

1900
Head Mistress - Mary Hannah Hughes

March 2 1900

Made first entry today in New Log Book.

The attendance this week has been irregular owing to the wet weather. Three children have left the school reducing the number on books to 58 - 16 of which are infants. The work of all Standards progresses but slowly. The third Standard being particularly backward in reading as are most of the other Standards. Have deferred the Quarterly examination till the end of this month, the school having been closed for a fortnight since Xmas for the attendance being irregular.

March 9 1900

The attendance has been much better this week until today when the numbers have gone down. Admitted an Infant yesterday the first child this year. The writing & Reading in Standard three is very poor indeed the whole Class being backward in all subjects.

March 16 1900

The attendance has been better this week than any week during the year. The Reading still continues to be the worst subject especially in Standard III also the writing is not uniform. The children are making slow progress in Singing by Note.

March 23 1900

The attendance not quite so good as last week. The Attendance Officer called and took a list of those who have been attending irregularly during the Quarter. The Vicar has visited several times this week also Miss Hughes.

March 30 1900

The average has gone down considerably this week many children being absent through severe colds. Examined 1st & 2nd standards & Infants this week. The Reading and Spelling is weak in the Standards as also in the Infants Class. Miss Lovegrove Article 50 leaves the school today after 4½ years service.

April 6 1900

The attendance is considerably lower this week owing to bad colds and four children have left so there are now only 55 on the books. Standard I have been taken with the infants this week and must be until the new teacher appointed can come which probably will not be until April 25th, as I cannot take the four Standards without help.

April 12

The attendance has been fairly good this week. The Timetable not strictly adhered to as the Classes are taken together until the new Teacher arrives.

April 12 1900

Tested Registers, found correct

May Hughes

April 20 1900

The School was closed on Monday 1st being Bank Holiday and re-opened on Tuesday with a fair attendance which has continued during the week. Examined the 3rd & 4th standards this week; the latter is weak in Reading - the former in arithmetic & reading.

April 25 1900

Miss Wrigley Art 68 began to take charge of St I & II today. The Class has been without a teacher since March 30th

May 1 1900

Visited the School without notice.

E.G.A Holmes H.M.I.

May 4 1900

The work throughout the School has been better done than for some time but the Reading is still indistinct ~. not properly phrased. - H.M. Inspector visited the School on Tuesday and suggested that one arithmetic lesson should be devoted entirely to Mental Arithmetic taught from the Blackboard and ten minutes questioning before each Lesson. A Scripture Lesson will be given throughout the School on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday from 1 - 5 to I - 30.

May 11 1900

Yesterday the 10th being the Diocesan Inspection the Registers were not marked and a half holiday was given in the afternoon.

May 18 1900

The attendance of the children has been better this week than for a long time. Average 56.4 with 60 on books and the work throughout the Standards has improved. Two Lessons in singing will be given instead of so much Arithmetic until the children understand Singing by "Note" a little better.

May 25 1900

Admitted four children on Monday. The attendance the beginning of the week was good but has gone back the latter part. Miss Wrigley is managing her Class very well the children being more orderly and obedient.

May 1 1900**PRETORIA DAY**

Half holiday given in the afternoon

June 1 1900

School closed for Whitsun Holidays - one week

June 11 1900

Re-opened School after the Whitsun Holidays with a good attendance which has continued throughout the week.

June 12 1900

Attendance Officer called today. I told him it was useless to take the names of absentees as nothing is done by the Attendance Committee to enforce regular attendance.

June 22 1900

The attendance has been somewhat better during the week but several children are absent without any cause whatever. I examined the Infants yesterday previous to Miss Lamb's leaving the school, the Writing was nicely done and the Reading very distinct and clear. Altogether the Class is in a very credible state.

June 29 1900

The attendance has been good during the week. Miss Lamb leaves the School today after two years and two months service.

July 6 1900

Miss Clarke began on Monday to take the Infants Class to be approved as Art .68. The attendance has not been so good. this week as last. The Writing throughout the Standards needs improvement. Copying from the board. has been done instead of Dictation during the week.

July 11 1900

Miss Clarke absent today through sickness.

July 12 1900

Tested Registers, found correct. *May Hughes*

July 13 1900

The attendance has been very irregular during the latter part of the week. Miss Hughes (Manager) tested the Registers on Thursday and remained for half an hour.

July 16 1900

Miss Clarke absent again today from sickness so St.I is being taken with the Infants and I am taking St.II with the Upper Standards.

July 20 1900

The work of the School has been much hindered by the irregular attendance and the great heat this week.

July 25 1900

Mr Pascoe Assistant Inspector visited the School today without notice.

July 31 1900

Miss Clarke absent today through sickness.

Aug. 3 1900

School closed today for Harvest Holidays.

Sept 10 1900

Opened School today after five weeks Holidays with a good attendance. Jesse Sammon Monitress began to take Infants Class, Miss Clarke having left July 31st. Admitted two Infants & two in the First Standard. The four children who obtained a Labour Certificate have left .

Sept 12 1900

Tested Registers, found correct. *May Hughes*

Sept 14 1900

The attendance has been more regular this week than for several months past. Average. 57.1 with 60 on books. Spent the greater part of the week in the "Infants Room" the new Teacher being inexperienced.

Sept 21 1900

The attendance has not been so good this week. Miss May Hughes (Manager) has visit several times during the week. The children seem to have forgotten a great deal during the long "Holiday" but are gradually picking up.

Sept 28 1900

The attendance has been very irregular all the week. The attendance Officer called on Wednesday and took "list" of children who have been most irregular. Have been in the Infants Room the greater part of the week as the new teacher requires a great deal of training.

Oct 5 1900

The attendance has been better this week. Examined all Standards on the 1st. The arithmetic was weak throughout owing mainly to carelessness in working. The Reading was much better. The writing and Spelling fairly done. Object Lesson good. English & Recitation Fair. The girls sewing has improved. Drawing - good.

Oct 9 1900

Visited the School.

E.G.A. Holmes H.M.I..

Oct. 19 1900

Admitted six children this (Monday) morning t here are now 55 on the books. The attendance is still irregular. The children left the school last week.

Scheme for 1900 and 1901

LOWER DIVISION

English	<u>Reading</u> from suitable reading books (to be changed from year to year) Copy book writing & transcription. Formation of easy sentences both oral and written. <u>Recitation</u> "we are Seven" (Wordsworth) "The village Blacksmith" (Longfellow)
Geography	Shape and Motions of the Earth. Definitions illustrated by Map
Elementary Science	A course of Lessons o~ Common Things with objects familiar to the children.
Arithmetic	Same as this Year
Singing	By Note Old Notation and by ear.
Drawing	Same as before
Physical Exercises	Same as before
Needlework	Same as before

UPPER DIVISION

English	<p><u>Reading</u> from suitable Reading books one of which will be History of England & another a Geography book. Reproduction of passages read aloud or silently, letter writing, written descriptions of simple objects discuss in Object Lessons.</p> <p><u>Recitation</u> “Grays” Elegy The Watch of the Hesperus (Longfellow)</p>
Geography	The Physical & Political Features of England.
Elementary Science	The same as in Lower Divisions
Arithmetic	Same as this year
History	Oral exposition from History Readers
Singing	Same as Lower Division.
Drawing	As in Lower Division
Physical Exercises	As in Lower Division
Needlework	As in Lower Division

Elementary Science for whole School – 1900 and 1901

1. The Snail
2. The Silkworm
3. The Spider
4. The Bee
5. The Butterfly
6. Frog & Toad
7. Coal
8. Gold
9. Iron
10. Slate
11. Chalk
12. Clay
13. Sugar
14. Tea
15. Cocoa
16. Starch
17. Soap
18. Paper
19. Solids, Liquids and Gases
20. Coal - Gas
21. Steam (Clouds & Rain)
22. Icebergs & Glaciers
23. How Plants live
24. Stems
25. A Flower
26. Roots
27. Crystals
28. The Soil
29. The work of Rivers
30. Action of Water on Common Solids

Object Lessons (Infants) 1900 & 1901

1. Butterfly
2. Swan
3. Frog
4. Snail
5. Silkworm
6. Camel
7. Elephant
8. Spider
9. Bee
10. Ants
11. Herring
12. Spring
13. Summer
14. Autumn
15. Winter
16. Farm Yard
17. Birds Eggs
18. Tea
19. Sugar
20. Cocoa
21. Cork
22. Wool
23. Fur
24. Loaf of Bread
25. A Coal Mine
26. A railway Station
27. Spring. Flowers
28. A Tree
29. A Flower
30. A Pin

Occupations

1. Mat weaving
2. Stick Laying
3. Paper folding
4. Embroidery Cards
5. Colour Drawing
6. Drawing for boys

Singing by Note (old notation) and by ear.

Oct 26 1900

The attendance has been better this week. Working according to the old time-table until the beginning of the School year Nov. 1st .

Nov 2 1900

Admitted two Infants on Monday, there are now 59 children on the books. The attendance has been more regular this week.

Nov 5 1900

The Infants Teacher will be absent from today till the 19th having gone to Oxford for a course of instruction in S Barnabas Schools as suggested by E.G.A. Holmes esq H.M. Inspector. Miss Wrigley also absent today. In the morning the Vicar took Lower Division in Scripture. In the afternoon I took the whole, School myself.

Nov 16 1900

The Infants & Standard I have been taken by Miss Wrigley during the Infant's Teachers absence. The attendance has been more regular this week. The Vicar took the Infants and Lower Division of the School in Scripture yesterday morning.

Nov 23 1900

The attendance has been irregular this week the average. being only 47 last week it was 54. The children are taking to their new work very well. The Vicar took the Upper Division in Scripture this morning. Miss May Hughes was present at the Singing Lesson on Tuesday afternoon and said the children had greatly improved.

Nov 30 1900

The attendance has been irregular during the week several being absent through sickness others without any excuse at all. Miss Wrigley leaves the School today. The Managers have been unable to secure the services of a Teacher until after Xmas.

Dec 7 1900

The attendance is still unsatisfactory. The Infants & Standard I will be taken together until after Xmas. The Vicar visited on Thursday afternoon.

Dec 10 1900**H M. Inspector's Report 1900**

The children are in excellent order and work very steadily. Good progress is being made especially in Spelling and Writing but considering the strength of the teaching staff the curriculum might well have been more varied and interesting. The progress of the Infants has been adversely affected by changes in the teaching staff, but this class bids fair to do well under its new Teacher. The school badly needs a musical instrument.

Staff M H. Hughes (Head Mistress) J. Sammons (Monitoress)

Dec 14 1900

The attendance is still irregular amongst the younger children several being absent through sickness. The new work progresses but slowly. The Standards being taken together.

Closed school this morning till the 7th of January.

Xmas Holidays.

1901

Jan 7 1901

Opened School this morning after a fortnight's holiday with a good attendance. Miss Lewis began to take charge of Standards I & 2 today.

Jan 11 1901

On Tuesday and Wednesday a deep snow prevented most of the children from attending School. Miss Lewis also absent on Wednesday. The attendance has improved today.

Jan 15 1901

Miss Sammons absent yesterday and today (sickness).

Jan 18 1901

School closed at eleven this morning, as there was a "meet" of the O.B.H. No Scripture Lesson given.

Jan 25 1901

The attendance has been better this week than for some time. Admitted an Infant.

There are now 61 on the books - average for the week 57.6

Jan 30 1901

Miss Lewis absent today (sickness)

Jan 31 1901

Miss Lewis absent today (sickness)

Feb 1 1901

Miss Lewis not able to come to school today accordingly the classes are again disarranged & the work of the school hindered. There have been only three weeks since the end of October when both assistants have been present the whole week either from sickness or other causes. The three weeks preceding Xmas there was no assistant for the 1st & 2nd standards consequently they are behind in all subjects.

Feb 8 1901

The attendance has been irregular during the week owing to the cold and snowy weather.

Feb 14 1901

Miss Hughes (Manager) visited the school this morning and gave a lesson on the "Queen's Funeral" to the elder children - she also tested the Registers.

Feb 22 1901

The attendance has been better this week - three children have been admitted and three have left - there are now 61 on the books

March 1 1901

The children are getting on a little better with their work - the attendance being more satisfactory. Average for week 53. The Vicar has visited several times this week.

March 4 1901

Have requested Miss Lewis to be in time for Prayers as she was late this morning and she has also been late several times before.

March 5 1901

Miss Lewis absent today so Standard I was taught with the Infants and St. II with Stds. III & IV. The attendance has been irregular during the week.

March 8 1901

I have been working up St.II in arithmetic this week as I find they are so backward in that subject.

March 15 1901

The attendance has not improved this week - several of the children being absent without any reason consequently the work of the school is progressing but slowly.

March 22 1901

The attendance has been a little better this week. The Attendance Officer called on Tuesday and took names of those who have been attending irregularly. Admitted a girl in the 4th standard on Monday.

March 25 1901

Miss Lewis absent today consequently the classes have to be disarranged again - St1. taken with the Infants & St.II with the 1st Class. Gave lesson today on the "Census" as suggested by the Board of Education.

March 26 1901

The "Aid Grant" £50 for this year is to be used for the following purposes.
£25 to continue services of Third Teacher recommended by H.M. Inspector.
£15 for Painting and Colouring School
£10 for Pianoforte.

March 29 1901

Admitted four children on Monday - there are now 67 children on the Books. The attendance has been better this week.

April 4 1901

Admitted an Infant on Monday - there are now 68 on the Books - the attendance has been much better this week. Close school this morning for Easter Holidays.

April 12 1901

Re-opened School on Tuesday morning with a good attendance. Four children have left & two have been admitted there are now 66 on the books. The attendance has been better this week than for some time.

April 19 1901

The attendance has been good during the week, average. 62.7. 67 children on books. Examined whole School this week. (Quarterly examination).

April 25 1901

Visited the School without notice - *E.G.A. Holmes. H.M.I.*

May 7 1901

(Tuesday) Visited school today. F.R. Pascoe. Sub. Inspector.

May 10 1901

When Mr Pascoe visited the School on Tuesday afternoon five children were examined for Labour Certificates - four passed & have since left. Miss Lewis absent all day Monday the 6th.

May 17 1901

The attendance has been good during the week average. 61.6 with 64 on the books. Miss Lewis a quarter of an hour late on Monday morning and on Tuesday morning - have requested her to come in time as she sets such a bad example to the children.

May 20 1901

Scripture will be taken the first Lesson every afternoon till the Diocesan Examination in June instead of the first lesson on the Time-table.

May 24 1901

Break up today for Whitsun Holidays.

June 3 1901

Re-opened school this morning after a weeks holiday.

June 7 1901

The attendance has been fairly good during the week two more children have left the school- number on books 62 average for week 55.1. Miss Lewis late this morning.

June 10 1901

Verified Registers. *Robert Thompson.*

June 14 1901

Miss May Hughes visited the school on Monday afternoon also the Rev R. Thompson who tested the Registers. School closed at eleven on Thursday morning for the children to attend a service at the Church.

June 21 1901

The attendance has been more regular this week. Mr called on Wednesday morning and took names of those who have been attending irregularly since Whitsuntide.

June 28 1901

Several of the bigger children have been attending badly this week being wanted in the hay-fields.

Diocesan Inspection July 2nd 1901

"This School passed a very creditable examination & gave evidences of careful and diligent teaching. The recitation in the three groups was very good and the answering bright and intelligent". The Diocesan Prize was awarded to Florence Britain

M.H. Hughes. Hd. Teacher.

July 12 1901

The attendance has been better this week but owing to the great heat the children have been listless & idle. The Rev. R Thompson visited on Thursday and Miss Kay Hughes today (Friday)

July 19 1901

The intense heat this week has affected the attendance several of the Infants not coming from Fernham. The work of the School has also been much hindered from the same course.

July 24 1901

Examined Standards in all subjects some of the work was carelessly done but on the whole there was an improvement since last Quarter.

July 26 1901

School breaks up for five weeks Holidays.

Sep 2 1901

Re-opened School this morning with a good attendance 56 children being present.

Sept 2nd 1901

Page 37 was torn out by me because I upset the ink well over it today the only entries on it were those above for July 24 & 26.

Sep 6 1901

The attendance has been very satisfactory this week but the children have forgotten a great deal. during the holidays.

Sep 9 1901

I was absent this afternoon (sickness) the school was taken by Mrs Lewis Art 50

Sep 10 1901

Mr George (Manager) visited the school this morning.

Sept 20 1901

Mr Noad Attendance Officer called. this morning onl y one name was taken as the Attendance has been much better during the last three weeks since the holidays

Sep 24 1901

Visited the School

E.G.A. Holmes H.M.I.

