week, including our dance workshop, Forest School and active games inspired by woodland animals. These experiences helped develop gross motor skills, coordination and imagination whilst encouraging teamwork and resilience.

A huge well done to all of our children for settling so positively into routines, developing friendships and embracing every learning opportunity with enthusiasm. Thank you to all our families for your support throughout the term. We hope you have a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting Autumn Term 2.

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

The final week of our first half term. Time has flown! In this last week we have begun our work on addition and subtraction, looking at parts and wholes and number bonds up to 10. We have had lots of fun with some poetry writing, using the poem 'When I'm By Myself' as our stimulus. We have imagined ourselves as food items, as animals, as vehicles, as a thing, a sound and an action. We all had lots of amusing ideas to share. In science we have completed our work on human senses and after half term will move on to everyday materials. We will begin by identifying a range of everyday materials, investigating their properties and thinking about how these properties define a material's use. The children are continuing to grow in confidence logging in to and using Purple Mash and have saved and retrieved work they have created. Our first art unit, 'Mix It!', has been enjoyed and yesterday children had fun colour mixing using the primary colours, paint blobs and rollers, creating some gorgeous new colours as they experimented. We are looking forward to starting our next unit in history, thinking about life and childhood in the 1950s. Our first day back in November is eagerly anticipated as we visit the Art Gallery in Hartlepool, spending some of the day as artists and some as historians!

It has been so lovely to see the changes in confidence, in independence and the excitement and eagerness which all the children have shown towards all their learning this first half term. We wish you a happy and restful holiday and cannot wait to greet the children back in November. Remember to keep reading and don't forget that you can access Purple Mash, Numbots, 1 Minute Maths and Phonics Play at home to keep all these new skills fresh. Happy half term to you all!

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

This week KS2 pupils have stepped into what daily life looked like just as Britain prepared for the outbreak of World War II. The children listened to Neville Chamberlain's broadcast announcing the start of the war and discussed how ordinary families must have felt hearing the news. They looked at how towns and cities braced for danger, exploring blackouts, gas mask distribution, and the construction of Anderson shelters in back gardens. We discussed why millions of children were packed off to the countryside, holding onto small suitcases, identity labels, and a single-family keepsake. To bring this history to life, we started an exciting new English writing unit based on Emma Carroll's gripping historical novel, Letters from the Lighthouse. Following the story of Olive and her little brother Cliff as they are evacuated to the coast of Devon, the children will explore themes of separation, secrets, and bravery. We are looking forward to our trip to Murton Park next term where the children will immerse themselves in life on the home front.

Whilst Y5/6 enjoyed their STEM day at Yarm, Y3/4 had their own science day learning about the different types of teeth, their function and how to prevent tooth decay. Using disclosing tablets, the children were able to see for themselves how good they are at brushing their own teeth. Keep this up Y3/4!

Y5/6 STEM Day

Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic STEM day at Yarm Prep School, hosted by the North East STEM Foundation. The pupils actively participated in various workshops and challenges, brilliantly demonstrating teamwork and bringing our school vision to life.

'I really enjoyed the whole day but the best thing was the robots and programming them.' Adelaide

'I was fascinated by the radiation workshop.' Sam

'I really enjoyed disposing the fake bio hazard during the radiation role play. I was the chief engineer.' Zeff

'I really enjoyed building the bridge over the road.' Daisy

'I loved making the bridge and working as a team.' Zara

'The whole day was great. I was fascinated by the robots and it was my favourite activity.' Lyla

'I was fascinated by the robots and making them move.' Scarlett

'I really enjoyed the engineering activity Cosmic Wonders with the balloons.' Isabel

'I really enjoyed making the robot move.' Lydia

'I really enjoyed programming the robot.' Lauren

'We would recommend this trip as we learnt a lot and it was both educational and fun.' Year 5 and 6

Fundraising

We're happy to report that last Friday's fundraising for Age UK Darlington and North Yorkshire raised £35.



