

At Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale Schools we are **KIND**:

**K**ind and accepting  
**I**ndependent learners  
**N**ever giving up  
**D**etermined 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

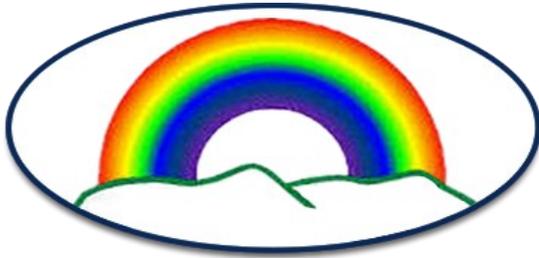
'The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works'

Luke 2:40

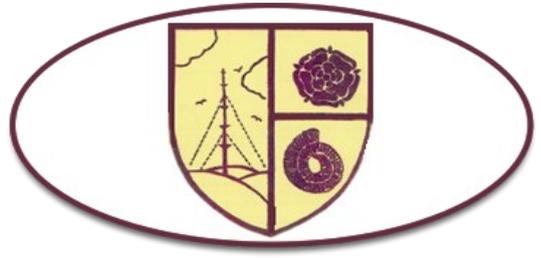
'And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...'

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 20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been assessment week across the federation, with children working hard to demonstrate their understanding of their learning over the last term. We have been impressed with their resilience and attitude—well done! Last Thursday and Friday saw Y3/4 pupils head to a very soggy and windy Newby Wiske Hall—but not even the weather could dampen our spirits! The children had a brilliant time and we were so impressed with their independence and determination.

Tuesday saw our Y5/6 netball team in action at Stokesley School—well done to the children for representing the federation brilliantly.

Don't forget that next Wednesday is the decorated egg competition—prizes for the winners in each class! Just bring them into school on Wednesday morning.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott      Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale— 92%

Carlton—94.3%

National Average—94.8%



★ Awards ★

**Star of the Week**— Isla, Florence, Aoife, Ellie, Tadhg, Noah, Isabel, Sam, Sammy, Daisy, Henry, Charlie

**Kindness Award**— Jasper, Isabel, Zeff, Scarlett K, Anna

**Handwriting Award**— Edward, Zara, Lavinia

**Vision Award**— Darcy, All Y3/4, Charlie, Bilsdale, Y1, Dolly, Eboni

**Headteacher Hot Chocolate**— Olive, Lyla, Lauren, Daisy

**Corridor King/Queen**— Lydia and Edward

Awards

**Numbots Accuracy**—1st Tadhg, 2nd Scarlett K, 3rd Cruz

**Numbots Improvement**— 1st Annie, 2nd Rocco, 3rd Cruz

**TTRS Y1/2**—1st Cruz, 2nd William, 3rd Oscar

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

**TTRS Y5/6**— 1st Siena

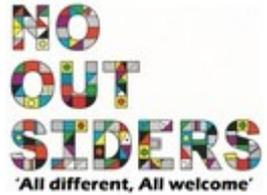
**Change of status**—Support Act—Lucia, Rock Star—Aoife, Headliner—Charlie ★

Music of the Week 

Next week's music of the week is 'Respect' by Aretha Franklin.

Collective Worship

No Outsiders this week was all about combatting loneliness with Chatty Cafes—read more here: <https://ks1no-outsiders-assembly.blogspot.com/2026/03/chatty-cafe.html>



Notes

**Mosque Trip**

Don't forget that the rescheduled mosque trip for Y1-Y6 pupils is next Thursday—Bilsdale children should be dropped off and collected from Carlton on this day.

**Easter Labyrinth**

If you haven't returned your reply slip yet please do so ASAP, we will be sending out confirmations of time slots early next week.

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

This week in EYFS has been filled with rich learning experiences, creativity and many special moments shared together. We began the week with a truly beautiful Forest School session, where the children took part in willow planting. To begin the afternoon, the children worked collaboratively in teams to enjoy some bird watching through the scope. They showed great patience and curiosity as they carefully observed their surroundings, discussing what they could see and hear in the natural environment. Following this, the children enthusiastically decorated their plant pots, producing some wonderfully unique and colourful designs. They then carefully prepared the soil, learning how to handle it gently, before planting their willow. The children showed great care and pride in their work and it was lovely to see their growing understanding of how we nurture and look after living things.

On Tuesday, Little Owls thoroughly enjoyed expressing themselves through art as they painted beautiful pictures of the daffodils growing in the Quad. The children amazed Miss Temprell by taking time to notice the details, colours and shapes of the flowers. If you have a moment, please do take a look at our windows, where you will see these lovely paintings proudly displayed alongside our very special pictures of our mummies. The children have spoken so fondly about their families and these displays really reflect the love and care they feel.

Throughout the week, we have observed some truly wonderful child-initiated play in the Quad, especially with the arrival of the sunny weather. The children have been deeply engaged in water play, exploring pouring, filling and problem-solving, as well as imaginative and cooperative play in the outdoor kitchen. It has been fantastic to see their creativity flourish, along with their developing communication and social skills as they worked together, shared ideas and negotiated roles.

We have also been very fortunate to spot a variety of minibeasts in the Quad. Mollie and Isaac showed great excitement and curiosity as they used magnifying glasses to closely observe a ladybird, taking time to notice its features and movements. These small moments of discovery are so valuable in developing the children's sense of wonder about the world around them.

In RE this week, we enjoyed a thoughtful and meaningful discussion about new life and how this links to what Jesus has done for all people. The children engaged really well with these ideas and asked some very insightful questions. They then created their own Easter eggs, each one thoughtfully designed to showcase different parts of the Easter story. It was wonderful to see how they expressed their understanding in such creative and personal ways.