Object Lessons for Standards 1901 - 1902

1. Butterfly
2. Snail
3. Ants
4. Frog
5. Spider
6. Silkworm
7. Bee
8. The Life of a Plant
9. The Garden
10. Horticulture
11. Common Garden Roots
12. The Potato
13. English Cereals
14. Wheat

15. Barley
16. Rye & Oats
17. A Flower
18. Common Bulbs
19. Soil its formation and Composition
20. Clay
21. Sand
22. The Soil & its uses
23. Parts of a Plant
24. Food of Plants
25. The Farmer's Friends
26. Animals
27. Birds
28. Earthworms
29. Pests
30. Bird animal and Insect

.List of Object Lessons for Infants 1901 & 1902

1. Cat
2. Sheep
3. Rabbit
4. Goat
5. Horse
6. Cow & Calf
7. Eagle
8. Ants
9. Donkey
10. Earth -worm
11. Sky lark
12. Lion
13. Hair Fur & Wool
14. Paws and Claws
15. Orange
16. Apples & Pears
17. Wheat
18. Tea
19. Soap
20. Starch
21. Paper
22. Ship
23. Wild Flowers
24. Needles
25. Matches
26. Copper
27. A Penny'
28. The Potato
29. Chalk
30. Carrot & Turnip

Kindergarten Occupations 1901 & 1902~

1. Mat Weaving
2. Stick Laying
3. Paper Folding
4. Embroidery Cards
5. Colour Drawing
6. Free Art Drawing

Singing by Note Staff Notation

Class Subjects.

History

Geography

Object Lessons

Recitation

The Plantagenet Period

England Physical and Political Lower Stds. Definitions

Thirty Definitions

Standards IV & V Horatius. Lower Stds. "Try Again" and "Lucy Gray"

Oct 4 1901

E.G.A. Holmes, H. M. Inspector visited the school in the 24 September and examined four children for Labour certificates – three passed who have since left – I admitted three infants on Monday – there are now 60 children on the books. Miss Sammons absent on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday the Infants were taken by Miss Lewis – the Standards by me

Oct 11 1901

The attendance has been irregular during the week several children have left owing to parents leaving the village. Have moved all the children into fresh classes and commenced the new work for the year.

Oct 18 1901

The attendance has been more regular during the week. Admitted three children on Monday average for week 54 .2 with 58 on the books. Nine children have left the School during the last fortnight.

Oct 31 1901

Miss Lewis left the School today. and as the Managers have not secured the services of another Teacher in her place the work of the School is divided between Mrs Sammons (Infants Teacher) and October therefore the Time-table cannot be strictly adhered to .

Nov 8 1901

The attendance has not been satisfactory during the week Several of the Infants staying away the weather being cold & foggy.

Nov 15 1901

The attendance has been slightly better this week Stds III IV & V getting on very well with their new work - especially Arithmetic.

Nov. 22 1901

The attendance still irregular several of the older children staying away without any reason. thus hindering the work of the School.

Nov 28 1901

School commenced this morning at ten minutes to nine and closed at eleven. No Scripture lesson given. A half holiday given in the afternoon.

Dec 2 1901

G Drinkwater commenced duties today as Assistant.

H.M. Inspector's Report 1901

The children are quiet and. well behaved and. are well grounded in the elementary subjects. The curriculum is fuller and more varied than it was last year. A fair start has been made in History , but the children do not seem to be interested in Geography. More attention should be given to teaching Composition and less time given to Dictation. The School now possesses a good musical instrument. More wall pictures are needed & a wall Atlas of England. The Teacher of the Infants has evidently derived considerable benefit from her visits to a good Oxford school. The children are being brightly and intelligent taught and seem to be getting on well. J. Sammons is recognised under Article 68 of the Code.

Staff

M.H. Hughes Certified. Teacher
J. Sammons Article 68.

."The highest Grant (22 shillings) has been obtained".

Dec 13 1901

The attendance has been very irregular during the week owing to the stormy weather thus interfering with the work of the school. Only 26 children present yesterday morning (Thursday the average for the week 44 - last week 52 with 58 on the books.

Xmas Holidays

Two Weeks

1902

Jan 10 1902

Re-opened School on Monday after a fortnights holiday with a good attendance which has continued during the week - all on the books being present twice in that time. Miss Drinkwater absent yesterday and today (Sickness) consequently the School is again disorganised & the work hindered.

Jan 15

Miss May Hughes visited the School this morning.

Jan 17 1902

The attendance still continues good - the lower Classes are backward in all subjects having had no regular teacher since the end of October. Miss Drinkwater still absent & will be for another month by the Doctor's orders, having had "Measles" - consequently the work of the School is again divided between myself and the Infant's Teacher.

Jan 24 1902

The attendance is very satisfactory this week all on the books being present three times during the week average 56.2 with 58 on Registers. The "Class" work progresses very slowly - the elementary subjects in the upper Class very much improved especially the Arithmetic.

Jan 31 1902

The attendance has not been so good this week owing to the very cold weather. The Class Subjects have improved a little this week especially "Geography" Standard I except for the latter subject and Reading is taken with the Infants - St II with the Upper Class.

Feb 7 1902

The attendance has been irregular this week owing to the cold weather and thus the work of the School is much hindered the writing throughout the Standards has much improved during the last fortnight. Miss Drinkwater not returning but the Managers have not yet appointed another Teacher.

Feb 14 1902

There are two cases of "Measles" in the village so the attendance is not so good as last week. Miss May Hughes visited the school on Thursday morning and gave a Scripture Lesson to the upper class. The Vicar has also visited several times during the week.

Feb 21 1902

Several children away the whole week from sickness consequently the average is low - 43.8 last week 48. The Managers have not yet been able to secure the services of a Teacher for the lower Standards so the Classes continue to be taught as before.

March 12 1902

The School has been closed since February 24th owing to the Mistress's illness and re-opened this morning. Miss Lloyd Ex P.T. Art. 68 commenced to act as Assistant today. The School was conducted by the Vicar on Monday 24th of February and then closed till the 12th of March.

March 21 1902

The attendance has been very irregular this week several children being absent through sickness thus the average is lowered & the work of the School hindered av. for week 48.8. The Rev. R. Thompson visited on .wednesday and took the Upper Class in Scripture.

March 26 1902

Mr Noad Attendance Officer called on Monday ~ took names of those children who have been attending irregularly. All on books present/this afternoon school closed for Easter Holidays.

April 1 1902

Re-opened School this (Tuesday) morning - neither of the Assistants have returned stdI have to take the whole school myself, consequently the Time-table cannot be strictly adhered to.

April 2 1902

Miss Sammons absent today. Infants & Standard I taken by Miss Lloyd. St. II taken with the Upper Class.

April 8 1902

Miss Sammons returned to School today after being absent since the 26th.

April 11 1902

Examined whole School this week - results not very satisfactory - the work not being as good as last year due no doubt to the fact of there being only two Teachers during the present school year - to Easter - with the exception of five weeks. Also the School was closed for nearly three weeks so that altogether it has been a broken year.

April 18 1902

The children have made more progress this week although the attendance is still irregular. Most of the Arithmetic Lessons have been given to problems worked on the Board and Mental Arithmetic - the writing in the upper Class is not good also the Spelling is weak. Rev. R. Thompson visited on Thursday morning and gave a "Scripture" Lesson

April 25 1902

Several of the children away with bad colds - the attendance has been irregular all the week, consequently the work of the School progresses slowly. Miss Sammons has been teaching the Girl's Sewing since the new Teacher came and they are improving very much. Miss Lloyd taking the "Infants" Drawing curing the Sewing Lesson.

May 2

The attendance has been more regular this week and the work throughout the School a little better done. The Rev. R. Thompson visited on Wednesday and tested the Registers.

May 9 1902

The attendance has been very good this week and the work throughout still improving. Miss Lloyd has taken St. I & II out in the big room all the week - find the writing & Arithmetic much neater.

May 16 1902

The attendance has not been quite so good this week. Miss May Hughes visited the School Thursday morning and the Vicar in the afternoon. Miss Lloyd leaves today. Break up this afternoon for Whitsun holidays.

May 26 1902

Opened school after a week's holiday with a good attendance. the Managers being unable to secure the services of a Teacher for the 1st & 2nd Standards the school is again disorganised & the work divided between Miss Sammons and myself - Scripture will be taken the first Lesson this afternoon & tomorrow afternoon, stopping at (1.25) instead of the first lesson on the Time Table.

May 30 1902

Three children from Fernham came in this morning at 20 minutes past nine after the registers were closed. The Diocesan Inspection took place on Wednesday morning consequently the Registers were not marked and a holiday was given in the afternoon.

June 6 1902

The attendance has been irregular this week owing to Sickness amongst the younger children- the work of the school divided between the two Teachers as last week.

June 9 1902

Miss Bowden Ex P.T. Art 68 "began to take charge of the Infant Class today and Miss Sammons Stds. I & 11- both Assistants came this afternoon seven minutes after one O'clock although I have told them to come five minutes before the bell rings.

June 13 1902

The attendance irregular all the week owing to the wet weather. One family away because of "Measles" on Thursday morning. Closed School at eleven O'clock. No Scripture lesson given - Average 45.2 with 54 on books.

June 20 1902

The Attendance Officer called yesterday and took names of those attending irregularly. The Vicar has visited several times during the week. The work throughout the school progresses but Slowly as the attendance has been so irregular and the frequent changes of Assistants.

June 30 1902

School closed on Friday last (27th). Miss Sammons absent today (sickness). Std. 1 taken with the Infants - Std. II with the Upper Class. Admitted three Infants today. There are now 57 children on the books.

July 1 1902

Miss Sammons absent today - School divided as yesterday

July 7 1902

Mistress absent on Friday (Sickness). School carried on by Assistants

July 11 1902

The attendance is still irregular amongst the older children the work has been a little better done throughout the school this week. Average 49.3 - 57 on books.

July 18 1902

Examined whole School this week. There is a decided improvement in the Class subjects especially in the Upper Glass in Geography. Composition is also much better than when I last examined them. Reading, writing and Arithmetic is very weak in the lower class - having had three changes of Teachers during the school year the work of this Class has been much hindered. The Infants Reading is good but the writing needs careful attention. The Girl's Sewing is not good.

July 25 1902

Rev. R. Thompson visited the school this morning and tested the Registers. Miss May Hughes visited Wednesday and Thursday and gave Scripture Lesson.

School closed this afternoon for Harvest Holidays.

Harvest Holidays – Five weeks

Sept 5 1902

Re-opened school on Monday after five weeks holidays. The attendance was not so good as might have been expected but on Tuesday all were present except one child both morning and afternoon and the attendance has continued good during the week. The Rev. R. Thompson visited on Tuesday morning. The children seem to have forgotten a great deal during the holidays and will require careful and patient teaching to the end of the School year.

Sep 12 1902

The attendance has been irregular all this week amongst the elder children so that the average is lower than last week.

Sep 18 1902

Not one boy present in the Upper Class today - they are employed by the Farmers to get in the late harvest. Only 41 present this afternoon - 15 less than on Monday morning this irregularity is seriously affecting the work of the School.

Object Lessons for Infants 1903

1. The Farmyard
2. Its Buildings
3. Their content
4. Their uses
5. Their Food
6. Animals kept on the Farm 5
7. The Farmer's implements
8. Their uses
9. Springtime
10. Birds which come in the Spring 11
11. Cuckoo
12. Swallows
13. Martin
14. Flowers of Spring
15. Daisy
16. Primrose
17. Cowslip
18. The Trees in Spring - buds - leaves etc.
19. Fruit Trees- their bloom
20. The Garden in Spring
21. What work is done in it
22. The Flowers
23. The Fox
24. The Hare
25. The Rabbit
26. The Cow
27. The Horse
28. The Sheep
29. The Dog
30. The Mole

Kindergarten Occupations 1903

1. Mat weaving
2. Brick Building
3. Free Arm Drawing
4. Stick Laying
5. Embroidery Cards
6. Paper Folding
7. Brush Drawing

Singing by Note - Staff Notation **Object Lessons for Stds. I & II 1903**

1. Autumn
2. The work on the Farms
3. The harvest
4. The Fruit Trees
5. The vegetables
6. The appearance of Nature in Autumn
7. A Bird - covering wings, beak etc.
8. Local Birds - The Lark -The Rook
9. The Thrush
10. The Robin
11. Local wild Animals - The Rabbit
12. The Hare
13. The Fox
14. The Hedgehog
15. The Weasel & Badger
16. The Otter
17. The Mole
18. Winter - The repose of Nature
19. Animals on the Farm - how fed in winter
20. The Weather - Winter Sports
21. A Plant
22. Roots
23. Stems
24. Leaves & Blossoms
25. Fruits & Seed
26. The Farm in Spring
27. The Garden in Spring
28. Wild Flowers - The Daisy etc
29. The Cowslip
30. Birds of Spring

Class Subject Stds. I & II 1903

Geography

"Definitions" and "Physical" Geography of England

Recitation	"We are Seven" "The Village Blacksmith"	(Wordsworth) (Longfellow)
Singing	By Note "Staff Notation"	
Grammar	With Composition	

Object Lessons for Upper Class 1903

1. Productions of England
2. The Cereals - where especially grown - soil
3. Arable ~ Pasture Land - different parts of England
4. Dairy Produce - Fruit Counties - Hops
5. Soil its Formation & Composition especially bearing on different soils in Locality
6. Clay Soil
7. Sandy Soil
8. The Soil & its uses
9. The Life of a Plant
10. Food of Plants
11. Different Kinds as Riverside, plants that grow in running water .- Sil 1 water etc
12. A Flower
13. Springtime appearance of "Nature"
14. Spring Birds - The Cuckoo
15. The Swallow & .Martin
16. Spring Flower - The Daisy & Buttercup
17. The Cowslip & Primrose
18. Hedgerow Trees - Elms & Ashes
19. Trees of Forest - Oak & Beech
20. Evergreen Trees
21. Riverside Trees - Willow etc .
22. The Air around us
23. What Clouds are made of
24. Clouds & Rain
25. A Glass of Milk.
26. The Fox
27. The Otter
28. The Mole
29. The Hedgehog
30. The Rabbit

Class Subjects for Upper Class 1903

Geography

"British Isles" generally
"British Possessions"

"Australia" (St.IV & V)

English History

The "Tudor" Period and the "Stuart"

Singing

By Note "Staff Notation"

Recitation

St. IV & V	"The May Queen" (Girls)	(Tennyson)
St. IV & V	"The Battle of Waterloo"	(Byron)
St. III	The Burial of Mores	(Mrs Alexander)

Grammar taken with Composition

Sep 26 1902

The attendance Officer called this morning - the attendance has been very much better this week 54.8 with 58 on the books. Miss May Hughes visited the School on Thursday morning.

Sept 30 1902

Visited the School *E.G.A. Holmes H.M.I.*

Oct 3 1902

The School was visited on Tuesday morning by Inspector E.G.A. Holmes Esq., A half holiday was given in the afternoon. The Recitation in the "Scheme" was not approved of except "The battle of waterloo" which is to be taken by both boys and girls in Stds. IV & V. Std. III to take the same pieces as Stds. I & II. "Periods" in English History not recommended to be taken but the History books to be gone straight through. Miss Bowden absent on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday.

Oct 6 1902

Mistress absent today (Sickness).

Oct 7 1902

Miss Bowden leaves the School today having obtained a better appointment in London. The School will therefore be divided between myself and Miss Sammons who has been teaching Stds. I & II.

Oct 17 1902

All children put a Standard higher and the new work begun. Admitted two boys on Monday Four have left - 58 on the books - average for week 53.3.

Oct 24 1902

All Standards getting on with Arithmetic but Reading backward in all Classes. Attendance better this week.

Oct 31 1902

The vicar visited several times during the week and tested the Registers on the 28th. Miss May Hughes has also visited the School twice and gave a Scripture lesson to the Upper Class.

Nov 7 1902

The attendance not so good as last week. I am now taking Standards II III IV & V. Miss Sammons taking the Infants & St. I.

Nov 14 1902

The attendance still irregular amongst the younger ones. Reading and Spelling in all Standards very backward especially Stds. II & III.

Nov 21 1902

The attendance very irregular this week amongst the Infants several being away from sickness and the severe weather.

Nov 28 1902

The attendance worse this week than last the weather being very wet keeping many of the younger ones away. The Vicar has visited several times during the week also Miss May Hughes visited on Thursday morning and gave a Scripture lesson to the Upper Class.

Dec 5 1902**H.M. Inspectors Report 1902****Mixed School**

The general condition of this School is fairly satisfactory, though scarcely so satisfactory as the strength of the teaching staff might lead one to expect. Many of the children are backward for their (age), years, the number of children in the first Class being unduly small. Problem working seems to have received considerable attention Writing and Spelling are creditable, and Geography has improved, but Reading in the Upper Group is careless, imperfect and not well expressed and Composition is poor.

Infant Class

The Teacher of the Infants who was in charge when the school was inspected seemed to be bright and capable, but many of the children are backward for their years, the result of this being that the desks are sometimes overcrowded. It would be well if the gallery which is steep and inconvenient could be removed and suitable desks placed on the floor.