Diary Dates

Saturday 31st October	Deadline for application for Y7 school places	Y6 parents/carers	Letter sent
Monday 2nd November	School re-opens for all children	All	n/a
Monday 2nd November	Y1 and Y2 trip to Hartlepool Art Gallery <u>Bilsdale KS1 at Carlton all day</u>	Y1 and Y2	Letter sent
Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th November	Bikeability <u>Bilsdale Y5/6 at Carlton both days</u>	Y5 and Y6	Letter sent
Friday 6th November	Library in	All	n/a
Monday 9th November	Skip 2B Fit <u>All Bilsdale at Carlton today</u>	All Bilsdale	n/a
Tuesday 10th November	Flu vaccinations at Carlton	All	Letter sent
Wednesday 11th November	Flu vaccinations at Bilsdale	All	Letter sent
Wednesday 11th November	Bilsdale children attending Remembrance Service at War Memorial	Bilsdale	n/a
Thursday 12th November	KS2 trip to Murton Park <u>All Bilsdale at Carlton today</u>	KS2	Letter sent
Friday 13th November	Children in Need—non-uniform day and juice/ biscuits at breacktime. Suggested £2 per child donation	All	Letter sent
Friday 13th November	Reception and Y1 toothbrushing visit	Reception and Y1	n/a
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day	All	n/a
Thursday 19th November	Y5/6 to Crucial Crew	Y5/6	More info. to follow
Friday 27th November	Advent Service at St Botolph's, Carlton, 2.15pm <u>Families welcome</u>	All	More info. to follow
Friday 4th December	Reindeer Run for Teesside Hospice	All	Letter sent
Monday 7th December	Y5/6 residential to Peat Rigg	Y5/6	Letter sent
Monday 14th December	All day rehearsal at Chop Gate Village Hall	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Tuesday 15th December	Nativity performance Chop Gate Village Hall, 2pm. <u>Families welcome.</u>	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Wednesday 16th December	Whole school pantomime trip	Rec-Y6	More info. to follow
Friday 18th December	Christmas dinner and jumper day	All	More info. to follow
Friday 18th December	Christmas coral concert at Carlton, 2pm <u>Families welcome.</u>	All	More info. to follow
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas <u>No after school provision today.</u>	All	n/a
Monday 4th January	Staff training day, school closed to children	All	n/a

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 2nd November.

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/](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](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/>



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR A SAFE AND SPOOKY NIGHT

★ Halloween Home Safety

- Keep your doors and windows locked.
- Use outdoor lighting to enhance visibility.
- Conceal valuables from windows to deter theft.
- Keep decorations safe with battery-operated candles.

★ Halloween Costume Safety

- Opt for flame-resistant costumes.
- Ensure costumes are not too long to prevent tripping.
- Use face paint instead of masks for better visibility.
- Add reflective elements for visibility.

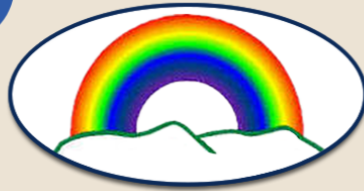
★ Trick-or-Treating Safety

- Plan a route through well-lit areas.
- Stick to groups and stay connected by phone.
- Carry a flashlight or glow sticks for added visibility.
- Only visit homes with lights on.

★ Halloween Pet Safety

- Keep pets indoors in a calm space.
- Protect pets from fireworks noise with a quiet area.
- Ensure pet costumes are comfortable and safe.
- Walk pets early to avoid them getting spooked.

Executive Headteacher - Mr. M. Scott



**The Carlton & Faceby and
Bilsdale CE Federation**

Open October

For families with children due to start school
in September 2027, or those considering a
change for children currently enrolled in a
different school.

Come and meet our wonderful children
and staff, tour our engaging environments
and learn more about attending our
settings.

Call us on 01642 712340 or email
admin@carltonfaceby.n-yorks.sch.uk
to book your personal appointment
with our Executive Headteacher.

<https://bilsdalecarltonschoools.co.uk/>

BBC 500 Words

The 500 words competition is running from Tuesday 29th September and closes on Friday 6th November. Why not get involved for your chance to be a winner!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>



HALF TERM FAMILY FUN!

