

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

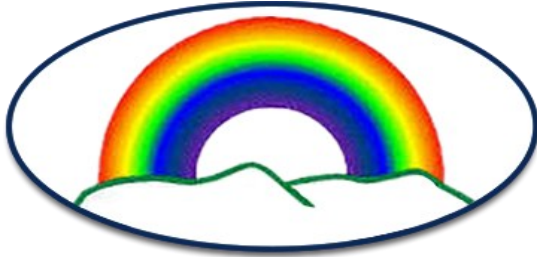
'The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works'

Luke 2:40

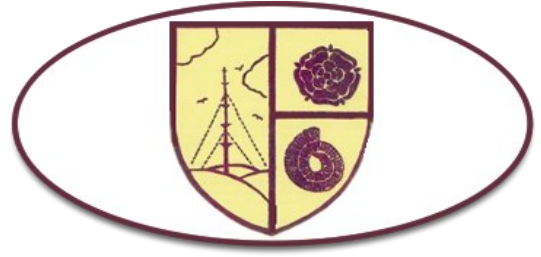
'And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom...'

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 15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge well done must go to our brilliant Y6 children who have absolutely smashed their way through SATs this week, we're incredibly proud of how they have lived out our vision by being resilient, determined and independent. They enjoyed a well-earned treat this morning, attending Hollywood Bowl for an hour-long bowling session followed by lunch. A big rest this weekend is definitely on the cards!

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, all classes took part in a live workout session with Joe Wicks yesterday, learning how our physical health can impact positively on our mental health. A great time was had by all.

Don't forget it's school photos next Tuesday, any Little Owls who would like a photo but don't usually attend on a Tuesday should come to the office before 9am please.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mr. M. Scott Executive Headteacher

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale— 92.5%

Carlton—94%

National Average—94.9%



Awards



Star of the Week— Darcy, Isaac D, Eve, Alice, Y3/4, Y5/6, Rupert, Lucia, Zeff, Zara

Kindness Award— Edward, Rupert, Lauren

Handwriting Award— Isla, Isaac L, Charlie, Lydia

Headteacher Hot Chocolate— Olive, Tadhg, Arthur, Scarlett S, Lydia

Corridor King/Queen— Ellie and Annie

Awards

Numbots accuracy—1st Dolly, 2nd Noah, 3rd Rocco

Numbots increase—1st Cruz, 2nd Noah, 3rd Rocco

Y2 TTRS awards— 1st Cruz, 2nd William, 3rd Lavinia

Y3/4 TTRS awards—1st Zeff, 2nd Lucia, 3rd Lyla

Y5/6 TTRS awards—1st Daisy, 2nd Adelaide, 3rd Arthur

Change of status - Support Act—Lyla

Vision Award— Dolly, All Reception, Anna, Bonnie, Sammy, Adelaide, Drew, Beth



Music of the Week

Next week's music of the week is 'Thunderstruck' by ACDC.



Collective Worship

Children in Reception—Y5 at Carlton visited St Botolph's Church yesterday to take part in a service to mark Ascension Day, to remember Jesus' ascension to heaven 40 days after Easter. Why not watch this online worship session which explains the significance of this important date in the Christian calendar. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kul162t9bA>



Notes

Big Read

Don't forget it's our inaugural 'Big Read' session next Thursday, starting at 2.30pm. Families are welcome to join children in their classrooms to share books and activities to further enhance our positive reading culture.



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 an absolutely incredible week of learning and purposeful exploration we have had across EYFS. The children have started each morning with fantastic focus during their independent morning tasks. It has been a joy to watch them thoughtfully compose brilliant sentences, carefully selecting their vocabulary, spacing their words and applying their growing phonic knowledge. We have been delighted with everyone's focussed, positive attitude towards their careful handwriting as the children concentrate beautifully on their grip and letter sizing. We are also very proud of our wonderful preschool children, who confidently joined our older children this week to practise forming the 'long ladder' letter family, displaying fantastic control and determination. Our daily dictation sessions are also showing just how hard the children are working and providing fantastic preparation for their future transition to Year 1 by building their listening stamina, memory retention and confidence when writing full sentences completely independently.

In maths we have successfully concluded our exploration of 2D shapes and had great fun developing our spatial reasoning and engineering skills by learning how to decompose a rectangle. Using their problem solving skills to manipulate and fold shapes, the children were thrilled to discover how to slice a rectangle to make two perfect triangles and then explore how to combine and transform those pieces back into one single shape. They were absolutely captivated by this hands-on geometry lesson, loving the discovery of how shapes can change, merge and fit together.

Our 'Ready, Steady Grow' topic has also truly come alive this week and we must say a huge thank you to all of the families who have supported us by donating plants for our topic. Alongside these colourful additions, our young gardeners have also planted some potato plants that Mrs Howe kindly donated to school, as well as some flourishing tomato plants from Mrs Cooper. The children were absolutely amazed to see how much these plants had sprouted already, marvelling at the green shoots and leaves. Our energetic Little Owls have been particularly great gardeners, taking care of our sunflowers and making sure they are thoroughly watered each day. After initially hoping to plant everything on Wednesday, the children showed great patience with the unpredictable British weather, waiting eagerly for a break in the clouds. They really enjoyed getting their hands dirty in the damp soil when the rain finally stopped, taking great care to dig the holes and gently position the delicate plants safely. They are now looking forward to watching the plants develop over the coming weeks, eagerly anticipating the chance to harvest, prepare and eat our own homegrown vegetables.