Staff

M. H. Hughes

C.M.J. Sammons Art.68

Grant for the year £72. 1. 0

22 shillings on the older children

17 shillings on the Infants

Average for the year 50 four less than last year

M.H. Hughes Hd. Teacher

Dec 12 1902

The attendance has been irregular this week owing sickness amongst the younger children. School closed on Thursday at 3.0'clock instead of 3.30 to get the School ready for the children's tea and entertainment.

Dec 19 1902

School closed this morning for Xmas Holidays

Xmas Holidays Two weeks

1903

Jan 9 1903

Re-opened School on Monday morning the 5th with a small attendance the weather being very wet -but there are 53 children present this afternoon those having returned who have been obliged to stay away on account of Scarlet Fever. The Rev. R. Thompson has left Longcot and the new Vicar the Rev. A.B. Irvine visited the School this morning.

Jan 16 1903

The attendance has been better this week although the weather has been severe. Miss May Hughes visited the School on Thursday morning and gave a Scripture Lesson to the Upper Division.

Jan 23 1903

Another case of Scarlet Fever has broken out necessitating the absence of three children for six weeks Mistress absent on Wednesday also Thursday morning - (sickness) the School taken by Miss Sammons with the help of a Monitress.

Mr Phillips (Manager) visited the School this week also the Rev A B Irvine.

Jan 30 1903

The Vicar visited on Wednesday morning. On Thursday morning school commenced at ten minutes to nine – dismissal at a quarter past eleven on account of a “meet” of the O.B.H. No scripture lesson given.

I certify that I have this day tested the registers and find them correct Paul Phillips

Feb 6 1903

The Attendance Officer called on Wednesday and took names of two children who have attended badly during the quarter.

The attendance has been better this week than for a long time.

The work of the new quarter has been begun this week examined children in the “Class Subjects” taken during the last quarter. Find they answer best in “Geography” and “English History”.

Feb 13 1903

The attendance has been good during the week especially amongst the elder children/ There is a slight improvement in the reading of the upper class and 2nd Standard still backward in all subjects.

Feb 20 1903

The attendance the first part of the week was very good but the numbers have gone down today (Friday). Admitted an infant on Wednesday there are now 69 children on the books. Average for the week 53.0. The arithmetic continues to improve in all classes. The composition is better done by the upper class – but reading is far from good in any class.

Feb 27 1903

The Rev A B. Irvine visited the school on Monday also today (Friday).

In future the Scripture lesson on Fridays will be given from 11.5 to 11.35 instead of 9.5 to 9.25.

March 6 1903

The attendance has not been so good this week. The reading in the Standards is somewhat better but the spelling and composition still about the same. The arithmetic the best subject in all classes. Scripture lesson given by the Rev A B Irvine from 11.5 to 11.35 instead of 9.5 to 9.25

March 10 1903

The attendance has been more regular this week than for some time. There are not 60 on the books Average for week 55.4. The reading in the lower standards has somewhat improved. The writing and spelling still needs careful attention in all classes. The Rev A.B Irvine visited this morning (Friday)

March 20 1903

Visited the school had prayer and examined the children *A B Irvine*

The attendance the first part of the week was better than usual, but the latter part the attendance has fallen off owing to bad colds particularly the infants average for week 48.0.

March 27 1903

Visited the school *A B Irvine*

The attendance still low from sickness average 45.4
The attendance officer called on Thursday. Miss May Hughes visited the school the same day.
The work of the school is much hindered by the irregular attendance

April 3 1903

Visited the school and catechised *A B Irvine*

Examined the whole school this week. The reading has improved, the arithmetic is the best subject. Spelling and composition fair. Writing needs care. Class subjects not good. Infants reading good, writing fair.

April 7 1903

School buildings inspected today

April 8 1903

I certify that I have this day tested the Registers and find them correct. *Paul Phillips*

April 9 1903

School closed this morning for Easter holidays till the 20th

April 20 1903

Re-opened school this morning with a good attendance all the children have returned who have been away through sickness during the last few weeks.

April 24 1903

Three of the best children have left the school this week. Two in the Upper Class and one in the Infants. Admitted an infant on Monday, making 21 infants on the books and 35 in Standards. Scripture lesson given for 20 minutes every afternoon this week, the first lesson instead of secular instruction.

April 28 1903

Diocesan Inspection. Registers not marked – a holiday given in the afternoon.

April 30 1903

Visited the school

As the Standard I children are now taught with the infants, it is essential that they shall all be taught together in one room. The larger classroom should be fitted up with suitable desks and the infants shall be transferred to it. This matter ought to be attended to without delay, as I cannot approve of Miss Sammonds having charge of two rooms. New desks will in any case have to be procured for the infants, as those on the galley are quite unsuitable. A few simple inexpensive toys are needed for the babies. The roof leaks badly and out to be thoroughly repaired.

Two or three fresh sets of reading books ought to be procured as soon as possible for the older infants.

The approach to the girls' offices is very muddy. A proper path out to be made. A larger urinals needed for the boys.

E G A Holmes H.M.I.

May 1 1903

Visited the School

A B Irvine

May 8 1903

Visited the school and catechised

A B Irvine

May 15 1903

Visited the school and catechised

A B Irvine

May 1 1903

The attendance has been better this week than for some months – average 54.6 the highest as yet during the school year. Two boys Joseph Lovesey and George Whiting have received certificates for partial exemption from school till the 29th of September next.

May 15 1903

The attendance has not been so good this week as last amongst the elder children. Admitted an infant making the number on the books 59. Mr Phillips (Manager) visited the school also Miss Phillips visited and looked at the girls' needlework on Wednesday.

The Rev A B Irvine visited as usual on Friday morning.

May 22 1903

Visited the school and catechised

A B Irvine

The attendance has been very good during the week. Average 55.1 with 59 on the books. The reading is still the worst subject in all classes.

May 29 1903

Visited the school and catechised

A B Irvine

The attendance has been irregular the elder children being employed by their parents in various ways. Sent names to attendance officer.

Close school this afternoon for Whitsun Holidays.

June 8 1903

Re-opened school this morning after a weeks holiday with a good attendance 54 children being present.

June 12 1903

Visited the school and catechised *A B Irvine*

The attendance officer called on Tuesday and took names of absentees.

School commenced at 8.50 on Thursday morning and closed at 11. No scripture lesson given.

Miss May Hughes visited the school this (Friday) morning

June 15 1903

Only 36 children present this morning on account of the "floods"

June 19 1903

Visited the school and catechised *A B Irvine*

The attendance has been irregular all the week owing to the wet weather of floods so that the work of the school has been much hindered.

June 26 1903

Visited the school and catechised *A B Irvine*

The attendance has been better this week than for a long time. Admitted three boys on Monday there are now 60 on the books . Average for week 56.5.

July 3 1903

Visited the school and catechised *A B Irvine*

The attendance has been very good during the week with the result that the work has improved. The reading is a little better in the upper class but composition still needs improvement.

July 10 1903

Visited the school and catechised *A B Irvine*

The attendance continues fairly good. The infants are making good progress in writing and reading – the 1st class (Infants) have begun to use "pens" for writing instead of "lead pencils"

July 17 1903

Visited the school and catechised *A B Irvine*

The attendance has not been so regular this week amongst the elder children.

The arithmetic and reading is a little better done in all standards.

Composition and spelling still needs improvement. The class subjects are fair.

July 24 1903

Visited the school and catechised *A B Irvine*

Examined whole school this week. There is a decided improvement in the dictation and composition.

The arithmetic was not well done – the reading is better in the upper class. Geography very fair.

English history only fair. Singing very good. Recitation good. The Infants in first class read and write very well.

July 30 1903

I certify that I have examined the Registers and find them correct. *Paul Phillips*

July 31 1903

Visited and catechised and announced school to re-open on 7th Sept - *A B Irvine*

School closed this morning for five weeks holiday – *M H Hughes*

Sept 7 1903

R4-opened school this morning after five weeks holidays. A poor attendance several boys away at work. Mr Phillips (Manager) visited this morning.

Sep 11 1903

The attendance has not improved during the week.

Mr Phillips visited again yesterday (Thursday) the Vicar being away ill and Mrs and Miss Phillips this afternoon and looked at the girls' "needlework"

Sept 16 1903

The school closed this afternoon until Monday 21st for repairs.

Sept 21

School re-opened this morning with 38 children.

Repairs not finished – workmen in school so that it is difficult to teach – cannot work exactly by timetable.

The gallery being taken down in the Infants room. The infants are obliged to be in the other classroom without proper desks.

Sept 25 1903

The attendance of the elder children is very irregular and the work of the school is hindered thereby.

The work of the Infants cannot be properly carried on as the present desks are not suitable.

Oct 2 1903

The attendance still very irregular in the upper class.

Grade 1 will be mainly taught in the big room instead of with the Infants until the end of the school year only – afterwards their attendance will be reckoned with the Infants.

Oct 5 1903

Two desks have arrived for the Infants – the larger class room will for the future be the "Infants Room". Also pictures etc. have been removed into it.

Object Lessons for Infants 1904

1. Frog
2. Snail
3. Silkworm
4. Squirrel
5. Duck
6. Camel
7. Elephant
8. Coffee
9. Tea
10. Sugar
11. Wild Flowers
12. A lead pencil
13. A pin
14. A needle
15. Dandelion
16. Feathers
17. Mouse
18. Jam
19. Fire
20. Thistle
21. Spider
22. Roots of plants
23. Calico
24. Flannel
25. Slate Pencil
26. Orange
27. Olive
28. Book
29. Butterfly
30. Figs

Occupations

1. Mat Weaving
2. Brick Building
3. Stick Laying
4. Paper Folding
5. Embroidery Cards
6. Drawing

Singing by Note

Staff Notation

Object Lessons for the Standards 1904

1. Soil its formation and composition
2. Clay
3. Sand
4. Chalk
5. Coal
6. Soil and its uses
7. How plants feed
8. Simple Manures
9. Common garden plants
10. Living helps to gardening
11. A flower
12. The geranium – its culture
13. The garden in spring
14. Work in the fields – planting
15. Local “wild flowers, cowslip etc.
16. Spring birds
17. Cuckoo
18. Swallow Martin Swift
19. Summer – work in the fields (hay making)
20. Common cultivated fruits
21. Common English cereals
22. Autumn – Work in the fields (harvest)
23. The honey bee
24. The fly
25. Frog and toad
26. Care of our bodies
27. Food
28. Drink
29. Exercise
30. Clothing

Class Subjects for 1904

Geography

Upper Standards “British Isles”
Lower Standards “England”

History

From end of Stuart period to reign of Queen Victoria

Grammar – taken with Composition

Object Lessons – Thirty selected

Singing By note – staff notation

Recitation

Lower Standards “Wreck of the Hesperus” (Longfellow)
Upper Standards “Prisoner of Chillon” (Byron)

Oct 7 1903

I visited this school – *A H Cherrill*

Oct 9 1903

I certify that I have examined the Registers and find them correct – *Paul Phillips*

Rev A B Irvine visited the school this morning and Mr Phillips tested the Registers this afternoon.

Oct 14 1903

The attendance officer called this morning and took names of absentees

Oct 16 1903

Opened school and catechised – Rev W Bryan catechised – *A B Irvine*

Admitted three children on Monday. Two half timers have returned to school and the attendance has been much better during the latter part of the week – 61 on books. Average for week 54.7

Oct 23 1903

Admitted four more children on Monday there are now 65 children on the books – the attendance during the week has been much better than for a long time. Average for week 58.8.

Oct 30 1903

The attendance not so good this week. Several children being absent through sickness and the wet weather. Average 50. 65 on books. Miss May Hughes visited on Thursday morning and gave a Scripture Lesson.

The Rev A B Irvine and Rev Bryan visited this morning.

Dec 11 1903

The attendance has been more regular this week but several children still away through sickness. Began to work by new timetable this week and arithmetic by Scheme B. The Rev A B Irvine visited the school this morning and catechised the children as usual.

Dec 18 1903

The attendance about the same as last week – several of the bigger children absent occasionally without any excuse. Average for week 57.6.

Dec 23 1903

School closed this morning for Xmas holiday.

1904

Jan 11 1904

Re-opened school this morning with a good attendance

Jan 15 1904

The storm weather has made the attendance somewhat irregular since opening school on Monday morning.

Jan 17 1904

The six Standard 1 children have been taken from the Infants room and are taught with the older children. There are now 26 Infants on the books and 40 children in the big room.

Jan 22 1904

Visited school – catechised and checked Registers – *A B Irvine*

The attendance has been excellent this week. Average 62 with 66 on books.

Jan 29 1904

The very wet weather this week has somewhat affected the attendance

Feb 5 1904

Admitted another child on Monday. There are now 67 on the books. The children from the out lying districts have been prevented from attending regularly this week because of the “floods”. Average for week 60.

The Rev A B Irvine visited this morning and gave Scripture lesson as usual.

Feb 12 1904

Visited and catechised – *A B Irvine*

Commenced working by new timetable (Monday 9th) approved of by H.M.I. also the morning meting is extended from 11.30 to 12. Afternoon 1.35 to 3.40. Many of the Infants away this week owing to bad “colds” and storm weather.

Feb 15 1904

Only 47 children present this morning (bad colds)

Frank Pike marked absent this afternoon – coming in after the Registers were closed. Also Lena Richens.

Feb 19 1904

The average has been reduced this week to 43 through sickness amongst the Infants and younger children last week it was 57 the previous week 60.

Feb 23 1904

Annie Smallbourne came in at a quarter past nine after the Registers were closed.

Feb 26 1904

The children who have been absent through sickness have returned and the average attendance this week is 61. Readmitted an Infant on Monday. George Whiting left school on the 19th being 14 years of age.

The attendance officer called on the 25th. Received on the 24th stationery, sewing materials etc. for the next six months.

Report 1904 (by HMI)

The discipline and organisation of this school leave much to be desired. There is a great deal of talking among the children and some copying and the arrangement by which the 1st Standard is taught with the Infants in a small room where there is no accommodation for them by the Teacher Art.68 of the Provisional Code, leaving the large main room with about one third of the children under the head mistress is most injudicious. The written work of the children is neatly and carefully performed, but the oral lessons appear to be given without due preparation and the approved timetable is departed from without reasonable cause. It seems clear that the school is not being conducted with due industry and energy. Unless there is great improvement in these matters the higher scale of Grant under Art.105 cannot again be recommended. The appointment of a monitress is highly desirable. Many of the pegs in the cloakroom are broken and caps are piled on the window ledges. The offices must be kept regularly supplied with requisites. There is no apparatus for teaching Geography.

The teacher manages her four classes with wonderful skill and excellent work has been done especially by the 1st Standard in Composition but it is utterly impossible for her to do full justice to such a number of children of varying attainments. She should be entirely relieved of the responsibility for the 1st Standard immediately and have the help of a monitress for the lessons in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic at any rate. The ventilation of the room needs improvement. The attendances made by all the children taught according to Article 12(a) must be registered as attendance of Infants not of elder scholars.

A better Report will be looked for next year and organisation of the school should be attended to at once. Greater care must be taken in keeping the Registers property entered up. The teachers do not appear to be engaged under written agreements. I am to refer you to Art.71 of the Prov. Code.

March 4 1904

Admitted two Infants on Monday and one boy left to go to work the same day. There are now 68 children on the "books".

The infants' teacher absent yesterday and today (sickness) so have had to work single-handed with the exception of the help of one of the older girls. In consequence of the snowy weather today attendance

March 11 1904

Admitted another Infant on Monday there are now 69 children on the books. Average for week 62.

March 17 1904

I visited this school – *S G Fremeneheere* H.M.I.

March 18 1904

No school yesterday afternoon as H.M.I visited in the morning. Admitted another Infant on Monday – 70 on the books. Average for week 63.

March 25 1904

The attendance has been good during the week. Miss May Hughes visited on Wednesday and Thursday morning and gave Scripture Lesson to the Upper Class.

The Rev A.B. Irvine visited as usual on Friday morning.

March 31 1904

Attendance not so good this week. Closed school this morning at 11.15 (children taken to church) for Easter Holidays until April 11th.

April 11 1904

Re-Opened school this morning with a good attendance. 69 children present out of 70 on books.

April 15 1904

The attendance has continued good throughout the week. The Rev A B Irvine visited as usual and took Scripture lesson on Friday morning.

HM Inspector's Report after visit paid 17 March 1904

The school is in an insufficient state. The discipline is bad, the Arithmetic exercises have not been honestly marked, and the oral lessons are not properly prepared. During needlework lessons, the infants teacher has to instruct all the older girls as well as three classes of infants in a room which the infants alone more than sufficiently fill. This must cease at once, and it is essential that at all times the infants teacher should have some assistance. Neither of the rooms is sufficiently warmed, and the infants' room is ill-lighted. The offices are unsatisfactory in position, and structure and drainage and the boys are in a discreditable condition. Both sets are accessible to the public. The boys' cloakroom is without light or ventilation, and the girls' and infants is inadequate. The pegs in the latter need re-arrangement. There is no lavatory. If the plot adjacent to the school is school property it should be enclosed and property surfaced for drills.