Reception have been excitedly looking forward to their school trip to Big Sheep and Little Cow today (more details to follow next week).

## News from the Classes

### Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

Class Two have had a wonderfully rich and active week, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved. During Forest School, the children helped plant our new willow trees. They worked with great care and teamwork, and it was lovely to see how much pride they took in contributing to our outdoor space. Alongside this, the children have continued to observe our caterpillars. They have grown so much, and the class is eagerly watching each stage of their life cycle unfold.

In art, the children explored The Last Supper, studying the expressions and details before creating their own thoughtful interpretations. Their creativity and focus really shone through.

Our Design and Technology learning also moved forward as we continued our work on push and pull mechanisms. The children experimented with moving parts and began designing their own linkage mechanisms, showing impressive problem solving and perseverance.

We are especially proud of how the whole class approached assessment week. For our Year Ones, this was their very first time completing the assessment booklets, and they handled the experience with maturity, confidence, and a positive attitude. Every child should feel incredibly proud of their efforts.

### Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

We've had calm and focussed mornings this week as the children have been determinedly working on assessment activities. Afternoons have been creative with experiments, art and children preparing items for next week's Easter labyrinth. Art has focussed on collage with the children looking at photo surrealism and then creating a collage which represents themselves. We have been really impressed with the interesting and colourful final products.

In science, we discussed reversible and irreversible changes. The children were very knowledgeable about reversible changes such as melted chocolate and ice cream changing state. From carrying out observations of wood burning, rusted metal, raw and cooked eggs, mixing bicarbonate of soda and vinegar, the children learnt that there are indicators or irreversible changes—namely if a sound, smell or gas is produced or if there is a change in colour or temperature.

Who was Alexander the Great, what did he achieve and how did he influence the wider world? These three questions were our focus in history this week. The children enjoyed exploring the story of Alexander the Great and were amazed that in his short life he united his country and conquered almost all the parts of the world that were known to his people. We will complete the unit next week thinking about the legacy of the ancient Greeks.

### Greg James' Longest Ride

The children at Bilsdale loved cheering Greg James on as he passed through Chop Gate on Wednesday. There should be some pictures in today's Darlington and Stockton Times for anyone who wants to pick up a copy. Here is Lydia's recap:

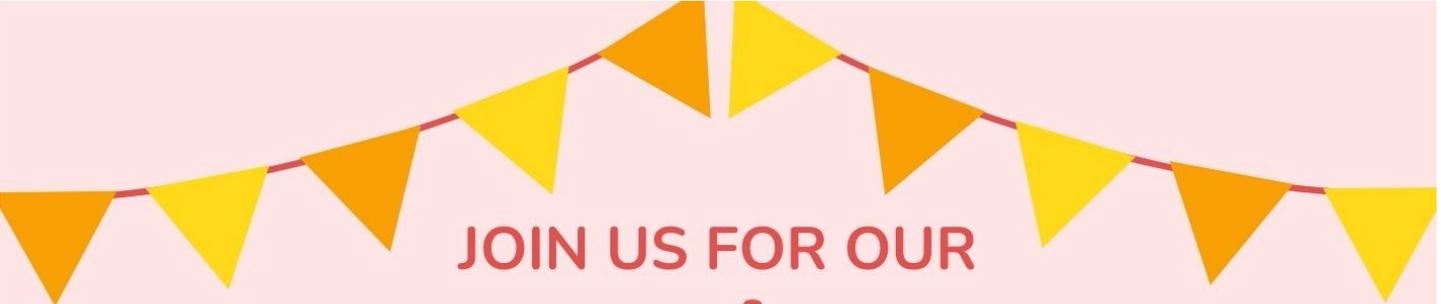
*Today my class and I went outside to watch Greg James's big bike ride for Comic Relief. He is aiming to do 1,000Kms in 8 days on a tandem. He started in Weymouth and is ending on Friday in Edinburgh. When he came past our school he was on his way to Sunderland. As he went past we all got very excited because he said, "thanks guys lovely to see this support."*

## Diary Dates

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

### Y5/6 Netball

Zara recounts the team's efforts at netball: *On Tuesday 17th March Y5/6 went on a bus to Stokesley Senior School to take part in a netball tournament against local primary schools. Everyone played really well as a team working together passing and scoring. We were really proud of each other because we came second. The only thing we need to work on is footwork and not passing through the boxes.*



JOIN US FOR OUR

# Easter Decorated Egg Competition



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

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

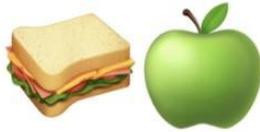
Prizes for the winners  
in each class.







# MARK SHIMWELL'S EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS



Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Great Ayton, Roseberry School TS9 6EP
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Carlton Faceby School TS9 7BB
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Guisborough, Belmont TS14 7BS
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Carlton Faceby School TS9 7BB
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Coulby Newham, RoseWood TS8 0UG
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Guisborough, Belmont TS14 7BS

 **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**

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# 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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# EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP COLBURN - RPP



**BOY'S & GIRLS 5-13 YEARS OLD**  
**TIME = 9AM TILL 3:30PM**  
**PRICE = £22 PER DAY**  
**ALL ABILITEIS WELCOME**

**TUES 7<sup>TH</sup> APR**  
**WEDS 8<sup>TH</sup> APR**  
**THURS 9<sup>TH</sup> APR**  
**FRI 10<sup>TH</sup> APR**

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**WEDS - 1<sup>ST</sup> APR**  
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