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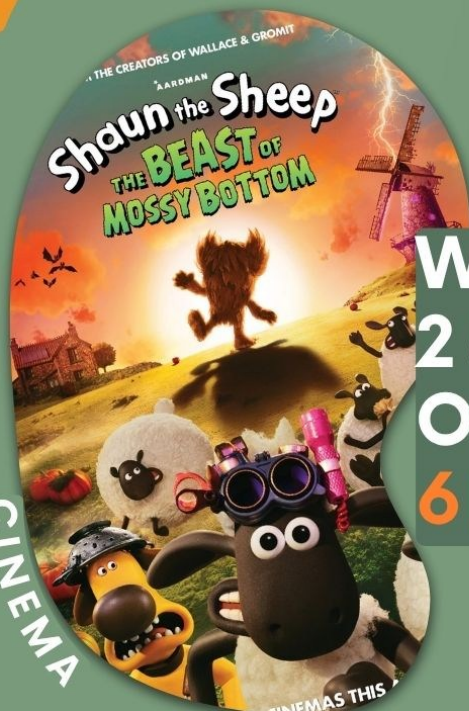
SAT 31 OCT

2.30PM

FAMILY SHOW



WORKSHOPS



WED

28

OCT

6PM



TUE 27

WED 28

OCT

www.helmsleyarts.co.uk

M S Coaching

HALF TERM CAMP

at CARLTON SCHOOL

Thurs 29th October



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

ONLY £20 for 1 child, £30 for two siblings, £40 for 3 siblings

 **07966626816 | Mark Shimwell**

Bring Packed Lunch and Drinks

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

  **For Boys & Girls Aged 4-11**  



**Fun & exercise
for children
of all ages**



Cricket and Athletics Camp

only
£20
per athlete



Thursday 29th Oct

10am-3pm

Knayton Sports Hall

Wrap around care

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: Hillside Rural Activities Park, Knayton, Th

DANCING FOR ALL

£29pp

Let's Move and Groove!

If you are aged between 5 and 15 and LOVE TO DANCE, this is a project that you will enjoy. We will explore a variety of starting points for dance and through creative movement workshops and physical development of skills.



In conjunction with the Community Lottery Fund, YES@ Arété Learning Trust are hosting a 6-week dance sessions for all abilities.

The aims are:

- To bring children of abilities together in a creative exploration of dance themes.
- To provide an opportunity for expression and individuality through dance.

WEDNESDAYS, 4:30 - 5:30PM

4th November 2026	25 th November 2026
11 th November 2026	2 nd December 2026
18 th November 2026	9 th December 2026

Venue: Richmond School Darlington Road Richmond North
Yorkshire DL10 7BQ

For further information email yes@arete.uk or visit
www.yesataretelearningtrust.net/Training-Services

**CARLTON SPORTS
AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2026

GATES OPEN 6:30PM | FIREWORKS AT 7:00PM

 **CARLTON AND FACEBY PRIMARY SCHOOL FIELD**



BBQ AND SOFT DRINKS



SUGGESTED DONATION:

ADULTS £3 • CHILDREN £2

CASH ONLY

**Every donation helps us improve
and support our village.**

Faceby PICKLEFEST

Saturday 7th November 2026 at Faceby Village Hall

from 10.00 a.m. until 2 p.m.

A range of homemade jam, chutney, pickles and marmalade available to buy

For details email: picklefest.in.faceby@gmail.com or ring Andrea on 07958 667842



This year's PickleFest sees the return of the Tombola!

Please donate small gifts, bottles and other items as prizes at the tombola.

Leave at 3 Cleveland View or contact Naomi to arrange collection.

Wreath Making Workshop

Please join us on to make a Christmas Wreath
and enjoy a lovely morning.



When
**Saturday,
21 November
2026
10.00am**

Where
**Faceby
Village Hall**

Cost

**£25 including tea, coffee, mulled wine &
mince pie**

All materials and decorations provided. You will learn to make your own wreath. Please bring your own gardening gloves, secateurs and any special decorations you would like to add to your wreath.

The workshop will raise funding for Faceby village hall.

Please get in touch to book your place

Tanja 07914 348839 or Sue 07870 331730

Speech, Language and Communication Advice

Hambleton and Richmond - Northallerton

Would you like to discuss your child's speech, language, or communication development?

Bring your child along to our drop-in advice session to meet with our Speech and Language Therapist, discuss any concerns, and receive advice and information about local support and services. **Booking is essential.**

Where & When

- Thursday 3rd December 2026, 09.30am to 12.00pm,
- Alverton Children Centre, Mount Road, Northallerton, DL6 1RB

Who will be there?

Emma Pollock - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapist

Rachael Hussain - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapy Assistant



PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK A 15 MINUTE SLOT

rachael.hussain@northyorks.gov.uk

Thank you

Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.nhs.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'