A B Irvine
15th April 1904

May 9 1904

I Juo. Holden at the Committees request took charge of this school, during the temporary closure of my own – that is till Whitsuntide. Rose Broadhurst marked absent, arrived too late to be marked present.

Nell and Rose Broadhurst came in at 1.50 too late to be marked presents.

The staff which is as under at the present date has not been entered:

Mrs Holden (certified) Temporary Head
Jessie Sammons Art 68.
Jessie Brown Ditto

Signed: *A.B.Irvine*

The Vicar, Miss Irvine and friend called this afternoon

May 11 1904

Work is now proceeding very quietly, a marked diminution in talking, and all facilities for copying removed. The children in upper division seem fairly bright and intelligent.

The attendance is praiseworthy: Some of the children might be a little more tidy in their appearance.

April 22 1904¹

Attendance good during the week. Average 71. Admitted three boys on Monday there are now 72 children on the books. School closed this Afternoon.

April 25 1904¹

Miss Brown (Art 68) commenced duties in mixed room.

May 12 1904

Children taken to church at 11.10 for religious instruction instead of usual time. School closed in afternoon.

May 13 1904

Average attendance for the week B.41 G.30 I. Total of attendance 91.

A. B. Irvine Examined and checked registers and found correct.

May 17 1904

Mr W Challows, School attendance superintendent Berks County Council visited the school.

May 19 1904

Today and during the week the Head Teacher has held examinations of the children six months of the school year have passed. To give suitable work was difficult task as no record books or accounts of work appear to have been kept.

Arithmetic appears to be far behind what might be expected at "end of six months". Discipline is very lax. Regularity of attendance is good but punctuality is poor. Many children often arrive too late to be marked present.

History and Geography do not appear to have been much taught during the half year.

Handwriting is far from uniform in style. Standard 11 appear to understand addition but have no idea of subtraction.

The attendance returns and monthly statistics have been filled in for May and duly sent.

Two boys M Whiting and P Jordan leave today, in accordance with byelaws to work on farms for six months.

Miss Sammons (Art 68) in the infants room terminates her duties in this school today.

School closed this afternoon for Whitsun holidays to resume May 30.

My duty as temporary Head Teacher ends today.

JM Holden

May 20 1904

Took temporary charge of this school today- *J.M. Nye*

June 2 1904

I find this school in a deplorable condition. The organisation is very bad. The discipline does not approach a reasonable limit. The attainment of the children are not a calculable quantity. There are no record books, but as a set off to this, there is nothing to record. I cannot find one redeeming feature. In justification to myself I feel compelled to make these apparently strong remarks.

¹ Ed.Note *these entries are out of sequence in the log and it would seem two pages were turned over in error – April 22nd entry is in Mrs Hughes handwriting ,and April 25th is in Rev Irvine's hand. It would seem Mrs Hughes did not return for the Summer Term following the HM Inspector's report, and temporary head teacher Juo(?) Holden was appointed on May 9th..*

June 3 1904

The attendance this week has been good. Four children absent owing to Chicken Pox. Visited the school and catechised. – *A B Irvine*

June 7 1904

The Vicar visited this morning

June 10 1904

The attendance this week has been fairly good. The attendance officer visited this morning.

June 13 1904

Visited this school

As the children are very backward in this work, I have told the master in charge to go back some distance in the year's work – although this is the Third Quarter of the school year, and work steadily from where he finds they can commence – rather than push on to the end of the year, leaving the earlier portion of the work untouched.

A J Shirley

June 16 1904

Received "Record Books" from education committee this morning.

Mr W Sargeant Inspector of School Buildings, Berks Ed.Comm. visited and inspected the building this morning.

June 17 1904

The attendance this week has been good, but a Club anniversary in the village yesterday somewhat detracted from what would have been an excellent attendance.

June 20 1904

Miss Frogley commenced duties as assistant mistress (Art 68) (temporarily) in charge of Infants Department

June 21 1904

Took stock today

June 24 1904

The master is working according to instructions on previous page (123).

The attendance is very good.

June 30 1904

Received goods today from educational supply association.

July 1 1904

The attendance this week has been good. Miss Frogley concluded her two weeks temporary engagement today.

July 5 1904

Miss Brown has charge of the Infants – work for which she is unsuited, lacking training and experience in Infants Schools.

With the exception of the two cases of Chicken Pox, every child is present this morning.

July 7 1904

The attendance is good – but the work is not progressing as it should do – another teacher badly needed.

July 8 1904

A very good average attendance has been somewhat marred by a number of absentees today. Weather very hot.

July 12 1904

Several children absent through sickness, principally Chicken Pox. Weather very hot.

July 13 1904

A very poor attendance this afternoon – A club fete at Shrivenham being the counter attraction – only 64 present. We have now five children absent on account of Chicken Pox.

July 15 1904

Sickness increasing. Attendance falling in consequence. Weather very hot. A poor average for the week.

July 19 1904

The attendance is good, the Chicken Pox seems to have almost died out. The weather is still very hot.

July 21 1904

Miss May Hughes, a member of the School Management Committee visited this morning. The attendance is very good considering the very hot weather.

Visited the school. All looked clean and orderly. I could clearly tell which children were newcomers, for those who have been under Mr Nye are so much neater and brisker looking. The children appeared to take real interest in his teaching. Expressing what they knew still seemed their difficulty.

May Hughes

Miss Irvine and Mrs Marshall visited this afternoon.

July 22 1904

The vicar visited this morning and took the religious instruction.

July 27 1904

A very wet morning – a very poor attendance in consequence only 58 present.

July 29 1904

A very wet morning – poor attendance. The Vicar visited and gave the religious instruction and afterwards dismissed the school for the Summer Holiday. 5 weeks.

Sept 5 1904

Reopened school – a good attendance. Nothing has been done in the matter of cleansing and improving the school rooms. The general progress of the school is seriously impeded on account of the Infants Department being without a teacher.

Sept 8 1904

A very wet morning – a good attendance nevertheless.

Sept 9 1904

The Vicar visited this morning. The attendance throughout the week has been good.

Sept 12 1904

A very wet day – a very good attendance

Sept 13 1904

Mr Phillips, a member of the School Management Committee, visited this morning.

Sept 14 1904

A very wet morning, but the good attendance is maintained, and this in face of the fact that a number of children come from a distance. Mrs Irvine and Miss May Hughes visited yesterday afternoon and remained during the singing lesson.

Sept 15 1904

Miss May Hughes visited this morning

Sept 20 1904

I visited this school – *G R Theobald* –

At the request of H.M.I. (sub) The Vicar and Mr Phillips attended.

Owing to the insufficiency of the school staff, the timetable is not strictly adhered to.

Sept 22

My services as Master in temporary charge terminated this morning.

J M Nye

Walter M Large takes charge of this school today.

Sept 23 1904

The Vicar came this morning and gave a scripture lesson to the children.

Sept 28 1904

Mr P Phillips one of the Managers visited this morning

Sept 30 1904

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual scripture lesson to the children this morning.

Oct 4 1904

A very poor attendance today a number of scholars going with their parents to the Fair at Faringdon.

Oct 5 1904

H.M.I. S Fremenheere Esq. visited the school this afternoon, and at his request Mr P Phillips one of the Managers attended.

Oct 7 1904

The Rev A B Irvine gave a lesson in scripture this morning to the children in the Standards

Oct 12 1904

A holiday this afternoon owing to the marriage of a popular person in the parish.

Oct 17 1904

A wet morning caused the absence of several children living at Fernham.

Oct 21 1904

The children are taking more interest in their work, and some are now progressing satisfactorily The Vicar gave a scripture lesson this morning.

The vacancies in the school for an assistant teacher and a monitor have not yet been filled.

Oct 28 1904

The Rev A B Irvine gave a scripture lesson to the standard classes this morning.

Nov 1 1904

Another School year begins today. There are 91 names on the Registers. 85 children are present this morning. Mr A J I Assistant Secretary visited and inspected the school.

Nov 4 1904

Visited and catechised all the Standards – *A.B. Irvine*

Nov 11 1904

Visited and catechised all the Standards – *A.B. Irvine*

Nov 21 1904

I took temporary charge of this school today – *John Wright*, Certificated and Trained Teacher

Rev Irvine visited school this morning

Miss Rawlings Art 68, commenced duties as Temporary Assistant (Mixed)

Nov 22 1904

The attendance officer called and took names of absentees.

Nov 23 1904

Mr P. Phillips, one of the Managers, visited school this morning

Nov 28 1904

Rev A B Irvine visited and took scripture lesson. Parts of desks, stationery etc. arrived from Educational Supply Co. today.

The attendance during week has been poor owing to sickness and the weather.

Rev Irvine visited school and took scripture lesson.

Dec 1 1904

Miss May Hughes and friend visited this morning

Dec 2 1904

Rev Irvine took scripture as usual this morning.

Miss Rawlings terminated duties as Temporary Assistant

John Wright terminated duties as Temporary Head Master.

Found registers not marked on Friday 11 November and ruled off.

Several cases of measles report to Mr Stevenson the attendance Officer.

Dec 5 1904

Took temporary charge of school this day – *Monday Bolton*, Certificated and Trained Teacher

Mr P Phillips one of the School Managers, visited the school this morning: as also the Rev Irvine this afternoon.

Mr Stevenson S.A.O. visited took names of absentees

Dec 7 1904

Mr Stevenson S.A.O. called to enquire after children of "Defective Intellect"

Dec 8 1904

School visited by H.M.I. S G Fremenheere, Esq and Mr Sargeant, Buildings Inspector of The Berkshire Council. The Vicar was present. Mrs Monday Bolton C.T. came to assist in the school

Dec 9 1904

A most inclement day: a very poor attendance. Vicar visited this afternoon

Dec 12 1904

Measles prevalent: a poor attendance
Registers inspected by S.A.O. Mr Stevenson.

Dec 14 1904

A miserable and wet morning: many came wet through and as these came from along distance their clothes were dried in school. Only 40 children were present. The Registers were not marked (Art 23.N.B.)

The same conditions prevailed throughout the day.

Dec 15 1904

The new dual desks used for the first time today. Weather improved: attendance also.

Dec 16 1904

Two new fire-guards placed in the large room this day
The Vicar catechised the senior children 11.25-12 noon.

Dec 19 1904

Measles and very inclement weather have together much reduced the attendance. Those who during the past fortnight have been regularly at school, are really making good progress in all their subjects. The work generally is neat, more methodical and clean, and the children themselves are in appearance more clean, and tidy. There is also much improvement shown in the matter of punctuality.

Dec 20 1904

School visited by Mr J Phillips this morning

Dec 21 1904

Mr Stevenson S.A.O. inspected the attendance this morning.

Dec 22 1904

A very wintry day, many away on this account and for measles, which have spread very rapidly. Mr and Mrs Bolton terminated duties as temporary Head and Certificated Assistant of this school. Gave notice of Xmas Holidays of 2 weeks.

1905

Jan 9 1905

I took charge of the school today having been appointed permanent Master.
My wife, Mrs Sarah Kate Light, also commenced duties today as Assistant Teacher (uncertificated)
Miss J Brown continues as Supplementary Teacher in charge of the Infant Class.
Mr P Phillips visited the school at its re-opening this morning after the Christmas holidays.
The Rev A B Irvine visited the school in the afternoon.

Signed *Walter Light*

Jan 10 1905

Miss Hughes visited the school in the morning and Mrs Irvine in the afternoon.

Jan 11 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer called

Jan 12 1905

Miss Hughes visited the school

Jan 13 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction

Jan 16 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called.
Mr Phillips visited the school in the morning.
The Rev A B Irvine visited the school in the afternoon.

Produced at Managers' quarterly meeting and read – *A B Irvine, Chairman 17 Jan 1905*

Copy for the information of the Managers Berks Local Education Authority
Longcot and Fernham Church of England School ISO 19222

Copy of H.M. Inspector's Report made after visiting 20 Sep 1904

Mixed Infants

“The school has suffered considerably during the past year through having no settled Head Teacher, and has been left for the whole year with the exception of three weeks with insufficient staff. Under such conditions it is scarcely surprising that the attainments of the children are much lower than they should be and discipline somewhat lax.

The arrangement by which the Infant Teacher takes the needlework of the Upper School, leaving the infants to the charge of two of the older girls is of course most unsatisfactory. The Teacher manages the infants pleasantly and maintains fair discipline, but it is impossible for her properly to instruct these classes without help, some assistance is imperative. Two of the desks are badly broken and in their present condition are dangerous”.

Signed *A B Irvine, Correspondent.*

Jan 17 1905

The Rev A B Irvine visited the school in the afternoon

Jan 19 1905

Mr P Phillips visited the school in the morning

Jan 20 1905

Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction
Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the afternoon.

Jan 23 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called.
The Rev A B Irvine visited the school in the afternoon

Jan 26 1905

I certify I have examined the registers and find them correct – *P Phillips*

Miss Irvine visited the school in the afternoon

Jan 27 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his weekly religious instruction

Jan 31 1905

Mr P Phillips visited the school in the morning

Feb 1 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the morning.
Received two sets of lavatory fittings, each consisting of tripod stand with basin, water can, soap dish and pail beneath the basin into which the latter discharges. Also received two strong wooden rollers with brackets into which they fit for roller towels.

Feb 2 1905

Mr P Phillips visited the school in the morning

Feb 3 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his weekly religious instruction
Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the afternoon

Feb 6 1905

Mr P Phillips and Mr E F Wilson, Managers, visited the school in the morning

Feb 7 1905

Received ½ gallon of ink per Mr E J Wilson. Probably owing to the frequent changes of interim teachers, the provision of a supply of ink for the year had been overlooked, and, as there was none in stock, it was necessary to obtain some at once without waiting for “requisition” to be sent to the County Committee.

Feb 8 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the morning.

Feb 10 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his weekly religious instruction

Feb 13 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called.

Feb 14 1905

Mr Phillips visited the school this morning

Feb 16 1905

Mr Phillips visited the school in the afternoon

Feb 17 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his weekly religious instruction

Feb 20 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the morning.

Mr P Phillips visited the school this morning.

Whooping cough has developed at Fernham causing the attendance of children from that district to be low. It is also, apparently commencing to affect the children at Longcot.

Feb 20 1905

Visited the school. A new Stock Book is being forwarded from the Berks Ed. Office and the Master has been instructed to 'take stock' as from March 1 1905 and enter up in the new book.

A J Shirley, Assist. Secretary, Berks Ed. Comm.

Feb 24 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the morning.

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction

Feb 27 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, visited the school in the morning.

Mar 3 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction

Mar 9 1905

Received a new stock and stores book from the Secretary of the Berks Education Committee in accordance with the entry under date of Feb 20th last.

A wet morning, only 50 children present out of 88, and in the afternoon only 67 were present. Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the morning.

Mar 10 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Mar 14 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the afternoon.

Mar 16 1905

Mr P Phillips visited the school in the morning

Mar 17 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction

Mar 20 1905

Mr P Phillips visited the school in the afternoon.

Mar 21 1905

Visited – *W F Spikes*

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the morning, as also did Mr P Phillips and the Rev A B Irvine.

Received a new Masters Desk.

Mar 22 1905

Received one new Teacher's High Chair

Mar 23 1905

Received two boxes of stationery from the Educational Supply Association and one parcel of Kindergarten materials from Charles & Dible.

Mar 24 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction

Mar 29 1905

Miss May Hughes, formerly a manager and official correspondent of this school, visited in the morning.
Mr P Phillips visited in the afternoon

Mar 30 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the morning.

Mar 31 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction

April 5 1905

I hereby certify that I have examined registers and find them correct – *E J Wilson*

April 6 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the morning.

April 7 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction

April 10 1905

A very wet day, causing 20 children out of 89 to be absent

April 11 1905

Received the final parcel of stationery to complete the order of March 3rd. Sent all invoices to the Education Secretary of Berks Education Committee

April 12 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the morning.

April 14 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.
A very wet day only 66 children present in the morning and 67 in the afternoon out of 89.

April 20 1905

Thursday next before Easter. Commenced the secular instruction immediately after closing the registers (as on Fridays) so as to take the children to church at ten minutes past eleven for a short service, after which the children were dismissed for the Easter Holidays.
To re-assemble on Monday May 1st at 9 a.m.

May 1 1905

Re-opened school after the Easter Holidays

May 2 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the afternoon.

May 3 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction and afterwards publicly read a formal notice that the school will be inspected by the Diocesan Inspector of Schools on Thursday the 25th day of May.

May 8 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the morning.
This Log Book was produced at quarterly meeting of Managers
A B Irvine, Chairman – 12th May 1905

May 15 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the afternoon and informed me that new Bye-laws had come into use. Mr Phillips also visited.

May 19 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction

May 22 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, visited in the afternoon

May 24 1905

Gave notice that school would not assemble in the morning of to-morrow as the Diocesan Inspector of Schools would examine the children in religious knowledge in the afternoon, commencing at 1.50 p.m.

May 25 1905

The Rev G E J Milner Oxford Diocesan Inspector of Schools, examined the children in religious knowledge in the afternoon as announced yesterday.