With this week's plentiful rainfall and sudden showers, outdoor exploration has been extra exciting! Our youngest children love playing and splashing in puddles, so it's extra important that they have spare clothing, including socks, in their bags in case they get wet. Thank you for your continued support.

News from the Classes

Carlton & Bilsdale KS1

This week in Class 2 we have been exploring the important work of the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) and linking it to our English work using the story *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* by Ronda and David Armitage. We have learned that the RNLI is a charity that helps save lives at sea and that brave lifeboat crews rescue people who may be in danger in the water. The children discovered that lifeboats go out in all kinds of weather, crews are trained to help people stay safe, the RNLI teaches us how to stay safe at the seaside and that most lifeboat crew are volunteers. We enjoyed exploring the RNLI website, locating lifeboat stations nearest to where we live. On a map, we then named some of the many stations around the coastline of the United Kingdom and researched what kind of boats each station had.

In our English, we are continuing to develop our use of adventurous vocabulary when writing about Mr Grinling and the mischievous seagulls who keep stealing his delicious lunch! The children have been retelling the story in their own words, using inverted commas to show dialogue and using adjectives to describe food and settings. In phonics, the Year 1 children continue to work hard on their sounding out and blending of real and fake words, in readiness for the Phonics Screening Check in June.

Our maths focus is now fractions, and the children have begun this new unit by learning all about parts and wholes, equal and unequal groups and recognising a half. We have learnt that the whole is the total amount and parts are the pieces that make the whole. We enjoyed a visit to church on Thursday and experienced our first Eucharist service for Ascension Day. The children were all blessed by Father David and sang the hymns brilliantly.

I am very proud of the children's enthusiasm this week—especially their thoughtful ideas about helping others and staying safe near water. Well done, Class 2!

Wishing you a lovely weekend - keep up the great work with reading and thank you for your continued support.

Carlton & Bilsdale KS2

This week, Key Stage 2 have been busy developing their Design and Technology skills through an exciting food technology project focused on seasonality and healthy eating. The children investigated where food comes from, how ingredients change throughout the seasons, and why eating seasonal produce can benefit both our health and the environment. They explored a range of fruits and vegetables grown in the UK and discussed how climate and seasons affect what is available at different times of the year. Using their research, the children then designed and made their own healthy salads. They carefully considered colour, texture, flavour, and nutrition when planning their recipes and practised important food preparation skills such as peeling, chopping, grating, and mixing safely and hygienically. Everyone enjoyed tasting the finished products, and many children were surprised by the new ingredients and flavour combinations they discovered.

As part of our learning about farming KS2 were delighted to welcome one of our parents Amanda Cornforth Smith into school to talk about life on their mixed farm. The children learned all about how the seasons affect daily life on a farm with both crops and cows. They discovered how farmers must work throughout the year to care for their animals and grow crops successfully, from planting and harvesting fields to feeding and looking after livestock during the colder months. The children were fascinated to hear about the different jobs carried out in each season and enjoyed asking thoughtful questions about farming life, machinery, animal care, and the challenges farmers face. The visit helped children make real-life links. The experience has also inspired some fantastic English work. Using the information, they learned during the visit, the children have begun writing diary entries from the perspective of a farmer. They have worked hard to include descriptive language, thoughts and feelings, and detailed accounts of daily farm tasks across the changing seasons. We would like to say a huge thank you to Amanda for sharing her time and expertise with us and helping to bring our learning to life.

Diary Dates

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
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 June	Reception new starters lunch with parents	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

Sensory Toys

Following our reminder about fidget toys last week, please see an important Trading Standards update below:

Redcar & Cleveland Trading Standards are warning retailers and residents about potentially dangerous sensory toys which are currently on the market. Sellers are advised to remove the below items from sale immediately if they have them in stock while residents are advised to not purchase these items if you are unsure of their safety:

- Suspected counterfeit / Copycat of “NeeDoh” Ice Cube
- Suspected counterfeit / Copycat of “NeeDoh” Popsicle
- Food imitation sensory toys, including items resembling butter blocks and bao buns where they are not correctly labelled in accordance with legislation.

Some of these products can pose risks to children such as containing unsafe materials or being a choking or ingestion hazard.

These products may breach UK product safety laws and could be subject to enforcement action.

Please note, this warning is only referring to “NeeDoh” counterfeit products. There is no known issue with the genuine “NeeDoh” toys.

Retailers can ensure the authenticity of their products by:

- Running background checks on suppliers to make sure they are legitimate
- Checking product labelling and markings
- Assessing product appearance and the potential risk to children

Concerns can be reported to Citizen Advice Consumer Service at 0808 223 1133 or www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer



Diary Dates

Children can enjoy this special seaside menu on Friday 22nd May—sandwiches, jacket potatoes and salad bar available as usual.

Stay for a special **SEASIDE LUNCH**

Fish Bites

Crispy Vegetable Fingers

Chips

Ice-cream Sundae

Join in the
FUN!

ANOTHER FUN LUNCHTIME

NYES | Catering



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

https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/hrcc/Course/fe5b6519-a456-4c11-9b10-01e0577b3d35?fbclid=IwY2xjawRLP6BleHRuA2FlbQlxMABzcnRjBmFwcf9pZBAyMjIwMzIxNz4MjAwODkyAAEeaO_hwIVKpTxZFBFvsdyOPzKOLrOaFOyrLHr5p-WANKObzbcKsUSV-HGJ7hw_aem_f16eAa50-lcRKobqXI_oZQ



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

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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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- ✓ Full support as you embark on a new career.

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