May 26 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction

May 30 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the afternoon.

May 31 1905

The Rev A B Irvine visited in the morning

June 1 1905 Ascension Day

Commenced the secular instruction immediately after closing the registers (as on Fridays) so as to leave school at ten minutes past eleven to take the children to a service in the church.

Half holiday in the afternoon.

June 2 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction

June 6 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the morning.

Owing to its being very rainy only 71 children out of 85 were present, whereas yesterday only one was absent

June 8 1905

Miss May Hughes, a former manager of the school, visited in the morning. Closed school at the end of the afternoon session for the Whitsun Holidays.

To re-open at 9 a.m on Monday the 19th Inst.

June 19 1905

Re-opened school this morning

June 20 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the morning.

June 23 1905

Mr Stevenson visited again. Attendance this week has been at the rate of 97.9 per cent.

The Rev A B Irvine visited, bringing with him the Report of the Diocesan Inspector's visit of May 25th last as follows:

“The work has been carried on under difficulties owing to changes of teachers. The Infants did not answer many questions. More time should be given to the simple explanation of the Catechism, and as many as possible of the Texts on page 26 of the Syllabus should be learned and explained. In the Middle and Upper Divisions a very fair knowledge was shown of the Bible subjects. The Catechism was fairly well explained: the meaning of the words should be known, and full use should be made of the notes and suggestions of the Syllabus of which each Teacher should have a copy”

Diocesan Prize: Edith Brittain

Highly Commended: Chas Light, Florence Stratton

Commended: J Baxter, L Stratton, E Punt, B Nichols, C Lovesey

Received notification from the Berks Education Committee that they approve of the appointment of Annie Pipkin as Monitor to date from 19th Sep 1905.

In the meantime the Managers of the school have agreed to be responsible for paying her salary as the Infant Class teacher imperatively needs some assistance, and she is exempt from school attendance having passed the qualifying examination in March last.

June 26 1905

Mr Stevenson, school attendance officer, called in the afternoon.

June 30 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

In consequence of a continuous heavy rain only 57 children attended school in the morning and 64 in the afternoon out of 88.

Told the Longcot children to assemble at the school tomorrow afternoon (Saturday) at 2 o'clock if fine, but at 3 o'clock if wet, to go in procession to Ringdale (the Fernham children to join in when the procession reaches their village) to be entertained at tea by Mrs Paine, to play in her park, and to receive a present at her hand when leaving at 7 o'clock.

July 7 1905

Miss May Hughes, a former manager of the school, visited in the morning

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

July 12 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Owing to the attraction of the annual Fete and Gala in Becket Park, Shrivenham, only 68 children out of 86 attended school in the afternoon.

The monitor, Annie Pipkin, being unwell I had to send her home in the afternoon.

July 14 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

The monitor has been too unwell to return to her work during the remainder of this week.

July 17 1905

The monitor returned to her duties this morning (Monday)

July 19 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

This Log Book was produced and read at quarterly meeting of the Managers
A B Irvine, Chairman 21st July 1905

July 24 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the afternoon.

July 26 1905

I have examined the registers this morning and found them correct.

E J Wilson

July 27 1905

Visited – *W F Spikes*

Closed school at the end of the afternoon session for the summer holidays of five weeks. To re-open at 9 a.m. on Monday 4th September.

Sept 4 1905

Re-opened school this morning. Every child present.

During the holidays a small window was made in the approach to the boys' cloakroom, a ventilator was put in the wall of the infants' north class room and fire guards were fitted in each of the class rooms. Scarlet fever has developed in one family at Fernham, but it is hoped that by isolating the children of that family its spread will be prevented.

Sept 7 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, called in the afternoon.

Sept 8 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

The monitress, Annie Pipkin, has not returned to school since the holidays having given notice of her resignation during the holidays as her family are about to leave the district.

Sept 11 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Sept 15 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Sept 18 1905

Bessie A J Berry of Fernham commenced working today as monitress, assisting Miss Brown with the Infant Class which now numbers 38.

Sept 20 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Sept 22 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Sept 28 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the afternoon.

Sept 29 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Oct 4 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the afternoon.

Oct 5 1905

Mrs Hughes and Miss May Hughes (a former manager of the school) visited in the afternoon.

Oct 6 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Oct 9 1905

Received information that a boy in the lower group of older scholars is suffering from Scarlet Fever and is to be removed to the district isolation hut tomorrow morning.

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Oct 13 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Oct 16 1905

Commenced having fires today

Oct 19 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Oct 20 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Oct 23 1905

Mr Morgan H.M.I. visited the school in the afternoon.

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the afternoon.

Oct 27 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Oct 31 1905

I have examined the registers this morning and found them correct

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the afternoon.

Nov 1 1905

A new school year commenced today. The classes were re-organised, 28 children being placed in the Infant Division under the charge of Miss Jessie Brown (Supplementary Teacher) and Bessie A J Berry (Monitress). In the Mixed Upper Department 31 children of the first and second years were placed in the lower class under the charge of Mrs S K Light (Uncertificated Teacher) and 35 children of the third and following years were placed in the upper class under the charge of the Head Master. Total number of children 94.

A new stove was placed in the main school room towards the north end to re-place the one there which from long usage had become very much worn and dangerous.

Nov 3 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Nov 6 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

This Log Book was produced and read at quarterly meeting of Managers.

A B Irvine 10th November 1905

Nov 16 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Nov 17 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Nov 22 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the afternoon.

Nov 24 1905

The Rev A B Irvine visited in the morning.

Mr A j Shirley, assistant secretary of the Berkshire Education Committee visited in the afternoon to make enquiries as to the need of a number of new reading books ordered on Oct 31st.

Copy of H.M. Inspector's Report (Mr S G Fremenheere) made after visit of October 23rd 1905**Mixed**

The School has settled down under its new teachers who are working hard to improve the attainments. Order is very good and the children show signs of increased interest in their lessons. Much however has yet to be done to bring the proficiency to a satisfactory condition ins of intelligence, and to regain ground lost in the past. Records of progress for all classes should be regularly kept and terminal examinations held and reported on.

There are too few sets of Reading Books in each class, and additional cupboard accommodation is required. The walls need repainting.

Infants The children are in good discipline and teaching is pains taking and fairly successful, but the methods employed admit of much improvement. Further apparatus is required for teaching of Number.

Mixed and Infants The Managers are to be congratulated on the improvements they have made in the buildings, but the small lobby leading to the boys' new cloakroom is still too dark, and it is unventilated. The Boys' entrance porch is also dark. The ventilation is capable of improvement especially in the classrooms, and the insanitary method of disposing of the soil from the closets to which attention was called in July, continues.

There should be no further delay in remedying the defects to which H.M. Inspector calls attention (Article 18 of the Codes)

A B Irvine, Correspondent – 24th November 1905

Nov 27 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the afternoon.

Dec 1

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Dec 4 1905

Received a supply of new Reading Books, Geography text books, Atlases, Arithmetic Books etc. While waiting for them during the past month the children have had practice from various other books introduced by the teachers, as well as from the blackboard and oral lessons which have prepared them for using the new books regularly. They have not been at a standstill as at first their work naturally depends chiefly on oral demonstration.

Dec 7 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Dec 8 1905

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Dec 15 1905

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Dec 21 1905

The Rev A B Irvine addressed the children at the close of school in the afternoon and Mrs and Miss Irvine distributed oranges as the school would be closed for the Christmas Holidays.

To re-open at 9 a.m. on Monday Jan 8th.

1906

Jan 10 1906

Re-opened school at 9 am 92 children out of 95 were present.

During the holidays the school was thoroughly cleaned and the walls distempered in two colours. Two new lights were put in the north porch and passage to the boys' cloak-room. A new inlet for fresh air was put in the north west corner of the infants' class-room.

As the necessary scrubbing etc. was not completed till the afternoon of yesterday it was impossible to re-open the school on Jan 8th as hoped and the holidays were therefore extended two days till this morning.

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the afternoon.

Jan 12 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Jan 16 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Miss Brown, teacher of the infants class absent today unwell. In her absence the class was taught by Bessie Berry, the monitor, assisted by a girl from the first class of the upper department.

Jan 19 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Jan 25 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

It being very wet, 21 children out of 95 were absent in the morning but as the weather improved by mid-day only 3 were absent in the afternoon.

Jan 26 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Jan 29 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Received 3 dozen Macmillan's "New Globe Readers Book 1V" which were not included in the parcel of December 4th as they were not read for issue then.

Jan 31 1906

Examined the registers and found correct – *E J Wilson*

Feb 2 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Produced and read at quarterly meeting of Managers and signed on behalf of the Managers
A B Irvine, Chairman 2 February 1906

Feb 5 1906

Ellen Louisa Griffin, formerly a scholar in this school, commenced work as a Monitor assisting with the Infant Class in the place of Bessie Berry who ceased working on Friday last Feb 2nd.

Feb 8 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Feb 9 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Feb 16 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Feb 22 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Feb 23 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Feb 26 1906

Received a wall atlas of the British Empire which was ordered in November but was then apparently out of print.

Feb 28 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Mar 2 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Mar 6 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Mar 9 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Mar 13 1906

The Rev A B Irvine visited in the afternoon.

Mar 15 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Mar 16 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Mar 22 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

Mar 23 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

April 6 1906

Official number of Longcot and Fernham Church of England School – No.120

April 9 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

April 12 1906

Commenced the secular lessons immoderately after closing the registers at 9.10 a.m so as to take the children from school at 11.10 a.m. to church for a service at 11.15 after which the children were dismissed for the Easter holidays.

To re-open on Monday morning the 23rd of April.

April 23 1906

Re-opened this morning after the Easter holidays

April 24 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the afternoon.

April 25 1906

The monitor, absent today to attend her brother's funeral.

April 26 1906

I have examined the registers and find them correct – *James George*

April 2 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

May 1 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

May 4 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

May 10 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the afternoon.

May 11 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

May 16 1906

I visited the school – *W F Spikes*

May 21 1906 Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

May 24 Ascension Day and "Empire Day"

In consequence of the sudden illness of the Vicar the service in church in the morning had to be abandoned and the religious instruction was given in the school as on other mornings.

A half holiday was given in the afternoon.

At 3.45 pm. the children assembled outside the school and saluted the Union Jack as it was hoisted afterwards singing appropriate patriotic songs.

They then marched into the school room and partook of a plentiful tea provided by the Vicar and his wife.

Closed school in the afternoon for the Whitsuntide Holidays. To re-open on Monday June 11th.

June 11 1906

Re-opened after the holidays.

June 13 1906

Gave notice that the school would not assemble to-morrow as 53 out of the 94 children were going to join in the Annual Festival of the local Rechabite Society.

Copy of H.M. I. Mr Fremenheere made after visit of 16th May 1906**Mixed**

“Discipline continues quite satisfactory and the teachers are making efforts to raise the standard of efficiency in the instruction. The methods adopted are, however, not always of the best. Much more attention should be paid to the cultivation of intelligence in Arithmetic and the grouping of the children into fewer classes for this subject would conduce to that end. The Writing lessons should be more frequently devoted to Composition, and some instruction in the grammatical construction of sentences is necessary. In Music, the staff should be taught in addition to the present tonic sol-fa, notation. The importance of well considered syllabuses of instruction have not yet received proper attention, and the systematic examinations of the classes must be held periodically. Written notes of the chief oral lessons must be prepared, as was mentioned in the report of November last.

Infants

The Infants are making fair progress, but the teacher would benefit by some training in methods. The official aim of Object lessons in particular, is imperfectly understood. The lower division needs brighter treatment.

The remarks made last year about the ventilation of the school still apply. The windows of the west classroom should be provided with blinds”

Signed – A B Irvine Correspondent.

June 21 1906

I visited this school – *S G Fremenheere, H.M.I.*

June 22 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction and gave notice that the school would be inspected by the Diocesan Inspector of schools on Thursday July 5th commencing at 2.15 pm.

June 26 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited.

June 29 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Only 64 children out of 93 were present in the morning as the heavy rain prevented the children living at a distance from coming.

July 3 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the afternoon.

July 4 1906

Gave notice that the school would be inspected to-morrow afternoon at 2.15 by the Rev.Davenport, Diocesan Inspector. As, by the act of parliament of 1870 regulating the matter, such day is a dies non for secular purposes. The school will not assemble in the morning.

July 5 1906

Diocesan Inspection

July 6 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

July 10 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the afternoon.

July 11 1906

Only 81 present out of 93 in the afternoon. 10 having gone to the annual Foresters Fete and Gala held in the grounds of Becket House at Shrivenham.

July 14 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

July 16 1906

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited in the morning.

July 19 1906

Mr Stevenson visited again

July 20 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

July 23 1906

Examined Registers and found them correct – *James George*

Diocesan Inspectors Report of his inspection of July 5th

It is satisfactory to note the general improvement in religious work and tone in this school since my last inspection 3 years ago. A further improvement is however necessary to bring it up to the average of schools of its size in the Deanery.

The work of the Infants' Division is quite good but the children seem to lack brightness.

In the Middle Group the answering in the Old Testament was good but more attention should have been given to the Commandments and Lord's Prayer and it would have been found helpful to follow the suggestions given in the syllabus lessons more carefully.

In the Upper Group the Acts had been well taught, and evident pains had been taken with the Old Testament but the children seemed to have forgotten the lessons in the Gospels and the Prayer Book and Catechism lessons were altogether omitted.

Diocesan Prize: Charles Light

Certificates: George Russ, Florence Stratton

Commended: Harry Gillum, Ethel Packer, William Buckland, Victor Pound, Lily Jackson, Emily Punt, Reggie Baxter, Harry Pound, Hetty Mildenhall, Ronald Miller, Thomas Nichols.

July 25 1906

Mr Chandler, Inspector of Physical Exercises, Berks Education Committee, visited the school and gave some instruction.

July 26 1906

Closed school at the end of the afternoon meeting for the summer vacation.

To re-assemble on Monday Sept 3rd

Sep 3 1906

Re-opened after the summer vacation. 87 children out of 81 present. Re-organised the classes for a shortened course of lessons from now till March 31st so as to commence a new educational year on April 1st thereby working uniformly with most schools in the county. A new set of class attendance registers were therefore brought into use but the current register of summaries will continue in use till the end of the school financial year on October 31st 1906.

Sep 7 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Sep 14 1906

Ditto

Sep 21st 1906

Ditto

Sep 24 1906

The Rev A B Irvine and a friend visited the school this morning.

Sep 28 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Ellen Griffin, the mistress terminated her duties today as she is leaving the parish.

Oct 2 1906

A very rainy morning – only 72 children out of 89 being present.

Oct 5 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Oct 10 1906

I visited this school – S G Fremenheere, H.M.I.

Oct 12 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

The attendance this week has fallen to a rate of only 83.8 per cent partly on account of wet weather and partly because several families are leaving the parish as is customary in this district among the agricultural labourers on “Old Michaelmas Day”.

Oct 19 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Oct 26 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Oct 31 1906

Examined Registers and found them correct – *James George*

Nov 2 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

This Log Book was produced and read at Managers Quarterly Meeting

Signed – A B Irvine, Chairman, 7th November 1906

Nov 8 1906

A very rainy day. Only 65 children were present in the morning and 61 in the afternoon out of 84.

Nov 9 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Nov 13 1906

Mrs Light absent to-day, ill.

Nov 16 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Mrs Light was compelled to remain absent from school for the remainder of this week, but she hopes to be sufficiently recovered to return on Monday next the 19th.

Nov 19 1906

Mrs Light returned to her duties today.

Nov 23 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Nov 30 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Dec 7 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Dec 14 1906

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Dec 20 1906

Examined the work of the school during this week.

At the close of the afternoon meeting the Rev A B Irvine addressed the children and Mrs and Miss Irvine gave them oranges and sweets.

Then the children dispersed for the Christmas Holidays to re-assemble on Monday morning of 7th of January.

1907

Jan 7 1907

Re-opened school after the Christmas Holidays . Every child (89) present

Jan 10 1907

Mr Challoner, superintendent attendance officer, accompanied by Mr Stevenson, district attendance officer, visited the school.

Jan 11 1907

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Jan 18 1907

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Jan 23 1907

Two children from Fernham are absent suffering with measles

Jan 25 1907

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

Feb 1 1907

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

During the week measles developed rapidly till at the end only 51 children out of 89 were in attendance.

Feb 4 1907 Monday

Received a telegram from the Education Secretary asking for the number of children in attendance. Replied, 50 in morning 48 in afternoon. The Rev A B Irvine acting on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health gave me instructions to close the school for 14 days. Shortly after the closing received a telegram from the Education Secretary ordering the closure of the school until further notice.

Produce and read a Managers Meeting 8 Feb 1907

Signed A B Irvine, Chairman

Feb 25 1907

Re-opened school after its closure since Feb 4th on account of an epidemic of measles. 58 children out of 87 present. It was originally arranged to re-open on Feb 19th but on assembling it was discovered that the disease had broken out afresh in several families. I immediately consulted the school correspondent who considered it advisable to dismiss the children again for the remainder of the week. I therefore accordingly did so at once.

March 1 1907

Visited and signed registers – *A B Irvine*

March 8 1907

Visited – *W F Spikes*

March 8 1907

Miss Jessie Brown, teacher of the Infant Class terminated her duties today, having given a month's notice which expired on Feb 28th, but remaining till today as she had not previously accepted another appointment.

March 11 1907

As a successor to Miss Brown has not yet been appointed the organisation of the school is rather a difficult matter. Mrs Light is overlooking the Infant Class and for some lessons taking charge of Standard 1 also in the south classroom. I am teaching the other classes single-handed.

March 15 1907

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

March 22 1907

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

March 28 1907 Maundy Thursday

Commenced the secular instruction immediately after marking the registers so as to take the children at 11.15 am to church for a service at 11.20 am after which the school dispersed for the Easter Holidays. To re-open on Monday April 8th

April 8 1907

Re-opened after the Easter Holidays. Every child (80) present.

Miss Brenda Shayler (qualified as a "supplementary teacher") commenced duty this morning as teacher in charge of the Infant Class temporarily i.e. till a permanent teacher is appointed.

Copy of Report made by H.M.I. Mr Fremenhere after visit of March 8th 1907**Mixed**

"Except for some irregular answering, discipline continues satisfactory and, in some respects, progress is noticeable. Drawing is good, the written exercises in Arithmetic and Composition are for the most part neatly done, and Reading is satisfactory. But the instruction in Arithmetic is still of too mechanical a character, grammar is not systematically taught and the Geography of the 1st Class is very feeble. Physical exercises should always be performed in the playground when weather permits. Though repeatedly reminded, the monitor has again neglected to make the required syllabuses for some subjects, no reports of examinations have been made and no notes of the oral lessons have been prepared, some of the examination papers done before Christmas have not yet been marked. A school conducted in this fashion cannot be said to be doing its work properly. One set of reading books used by the lower class is not sufficient in number of copies. It is understood that steps are being taken to improve the ventilation of both rooms and to secure blinds for the west windows.

Infants

The condition of the Infant division is satisfactory on the whole. The teacher has done good work in general but had been left without sufficient guidance and supervision by the Head Master. The teaching of numbers is in a backward condition for the end of the school year and the lower class read from books prematurely. The records for some subjects are wanting, here as in the senior school and here also no examination reports are made.

H.M. Inspector is unable to recommend the payment of grant without deduction on account of negligence in the conduct of the School."

Signed – A B Irvine 12th April 1907

April 6 1907

Letter from Assistant Education Secretary Berkshire Education Committee –

"The Committee have approved the appointment of Miss B Shayler as Supply Teacher on the staff of your school until a Supplementary Teacher can be obtained" *A B Irvine 12th April 1907*

April 12 1907

Miss Shayler when cycling to school on Tuesday morning April 9th met with an accident and had to return home and was unable to return to her duties until Thursday morning. She sent a telegram informing me of her accident and by the succeeding mail a letter of explanation.

Produced at Managers Meeting – A B Irvine 15th April 1907

April 19 1907

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

April 25 1907

Examined the Register and found correct *E F Wilson*

April 21 1907

The Rev A B Irvine gave his usual weekly religious instruction.

The children have not entirely recovered from the various illnesses which were prevalent lately that the attendance since the re-opening of the school on the 8th inst. Has been at the rate of 98.5 per cent.

May 9 1907 Ascension Day

It had been arranged for the children to commence their secular lessons immediately after the registers were closed so as to go to Church for a service at 11.15am, having a half holiday in the afternoon.

But as the Rev A B Irvine died suddenly last Sunday at Sandown in the Isle of Wight these arrangements had to be cancelled. The lesson in the morning were taken in the usual order and the school was closed in the afternoon in consequence of a memorial service being held in the church at 3 pm. while the body of the deceased Vicar was being interred in Sandown Churchyard.

May 16 1907

Closed school in afternoon for Whitsun holidays. To re-open on Monday May 27th. Miss Shayler terminated her duties as temporary teacher.

May 27 1907

Re-opened school after holidays. Miss Emily Rose Westcott took up duties as Supplementary Teacher.

May 28 1907

Visited the school this morning – *A J Shirley, Asst. Secty Berks Ed. Comm.*

May 30 1907

Visited – *W F Spikes*

June 10 1907

Publicly read in the school and afterwards posted up notice that the school would be inspected by the diocesan inspector on Wednesday June 26th at 2.30 pm.

June 13 1907

Holiday today on account of the annual church parade and festival of the local branch of the Society of Rechabites, 36 out of the 81 children in the school being members.

June 14 1907

Copy of H.M. Inspector's Report (Mr S G Fremenheere) made after visit of May 30th 1907

“Continued negligence is shown by the Headmaster. He does not duly supervise the Infant Room, his oral lessons are not properly prepared and are lacking in spirit and intelligence, he has again been most remiss in the keeping of records, and has again failed to report upon the terminal examinations.

The defects in the premises previously noted still continue.

This report together with the one forwarded 2 months ago, should receive serious attention.

I am to enquire when the defects in the premises will be remedied

E F Wilson, Acting Correspondent

June 21 1907

Examined the classes during the week in some subjects as far as they have been taught to date. To be continued next week.

Tested registers and found them correct – *G Victor Day 24th June*

June 26 1907

The children were examined by the Rev W Davenport, diocesan inspector of school, in the afternoon, commencing at 2.30. The school did not assemble in the morning in accordance with the prohibition of the Education Act of 1906 by which the registers cannot be marked on the day set apart for an examination by an inspector in religious knowledge (33 & 34 Vict.C.75 sec.76)

July 5 1907

Copy of Report by the Diocesan Inspector after visit of June 26th as above:-

“The religious instruction in this school has received careful attention. In the Infants Dept. the answering was good and fairly general, but it would be better if the syllabus were more closely followed both in this and the upper group. The middle group was exceptionally good and showed the keenest interest in their work, but the prayer book and catechism subjects were a little weak. The upper group was disappointing: the answering was confined to too few scholars, and they were weak in their “Acts” and also in the repetition.

Bishops Prize : Harry Cullam

Certificates: Charles Backland, Sidney Jefferies

Highly Commended: Louisa Jackson, Florence New, Eunice Cot, Ellen Curtis

Commended: Florence Stratton, Wm Buckland, Rose Harris, Hetty Mildenhall, Harold Greenaway, Beatrice Busson”

Signed E F Wilson, Correspondent

July 10 1907

In the afternoon 12 children were absent who went to the Foresters' Annual Fete at Shrivenham.

July 22 1907

A heavy thunderstorm in the morning prevented those children not living quite near school from attending. 54 present out of 85.

Aug 1 1907

Examined the classes during the past week in the work done during this, the first, term.

Closed school in the afternoon for the summer vacation

To re-open on Monday September 9th.

Sep 9 1907

Re-opened after the holidays. Admitted six young children. 85 children present out of 90.

Sep 10 1907

The new Vicar, Rev B M Hawes gave some religious instruction to the upper group of children. He intends doing so every Tuesday and Thursday for the present.

Sep 18 1907

The Master was absent today. Mrs Light took charge.

Sep 27 1907

Examined registers and found correct – *E F Wilson*

School closed in the afternoon as Mr Slade, Stores Clerk of the Berks Education Committee came to examine the stock and stores in the school.

Since counting the reading books at the beginning of the week and entering the number in the stock book I find one from each of five sets missing. I can only think that some one got in through an open window at the back of the school while I went home to tea leaving the books on the desks to be replaced in the evening. As I shall not come in contact with the school again I have not opportunity of discovering the thief.

As my resignation of the Mastership of this school takes effect on Monday next the Managers have decided not to open the school on that day and the following one so as to give me an opportunity to vacate the school house and my successor to take up his residence in it.

Mrs Light's resignation takes effect at the same date.

Signed, Walter Light

Oct 2 1907

I took charge of this school today having been appointed Head Teacher. My wife, Mrs Frances May Bird (nee F M Christopher) also commenced duties today as Assistant Teacher (Certificated) Miss E R Westcott – Supplementary Teacher – has charge of the Infant Class. Before registers could be marked, I had to transfer names to commence the new quarter. Registers are not balanced for the last quarter – *Daniel H Bird*

Oct 4 1907

The religious instruction was given this morning from 9.10 to 9.50 instead of from 11.15 to 12 as set out on time table. I propose to make this a permanent change.

Oct 11 1907

A managers meeting was held – *B M Hawes, Correspondent.*

Oct 16 1907

There were eight children absent from school this morning from Fernham on account of wet.

Oct 21 1907

The Observation Lessons in future will be given on Tuesday instead of Monday, in order that children may have a better opportunity for bringing specimens.

Oct 22 1907

I Visited the School – *W F Spikes*

Oct 23 1907

Mr Stevenson, attendance officer, visited this morning

Oct 31 1907

Mr Stevenson, visited in the morning

Nov 4, & 12 1907

Mr Stevenson visited in the morning

Nov 22 1907

Mr Stevenson, visited in the morning

The Vicar gave religious instruction this morning instead of his usual Tuesday and Thursday lessons.

Nov 26 1907

Although it was a terrible wet day there were 86 children present out of 93. Five of the absent ones were sick.

Nov 30 1907

Mr Stevenson, visited in the morning

Dec 3 1907

The Vicar is not giving his religious instruction this week, as he is away from home.

Dec 4 1907

Mr Stevenson, visited in the morning

Dec 9 1907

Mr Stevenson, visited this afternoon

Dec 10 1907

I tested the Registers today and found them correct – *Bernard M Hawes, Correspondent*

Dec 12 1907

Very wet morning. 77 children present out of 93. Two of those absent were sick. Examined the written work of the Mixed Department for this term today.

Dec 13 1907

Have examined the oral work of the Mixed Department today.

Dec 16 1907

Examined the work of the Infant Classes today.

Dec 18 1907

Mr Stevenson, visited this afternoon.

Dec 19 1907

The Vicar has not given his religious instruction this morning.

Dec 20 1907

Closed school this afternoon for the Xmas holidays – two weeks. To reassemble again on Jan 6th. Before going home distributed oranges among the children. These were provided by Mrs Bird and myself.

1908

Jan 6 1908

Re-opened after the holidays. All the children present – 91. Children attended service at Church this morning instead of the usual Scripture lesson from 9.10 to 9.45 am.

Jan 8 1908

Mr Stevenson, visited this morning.

Jan 9 1908

Mrs Bird has been charge of the school this week, as I have been absent with abscesses in the most. I have resumed duties today Thursday Jan 16.

Jan 17 1908

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of yesterday.
Attendance since the holidays has been excellent – 91 on books, average 90.5.

Jan 20 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.
Mr J Chandler, Inspector of Physical Exercises in Berkshire, visited this morning. Time Table suspended from 11 am till mid-day.
Miss E R Westcott is absent from duties for a fortnight – training in the Shrivenham Infant School. Mrs Bird has charge of the Infants during her absence.

Jan 27 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.
Nine children absent through sickness

Jan 30 1908

The Vicar was unable to give his religious instruction this morning

Jan 31 1908

Attendance for week has been very poor on account of colds. Average 76.4 out of 92.

Feb 3 1908

Miss E R Westcott resumed duties again today having completed her training.

Feb 4 1908

Visited the school today – *A J Shirley, Assistant Secretary Berks Ed. Comm*

Feb 5 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Feb 6 1908

Mrs Bird unable to attend school on account of cold.

Feb 7 1908

Mrs Bird still unable to attend school. Girls took drawing instead of needlework which will be taken in place of drawing next week.

Feb 10 1908

Miss E R Westcott unable to attend school as she has influenza. Mrs Bird has charge of Infants.

Feb 11 1908

Miss E R Westcott was unable to resume work today.

Feb 12 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Feb 17 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Feb 20 1908

The Vicar was unable to give his religious instruction this morning.

Feb 27 1908

The Vicar was unable to give his religious instruction.

Feb 28 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

March 3 1908

Attendance has been very poor today owing to the snow storm this morning. 68 present this morning and 77 this afternoon out of 90.

March 4 1908

Children were unable to go to Church this morning on account of the wet conditions of the roads, so the Vicar addressed all the children in the Mixed Room instead of the usual Scripture Lesson from 9.10 – 9.45 am. Two children came to school at 10.5 am. There are nonconformists and objected to the religious instruction. They were marked absent as registers were closed at 9.45 am.

.E Cox and A. Cox

March 5 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Attendance still continues poor on account of snow.

March 6 1908

The Vicar was unable to give his usual instruction this week on account of influenza. Average attendance for week has been 79.4 out of 89.

March 10 1908

Mr A Cox has applied for his children to be exempt from Catechism.

March 11 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this afternoon.

March 12 1908

Mr J Nichols and Mr E Richens have respectively applied for their children to be exempt from Catechism.

March 19 1908

Mr Greenaway has applied for his children to be exempt from the Vicar's instruction.
Mr Stevenson visited this afternoon.

March 25 1908

Attendance has suffered today owing to the wet. Eight children were absent.

March 26 1908

I tested the Registers today and found them correct – *Bernard M Hawes, Correspondent*

March 27 1908

I have this week examined the work of the Mixed Department

March 30 1908

Admitted F Cox, who has to be excused catechism.

March 31 1908

Have today and yesterday examined Infant work.

April 2 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

April 9 1908

Wm. Buckland died yesterday after a short illness of two days.

April 13 1908

Left the school in charge of Mrs Bird from 2.10 to 3.20 pm while I attended the funeral of Wm. Buckland

April 16 1908

Children have each morning this week attended Divine Service at the Church from 9-9.45 am.
Hayward Broad died yesterday, after an illness of three days.
Closed the school at mid-day for the Easter holidays to re-open on April 27th.

April 22 1908

A Managers Meeting was held – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

May 1 1908

The Vicar has not given his usual religious instruction this week.

May 6 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning,

May 8 1908

The Vicar has been unable to give his religious instruction this week on account of his being ill.

May 11 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

May 15 1908

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of yesterday morning.

May 20 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

May 25 1908

Instead of religious instruction, the Vicar, gave the older children some instruction on Empire Day. Children also sang some patriotic songs, and the National Anthem. Half a day's holiday was given to celebrate the day.

May 27 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning for information re Arthur and Edith Lea's attendance. A summons is being issued against Mr Lea for their continual bad attendance.

May 28 1908

Children attend Divine Service at the Church from 9-945 am. Mr J Chandler, Inspector of Physical Exercises in Berkshire visited this morning. Time Table suspended partially till 2.40 pm.

June 1 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

June 3 1908

I visited the school – *W F Spikes*

June 4 1908

Closed the school this afternoon for the Whitsuntide holiday, to re-open on June 15th

June 15 1908**Copy of Report made by H.M.I. Mr Fremenheere after visit of June 3rd****Mixed**

“The condition of the school shows distinct improvement. The children are in very good discipline, the teachers are painstaking, and the methods of instruction are good. As a rule, the children are making creditable progress, but composition should be further developed in the lower classes and drawing should more often be from objects. The reading lessons are too much interrupted by comments. Some manual work should be provided for the boys.

One desk is unsuitable and should be removed. Some apparatus is needed for class teaching in needlework. The room is insufficiently warmed.

Boot scrapers are still needed, and the playground should be properly surfaced, as has been previously reported

Infants

The infants are kindly and quietly managed and their progress is satisfactory. An unpleasant smell pervades the room. One wall is damp and should receive attention.”

Bernard M Hawes - Correspondent

June 17 1908

School was closed today on account of the annual festival of local branch of the Rechabites 20 children out of 80 in the school being members.

June 19 1908

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of yesterday.

June 22 1908

Blinds have now been fitted to the south window, and those in the infant room.

June 25 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning

June 26 1908

First part of first lesson this afternoon was spent in finding out the child who had been guilty of taking one of the girl's dinner. The culprit proved to be Joseph Roberts, who afterwards admitted the theft. He was severely punished and cautioned.

Left Mrs Bird in charge of the school for the last lesson from 3.10 pm.

June 29 1908

Mr Stevenson called this morning. Boy Reginald Kimbrey who has been absent for past five weeks had to be sent home, as his head is still scabby, and in his present condition is not fit to mix with clean children.

July 2 1908

The Vicar was unable to give his religious instruction this morning.

July 3 1908

Vicar checked and signed registers this afternoon – *B M Hawes*

July 6 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

July 7 1908

I visited the school – *S G Fremenheere, H.M.I.*

Miss C Hardinge commenced duties today as “supply” during the temporary absence of Mrs Bird. Her absence commenced today.

July 16 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

July 21 1908

The Vicar was unable to give his religious instruction this morning.

July 22 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

July 24 1908

Have this week examined the work of the Mixed Department

July 27 & 28 1908

I have examined the work of the Infant Department

July 30 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning. Closed school this afternoon for the mid-summer holiday to re-open on September 7th. Miss C Hardinge terminated her engagement as “supply”.

Aug 11 1908

A Managers Meeting was held – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

Sept 7 1908

Re-opened after the holidays. 79 children present out of 80. Mrs Bird resumed her duties again this morning.

Sept 8 1908

The Vicar is not giving his ordinary religious instruction this month.

Sept 9 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Sept 17 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Sept 21 1908

I tested the registers and found them correct – *Bernard M Hawes, Correspondent*

Sept 21 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Oct 2 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Oct 6 1908

The Vicar has commenced giving his religious instruction this morning as usual.

Oct 8 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Oct 12 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this afternoon. Have today received the new stock for Manual Instruction.

Oct 19 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Oct 22 1908

Commenced with fires this morning in the new stoves.

Oct 23 1908

The Medical Officer for the County called this afternoon and examined those children who may leave before August 1st 1909. He did not arrive until 3 pm. and the children had to be detained after school. Instead of “singing” for the last lesson, children had silent Reading. All the children’s parents came to consult the Doctor.

The Vicar and Mrs Hawes came into school at 1.30 pm.

Oct 26 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this afternoon

Oct 27 1908

Very wet morning all children present except two.

Oct 28 1908

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of yesterday.

Oct 29 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this afternoon.

Oct 30 1908

Miss E Westcott was unable to attend school today, as she has sprained her foot. Mrs Bird had had charge of the Infants.

Nov 2 1908

Mrs Bird had charge of Infants today as Miss Westcott was still unable to attend. Mr Stevenson called this morning.

Nov 3 1908

Miss Westcott was unable to resume work again this morning.

Nov 11 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this afternoon

Nov 19 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning. The Vicar did not give his religious instruction this morning as the spare class room was not available; there being a large platform extending from the stove to the Girls' lobby, blocking the entrance to the class room.

Nov 20 1908

The Concert platform was not removed last night. This is the third day it has been u.

Nov 26 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this afternoon

Nov 27 1908

The attendance has not been as good as usual this week on account of two cases of sickness. Average 83.2 out of 85 for week.

Dec 3 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

"Poetry" was taken instead of "Observation" which will be taken tomorrow. Change was made as I had an opportunity of bring a heart for observation.

Dec 4 1908

The children were given an extra five minutes play this morning in order to see the Meet of the Hounds in the village. Attendance continues good. Average 84.8 out of 85 for week.

Dec 7 1908

Have today received Paragon apparatus for needlework demonstration.

Dec 9 1908

A Managers Meeting was held on Dec 4th – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*
I tested the registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes*

Dec 10 1908

Very wet morning several children living at a distance being absent 77 present of 85.

Dec 11 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Dec 16 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Dec 18 1908

The Vicar gave his instruction this morning instead of yesterday. Three dual desks have arrived today. Have examined the work of the Mixed Department today and yesterday.

Dec 21 1908

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Dec 22 1908

Have examined the work of the Infant Department today and yesterday.

Dec 23 1908

Closed school this afternoon for the Xmas Holidays, To re-open on Jan 11th 1909.

1909

Jan 11 1909

Re-opened this morning after the holidays 84 children present out of 86.

Jan 14 1909

Mrs Bird was absent this morning in order to go to Swindon, owing to her mother's decease.

Jan 15 1909

The Vicar visited the school this morning. Mr Stevenson visited this afternoon.

Jan 18 1909

Mrs Bird is obliged to be absent today and tomorrow in order to attend her mother's funeral. Lessons have been taken according to the time table, with the exception of needlework, instead of which the girls had drawing.

Jan 19 1909

The Vicar is not giving his religious instruction this week.

Jan 20 1909

Mrs Bird resumed work again this morning.
Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Jan 22 1909

The attendance has suffered this week on account of sickness in the Infant Class.

Jan 28 1909

Mr Stevenson visited this morning

Feb 5 1909

Alfred and Albert Buckland are unable to attend school as their brother is ill with the Fever. Mr Stevenson visited this afternoon, and at his request accompanied him to see the boy R. Kimbrey, who has been absent for some weeks with bad eyes, due to gross neglect. The boy and his clothes are in a most filthy condition, the stench from the same is overpowering.

Feb 11 1909

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

Feb 12 1909

Children gave a concert in the school last night in aid of School Prizes. Medals, prizes and certificates for 1908 were distributed by Mrs Louis Paines.

Feb 23 1909

The Vicar was unable to give his religious instruction this week.

Mr J Chandler, Inspector of Physical exercises visited this afternoon. Time Table was suspended until 2.3 pm.

Feb 25 1909

Mr Stevenson visited this afternoon.

March 3 1909

The attendance was good today considering the deep snow, only three children being absent owing to the weather.

March 4 1909

Mr Stevenson visited this morning

March 8 1909

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

March 9 1909

Publicly read in the school, and afterwards posted up notice, that the school would be inspected by the diocesan inspector on Tuesday March 23rd.

March 17 1909

Mr Stevenson visited this afternoon.

March 19 1909

Have examined the work of the Mixed Department today and yesterday.

March 22 1909

Informed the children that the diocesan inspection will take place at 10 am tomorrow

March 23 1909

The Rev. E Sladon – diocesan inspector – examined the children in religious knowledge. Examination commenced at 10 am. Registers were not marked today.

March 25 1909**Copy of Report by Diocesan Inspector after visit of March 23rd as above:**

“ I have classed the school as good in knowledge of the Old and New Testaments. The children were not all equally ready to answer questions. Good in Scripture repetition, good too in repetition of the Catechism, except in the Upper Group where failure may be accounted for by the fact that for the last few months attention has been concentrated on its explanation. The written work, for which on the Upper Group with Standards 111 and V1 was prepared was very fair. In several instances both of boys and girls very good in the Scriptural part.

Bishops Prize – Florence Stratton

Certificates – Kathleen Looker, Herbert Cox, Flora Cook and Albert Busson

Highly Commended. Percy Cox, rose Harris, Arthur Lea, Ellen Curtis, Edith Jefferies and Beatrice Busson”

Bernard M Hawes - Correspondent

March 25 1909

Mr Stevenson visited this afternoon

March 26 1909

Have this week examined the work of the Infant Department

March 30 1909

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

Mr Stevenson visited this morning.

April 7 1909

Mr Stevenson visited this afternoon.

April 8 1909

Children have attended divine service at church each morning this week from 9-9.45 am. Children exempt from catechism remained at School in charge of Mrs Bird
Closed school at 3.45 pm. for the Easter Holiday. To re-open again on Monday April 19th.

April 19 1909

Re-opened School this morning. 88 children present out of 89. Three children have left during holiday.
Admitted five young children before opening.

April 23 1909

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of yesterday.

April 28 1909

A Manager's Meeting was held in the School this evening and the Log Book produced
Bernard M Hawes – Correspondent

May 5 1909

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of his usual Tuesday lesson.

May 12 1909

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of his usual Tuesday lesson.

May 19 1909

Mr Herrington, the new attendance officer visited this afternoon

May 20 1909

Children attended Divine Service at Church this morning from 9 to 9.45 am. Those exempt from Catechism remained as usual in school in charge of Mrs Bird

May 21 1909

The attendance this week has been poor average being 78.8 out of 83.

May 24 1909

The Vicar addressed the children from 9 to 9.45 on the "Empire" Patriotic songs were also sung during this time. Lessons today have as far as possible been about the Empire and citizenship.
Mr Herrington visited this afternoon..

May 28 1909

Miss E H Westcott was absent from duties this morning with a cold.
Closed school this afternoon for the Whitsuntide holidays to re-open on June 7th 1909

June 7 1909

Re-opened school this morning. 84 children present out of 87. Admitted four fresh children.

June 9 1909

Mr Herrington visited this Morning

June 16 1909

Mr Herrington visited this Morning

June 17 1909

School was closed today- being the Annual Rechabite Club feast.

June 23 1909

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon..

June 24 1909

I tested the registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes*

June 29 1909

The Vicar has postponed his usual lesson until Friday morning.

July 5 1909

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

July 8 1909

The Medical Officer for health – Mr Reynolds visited the school at 11.40 am. And remained throughout the day. Mrs Richens came to see her child Marjory examined at 11.50 am. And was to come again at opening of school in the afternoon. She remained from 1.30 till 2.50 then withdrew her child whose attendance was cancelled. Clara, Rose and Percy Harris have been excluded from school for 10 days, owing to their verminous condition, by the Medical Officer.

July 9 1909

The medical officer continued his examination today. Edith Miller is suffering with consumption and unable to attend school for a year. Reginald and Frederick Kimbrey are excluded for contagious skin disease and nasal discharge. The following children have been excluded for 10 days on account of the condition of their heads: William, Albert, Joseph, Ernest, Florence and Ethel Roberts; Kathleen and Sarah Looker; Elsie Rixon; Gertrude Brittain; Ellen Curtis; Ethel Jackson; Beatrice Busson; Flora Cook; Joseph Jordan; William Gerring and Jesse Miller.

July 13 1909

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

July 16 1909

Beatrice Hewer came in school this afternoon at 1.38 after the registers were closed. Attendance has suffered today owing to the wet.

July 19 1909

Mr Herrington visited this morning. All the excluded children except two were present this morning and they attended in the afternoon. Reginald and Frederick Kimbrey came, but were set home.

July 20 1909

Dr Reynolds visited the school at 3.40 pm. and examined the children, who were excluded on the 8th and 9th. He found that the condition of the children, was even worse than before in some cases. I have today and yesterday examined the work of the Mixed Department for the first term.

July 22 1909

I have today and yesterday examined the work of the Infant Division.

July 23 1909

Told the Longcot children to assemble at the school to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at 2.15 o'clock in order to go to Ringdale to partake of tea at Mrs Paine's, to play in her park and to receive a present before departing at 6.30 pm. Fernham children to join the procession at Fernham.

July 28 1909

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

July 30 1909

Closed school this afternoon for the Summer holiday – five weeks. To re-open on Monday September 6th.

Sept 6 1909

Re-opened school this morning – 87 present out of 91. Admitted two new children Roland and Frederick Kimbrey came, but were sent home as they were in the same condition as when excluded by the Medical Officer. Miss E R Westcott was unable to be present at morning school but was present for the afternoon.

Sept 7 1909

I propose being absent from school tomorrow on business. Mrs Bird will be in charge of the school.

Sept 9 1909

I resumed work this morning at 10.30. Mr Herrington visited.

Sept 10 1909

I allowed the children a few minutes extra at playtime this afternoon in order to watch the troops march through the village.

Sept 13 1909

A very wet day and attendance has suffered. There were 75 present this morning and 77 this afternoon out of 90.

Sept 14 1909

I admitted Frederick and Reginald Kimbrey this morning as the mother produced a certificate saying they were fit to attend school. Both boys are in the same condition as when excluded in July.

Sept 15 1909

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Sept 16 1909

I allowed the children to proceed with the second lesson at 2.30 instead of going out to play as usual and then they went home a little early in order to see the march past of cavalry and infantry that were in the village.

Sept 17 1909

I punished Leonard Cook and William Gerring for playing truant yesterday afternoon.

Sept 23 1909

The Vicar has resumed giving his religious instruction this morning.

Sept 27 1909

The Medical Officer visited this afternoon at 3.10 and examined Reginald and Frederick Kimbrey who were excluded for sores at angles of mouth. The following children were also excluded for active lice: William Albert, Joseph, Ernest, Florence and Ethel Roberts for 10 days and Flora Cook for 3 days.

Sept 28 1909

A very wet day resulting in a poor attendance. 71 present out of 88. Eight of absences due to the wet.

Sept 30 1909

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *Bernard M Hawes, Correspondent*

Oct 7 1909

Mr Morgan H.M.I. visited the school this morning and remained throughout the day.

Oct 8 1909

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Oct 12 1909

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Oct 13 1909

A very wet morning. All the children except the big Fernham boys were present. I had the fires lighted in order that those who were wet might dry their clothes.

Oct 21 1909

The Vicar did not give his usual religious instruction this morning

Oct 22 1909

Mr Herrington visited this morning.

The attendance this week has been very poor owing to the wet weather and sickness.

Oct 25 1909

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon. As the weather is so cold and wet fires are being lighted regularly.

Oct 29 1909

The Vicar has not given his religious instruction this week. There are 19 children who have made a complete year's attendance during the year which ends today.

Nov 1 1909

Children attended Divine Service at church this morning from 9 till 9.45. Those exempt from Catechism remained in school in charge of Miss Westcott.

Nov 3 1909

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Nov 12 1909

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Nov 15 1909

I left the school in charge of Mrs Bird this afternoon, as I had to attend the funeral of a brother mason in Faringdon.

Nov 17 1909

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Nov 19 1909

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of yesterday.

Nov 22 1909

Mr Chandler – Inspector of Physical exercises visited this afternoon. Boys took drill instead of drawing.

Nov 26 1909

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Dec 3 1909

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of his usual Thursday lesson. Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Dec 9 1909

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Dec 13 1909

Mr Wilson H.M.I. visited the school this morning. Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Dec 14 1909

The Vicar is giving his instruction on Friday instead of his usual Tuesday lesson.

Dec 16 1909

I tested the registers this morning and found them correct – *Bernard M Hawes, Correspondent*
I have this week examined the work of the Mixed and Infants Departments. I shall be absent from duties tomorrow as I have to go on an interview at the Education Offices Reading. Mrs Bird will be in charge for the day.

Dec 21 1909

Mr Herrington visited this morning.

Dec 22 1909

The Vicar gave his instruction this morning instead of tomorrow morning. Charlie Lovesey came into school at 9.50 after the registers were closed, so he was marked absent. Poor attendance today on account of the wet.

Dec 23 1909

School was closed this afternoon for the Xmas holiday to reopen on Monday Jan 10th 1910.

1910

Jan 10 1910

School was reopened this morning 80 present out of 85. Five fresh children were admitted.

Jan 10 1910

Copy of Report made by H.M.I. Mr S R Wilson after visit of 13th December 1909

Premises – Mainroom

Two or three cracks have appeared in the walls

Infants' room

The fire grate in this classroom is wasteful, and gives out little heat.

At opposite corners of this room there are rainwater pipes – one carries water from the roof into the foundation of the back wall, up which the damp has risen half way to the ceiling – the other feeds a stagnant ditch, which makes a second wall damp. Water oozes out of both walls in wet weather, and the air in the room is unwholesome.

Playground

The boys' playground is covered with sticky mud in wet weather, and is then so damp that gravelling is of little use, tar paving is desirable.

“I am to inquire what steps will be taken to let the rain water from the roof to a safe distance and to remedy the dampness of the walls of the Infants room.

I am also to inquire what will be done to render the heating of the Infants' room satisfactory”

Jan 11 1910

I admitted three new children this morning. The eldest girl who is over 10 is so backward that she is in St.1

Mr J George one of the Managers visited this morning.

Jan 13 1910

School was closed for this afternoon on account of the room having to be prepared for a concert. The Vicar did not give his religious instruction this morning

Jan 10 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Jan 19 1910

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of yesterday.

Jan 24 1910

Mr Herrington visited this morning

Jan 28 1910

A very poor attendance today on account of the wet – 77 present out of 91.

Feb 1 1910

Mr Herrington visited this morning. Esther and Henry Cole arrived at school this afternoon at 1.55 pm. and were marked absent.

Feb 4 1910

The Vicar gave his instruction this morning instead of yesterday. Miss Westcott was absent from duty this morning until playtime as she was not well.

Feb 7 1910

On Friday night Feb 4th the children gave a concert in aid of a school library. Lady Margaret Campbell distributed the certificates, prizes and medals to the children. There were nineteen medals – two for three year's unbroken attendance, seven for two year's and ten for one year's complete attendance. Mr Herrington visited this morning.

Feb 9 1910

Children attended Divine Service from 9 till 9.45 am at church. Those exempt from Catechism remained in school in charge of Mrs Bird.

Feb 11 1910

The Vicar gave his instruction this morning instead of yesterday.

Feb 17 1910

I have today received 36 books for the children's' library – bought with the proceeds from the Concert of the 7th.

Feb 18 1910

The library was opened this afternoon and twenty-five children have joined.

Feb 24 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

March 2 1910

Publicly read, and posted up notice, that the school will be examined by the Diocesan Inspector on March 17th

March 4 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

March 7 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

March 10 1910

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

March 14 1910

I admitted Violet Gerring this morning. She is nearly 10 year's old and is unable to read or write – she appears slightly mentally deficient.

March 16 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

I have today and yesterday examined the work of the Mixed Department. I informed the children to assemble at 1.30 tomorrow afternoon for the Diocesan Inspection.

March 17 1910

The Rev. Cathrew Fisher – Diocesan Inspector examined the children in Religious knowledge at 2 pm.

March 21 1910

Arthur, Albert and Percy Lea are excluded by doctor's orders as they are suffering from ringworm. I have today examined the work of the Infants.

March 22 1910

I have finished examining the Infants this morning.

March 23 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

March 24 1910

Children have attended Divine Service at the church each morning this week at 9.5 till 9.45. Those exempt from Catechism remained in school in charge of Mrs Bird.

I closed the school at mid-day for the Easter Holidays – to re-open on Monday April 4th 1910.

April 4 1910

School was re-opened this morning. Nine new children were admitted. There were 83 present out of 92.

April 5 1910

Mr Kitchen brought his three children to school this morning, but I sent them home – in order that he might take Charles to the doctor for the boy's neck and back are covered with very bad sores.

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

April 7 1910**Copy of Report made by the Rev. Cathrew Fisher, General Diocesan Inspector of Schools after his visit on March 17th.**

"I find it rather difficult to report on this school. The oral work struck me as below the average but done under special difficulties since many of the children looked ill and quite unfit for effective work. The written work of the upper division was particularly good, and deserves special commendation which is always a great test of the thoroughness of the work. I am inclined to think the school is working well under difficult circumstances but I should like to see the different subjects more freely illustrated from each other and more definitely applied to the practical matters of daily life.

The teaching of the Infants would gain I think if the teacher could have more help. It was carefully given but was not always quite accurate.

Bishop's Prize: Percy Cox

Certificates: Florrie Clark, Sidney Jeffrey, Ellen Curtis, Raymond Cox

Commended: R Whiting, C Lovesey, H Mildenhall, G Whiting, S Cox, M Cox, A Whiting, L Townsend, H Greenaway, E Butler, J Miller, W Jackson, J Woodbridge.

April 11 1910

Edith Lea is excluded from school as she is suffering with ringworm.

April 12 1910

The Vicar is not giving his religious instruction in catechism this week as he is away from home.

April 13 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

April 18 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

April 20 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

April 29 1910

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of yesterday morning.

May 5 1910 Ascension Day

Children attended Divine Service at the Church from 9 to 9.45 am. Children exempt from Catechism remained in school in charge of Mrs Bird.

May 6 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

May 11 1910

Arthur, Charles and Louisa Kitchen were brought to school by their mother for morning school but were marked absent as registers had just been closed. William Head was sent home in the afternoon to enquire the reason for his brother Tom's absence – he did not return, so his mark was cancelled.

May 12 1910

Leslie Townsend was punished severely for causing two boys to be absent this morning.

May 13 1910

The attendance this week has been very bad the average being 78.1 out of 92. School was closed for Whit week at mid-day.

May 23 1910

School was re-opened this morning – a very poor attendance – 74 present out of 86. The children who are absent are reported as having whooping cough.

May 27 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

May 31 1910

Miss E R Westcott terminated her duties here as supplementary teacher.

June 1 1910

Mrs Bird had charge of the Infants this morning as the fresh teacher had not arrived. Miss Ethel Evaline Cantwell commenced duties this afternoon as a fully qualified "Supplementary Teacher".

June 3 1910

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of yesterday

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

The attendance has been very poor again this week – average 67 out of 87.

June 7 1910

Mr Herrington visited this morning and reported that there are 14 cases of whooping cough.

June 7 1910

Mr S R Wilson H.M.I. visited the school this afternoon. I sent for the Vicar so that H.M.I. might point out the defects personally.

June 13 1910

The Vicar having received instructions from the Medical Officer of Health, notified the children yesterday that the school will be closed for six weeks on account of whooping cough – this was done to prevent children assembling this morning. I have balanced the registers and transferred the names read for the next quarter.

July 25 1910

The school was re-opened this morning. Three fresh children were admitted – making a total of 88 on the register, - 77 were present this morning and 78 this afternoon. Mr Herrington visited today.

July 26 1910

I have tested the Registers this afternoon, and found them correct. *B.M. Hawes – Correspondent*

Aug 2 1910

Albert Roberts 13, Joseph Roberts 10; Thomas Harris 10; Frederick Harris 9, were each punished this morning for truancy yesterday afternoon. J. Roberts in addition was punished for rudeness to myself. The Vicar is not giving his religious instruction this month as he is away on his holidays.

Aug 5 1910

Mr Sergeant, County Building Inspector, Mr Warne, District Surveyor and Mr Fereman visited the school this morning and conferred over the drainage of the buildings.

Aug 11 1910

Miss Stephens, Head Mistress of the Hardwicke Church School Gloucester, visited the school this afternoon in order to observe the work in general and the girls' drawing and boys' manual occupations in particular.

Aug 12 1910

Mrs Bird was unable to be present at school today as she was taken seriously ill this morning. I was not able to be at school till 9.15. Miss Stephens kindly opened school and set the classes to work. On account of the serious condition of my wife, I was unable to be present at the afternoon session. I did however open school and mark the registers. Miss Stephens closed school for me as Mrs Bird had passed away during the afternoon.

Aug 13 1910

The Vicar, who is still absent, telegraphed that the summer holidays are to commence on account of my wife's decease. Notices were posted up in the village to this effect.

Sept 19 1910

School was re-opened this morning after five week's holiday. There were 89 present out of 95. Five new children were admitted and three children were re-admitted.

Miss Louisa Comins commenced duties here as "Supply" teacher qualified as Uncertificated Teacher in place of the late Mrs F M Bird, until a permanent teacher is appointed.

Mr Herrington visited this morning.

Sept 22 1910

I have tested the Registers and find them quite correct. – *Bernard M Hawes, Correspondent*

Sept 23 1910

I have this week examined the written and oral work of the Mixed Department for the First Term.

Sept 27 1910

Mr Herrington visited this morning. I have today and yesterday examined the work of the Infants.

Sept 27 1910

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of yesterday.

Oct 13 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Oct 18 1910

The accommodation as revised by the Board of Education is as follows

Main room – 109) 136
Infant room - 27)

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Oct 20 1910

The Vicar has not given his religious instruction this morning

Oct 27 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Nov 1 1910

The Children attended Divine Service at the Church from 9 to 9.45 am. Children exempt from Catechism remained in school in charge of Miss Cantwell.

A very wet morning and only 83 children present out of 99.

Nov 2 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Nov 8 1910

The Vicar, and the Rev E F Hill of Shrivenham visited the school this morning.

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Nov 9 1910

Mr S R Wilson H.M.I. visited the school this morning.

Nov 17 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Nov 18 1910

Mr Sergeant in company with the Vicar and Mr Acadel, builder, visited the school this morning.

Nov 25 1910

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of on Tuesday.

I have had occasion again today to serious complain of Miss L Comin's work – her lessons especially the oral ones being simply a waste of time. In the Geography lesson this morning, when the lesson

should have been in progress 14 minutes, she had not spoken a word to her class, and only commenced when I requested that the lesson should commence. Upon enquiry at mid-day I found that the lesson was not prepared, in fact no geography has been prepared for past three weeks.
Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Nov 29 1910

Miss L Comins is absent from school this week as she is sitting for Certificate. I am taking all the classes in the main room myself, the older children for the most part are working by themselves.

Nov 30 1910

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Dec 1 1910

A very wet day – only 85 children present out of 102

Dec 5 1910

Mr Herrington visited this morning. Miss Comins resumed her duties again this morning.

Dec & & 8 1910

Mr Morgan H.M.I. spent these two days in this school. Mr Shirley, Assistant Education secretary for the County visited the school during the morning of Dec 8th.

Dec 13 1910

A very wet day indeed; there were 81 present this morning and 86 this afternoon out of 102.

Dec 14 1910

The Medical Officer for Health – Dr Leyton visited the school at 10 a.m. this morning and remained throughout the day examining the children.

Dec 15 1910

The Medical Officer continued his examination of the children today. R Kimbrey and F Kimbrey were both excluded from school for three months as they are suffering from ringworm. E Wheeler excluded for 3 weeks for chickenpox.

Mr Herrington visited this morning.

I have this week examined the work of the mixed room for the second term.

Dec 19 1910

Mr Herrington visited this morning.

R. Greenaway is also excluded by medical officer, who has examined his hair, and found that he is suffering from ringworm. Bertha Greenaway is also absent as the mother finds that she also has ringworm.

Dec 20 1910

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *B.M. Hawes (Correspondent)*

Dec 21 1910

Copy of Report made by H.M.I Mr S R Wilson after visit of 7th and 8th December 1910.

Mixed

“This has been a most trying year to the school, owing to the regrettable death of the Headmaster’s wife (a very efficient Certificated Teacher), and the closure for six weeks on account of whooping cough among the children, leaving only three weeks’ work before the summer holiday of five weeks began. Naturally the proficiency has suffered, but the Master has energetically grappled with the difficulties in spite of his being tied to the Upper Group of four Standards and having to supervise the work of a new Teacher (with weak disciplinary powers) in the main room, taking the Lower Group. His efforts and teaching have been instrumental in maintaining a very creditable degree of efficiency in the Upper Classes of the school; but the Lower, consisting of St. 1 & 11, seem to be retrograding for lack of good teaching, their general state being only fairly satisfactory: in some respects this level is hardly reached, notably in the History and Recitation lessons, during which the inattention and lack of interest of the children were most pronounced.

As regards the general condition of the Upper section, decided praise can be given, the greater part of the work being of highly satisfactory quality, and the intelligence of more than average merit. Except in the Lower section due stress is laid on training the children to understand what they read; penmanship is good as a rule, and the composition of the elder scholars is well expressed. At the top of the school the Mental Arithmetic is creditably intelligent, at the bottom fairly so, and the written Exercises are very satisfactory in the main. The lessons in Geography and History given in the Higher Group were on approved lines; and their Object lesson was remarkably good. The Drawing both of the boys and girls is satisfactory, and the boys’ Manual occupation (cardboard modelling) is very successfully taught. Some of the Needlework is good, and the Physical Exercises are going well.

The grouping of four grades under the Headmaster is not a satisfactory arrangement: an additional teacher is desirably.

Infants

The new Infants’ Teacher is doing very fairly well on the whole; but epidemic sickness has retarded progress. The teaching of Number is too hurried to be properly effective, and the Reading is backward. Otherwise the work may be regarded as generally satisfactory.”

“With reference to the official letter of the 9th instant I am to enclose a list of the temperatures recently observed in this school. The conditions of grant stated in Article 18 of the Code cannot be regarded as fulfilled until the heating has been improved. I am also to inquire what will be done to secure better teaching for Sts. 1 & 11.

Temperatures

1910	Mixed Department	Infants' Room	
	8.50 am	8.50 am	12 am
Oct 31	48 degrees	47 degrees	
Nov 1	50 “	50 “	
Nov 2	48 “	49 “	
Nov 3	47 “	48 “	
Nov 4	49 “	47 “	
Nov 7	44 “	42 “	
Nov 8	48 “	46 “	
Nov 9	45 “	43 “	
Nov 10	43 “	41 “	49 degrees
Nov 11	46 “	46 “	50 “
Nov 14	49 “	49 “	52 “
Nov 15	51 “	48 “	52 “
Nov 16	49 “	45 “	50 “
Nov 17	49 “	42 “	50 “
Nov 18	42 “	42 “	45 “
Nov 21	48 “	35 “	43 “
Nov 22	37 “	37 “	49 “
Nov 23	39 “	37 “	49 “
Nov 24	43 “	40 “	50 “
Nov 25	45 “	40 “	50 “
Nov 28	43 “	48 “	49 “
Nov 29	45 “	43 “	50 “
Nov 30	43 “	42 “	50 “
Dec 1	47 “	42 “	50 “
Dec 2	50 “	44 “	
Dec 5	49 “	46 “	
Dec 6	51 “	49 “	52 “
Dec 7	49 “	50 “	55 “
Dec 8	51 “	49 “	

Bernard M Hawes
Correspondent

Dec 22 1910

School was closed this afternoon for the Xmas holidays to re-open on Monday Jan 9th 1911.
Miss L Comins terminated her duties here as Assistant Mistress.

1911

Jan 16 1911

School was re-opened this morning instead of on Jan 9th. The extra week having been given owing to repairs, and renovation of the school. The Infants' room is still unfinished as the new fire grate has not arrive. The Infants are using the other class room until this is fixed.

As no teachers have yet been appointed for the Mixed Room, I have to work all the classes.

Six new children were admitted this morning, and Edith Miller who has been absent for 18 months owing to consumption, was re-admitted as she is well again. The total number on books is 110. There are five children absent through ringworm.

Mr Herrington visited this morning.

Jan 17 1911

Mrs Aaron Jefferies commenced taking charge of the children who remain for dinner, during the interval from morning to afternoon school.

Jan 19 1911

The Infants have been able to use their own room again to-day as the new fire grate was fixed yesterday

Jan 23 1911

Mr J Aldworth (Uncertificated) commenced duties as "Supply" teacher, while his own Abingdon CE School is closed.

Jan 25 1911

Mr Herrington visited this morning. The stoves have caused great annoyance this morning as they have been emitting smoke into the room all the session.

Jan 30 1911

Miss E E Cantwell wired this morning to say that she is unable to be at school as she is ill suffering form a chill. I am taking the Infants leaving Mr Aldworth in the main room in charge of St. 1 & 11 and to overlook the upper class who are working silently under my direction. Singing, Drill and Observation lessons will be taken by all, together under Mr Aldworth.

Feb 1 1911

The Vicar gave his religious instruction this morning instead of yesterday.

Feb 3 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Feb 6 1911

Miss E E Cantwell resumed her duties again this morning.

Feb 8 1911

The Vicar gave his instruction this morning instead of yesterday.

Feb 9 1911

Mr Sergeant visited the school at mid-day to overlook the buildings.

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Feb 13 1911

Miss Lottie Jones, who has been acting as Supplementary Teacher at Littleworth commenced duties as permanent Uncertificated Teacher this morning. Miss Edith Nailor, Uncertificated from the Wantage Girls' School also commenced duties as "Supply" Teacher while her own school is closed. She arrived at 9.30 am. As the school has now the full staff – I reorganised the children in the main room for secular work into three groups:-

- (a) Class 1 - Std. 1V and upwards – 28 scholars
- (b) Class 11 – Std. 11 & 111 28 scholars
- (c) Class 111 Std. 1 24 scholars

Having promoted the seven best Infants to work with Std. 1. Their mark was cancelled on the Infants register and transferred to Class 11. There are now 28 children on Infant Register.

Miss Nailor is in charge of Class 11 and Miss Jones is in charge of Class 111 for the present.

Feb 14 1911

Dr Taylor Medical Officer for the County visited this afternoon.

Feb 15 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Feb 24 1911

Miss Mildred Nailor – late student teacher in Hatherop School Gloucester commenced duties this morning as Supplementary Teacher – the appointment dating from March 1st. Miss Jones today permanently took charge of Class 11, while Miss Edith Nailor takes Class 111 so that her sister may have an idea of the work, ready for Wednesday when she permanently takes Class 111. Miss Edith Nailor terminated her duties this afternoon as she was requested by the Committee to go to Basildon and take charge of a school there.

March 2 1911

I publicly read and afterwards posted up notice of the Diocesan Inspection to be held in this school on Friday March 17th.

March 3 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

March 8 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

March 10 1911

The attendance this week has been very poor owing to sickness among the younger children. The average attendance being 96.4 out of 109.

March 13 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

March 17 1911

The Rev L C Hamerton, Diocesan Inspector examined the children this morning in religious knowledge. The registers were not marked today.

March 21 1911

The Vicar did not give his religious instruction this morning. Mr J Chandler Inspector of Physical Exercises, visited the school this afternoon. The time table was somewhat altered so that the classes

could take drill which was taken as follows, 2nd class and 1st class before Recreation and the Infants afterwards.

March 23 1911

The Vicar has not given his religious instruction this morning. I have today examined the whole of the written work of the Mixed Room and commenced the Examination of the Infants.

March 24 1911

I have completed the examination of the Infants today. Instead of the usual writing lessons for Class 11 and 111 this afternoon, the children were given a lesson the "Census" by myself.

March 27 1911

Miss L Jones was absent from school today with neuralgia.

March 28 1911

I tested the Registers today and found them correct – *B M Hawes*

Mr Herrington and Mr W Challoner – Attendance Superintendent visited the school this afternoon to make enquires concerning the Fernham children and the accommodation available in this school. The Vicar is not giving his instruction this week but proposes next week to begin taking the following classes for the future:-

- (a) Tuesday - Infants in Catechism
- (b) Wednesday – Class 111 “ “
- (c) Thursday - Class 11 “ “
- (d) Friday Class 1 in New Testament

March 30 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

March 31 1911

During the last part of the last lesson I promoted the children, in order that they might take their places in their new classes on Monday morning. I have this week completed the oral examination of the work in the Mixed Room.

April 6 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Miss M Nailor is absent this afternoon on account of illness.

April 7 1911

Miss Nailor is unable to be present being confined to her bed with a chill, and by doctor's orders is unable to be present till after Easter.

April 10 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

April 13 1911

Copy of Report made by the Rev L C Hamerton after the Diocesan Inspection on March 17th 1911.

"The Infant Department shows a marked improvement and reflects great credit on the teacher. Good work was being done in the middle group especially in the Old and New Testament subjects. The

Catechism might have more care given to the explanation. In the upper group the answering was intelligent and general and the teachers are to be congratulated. The written work was not quite up to last year' standard.

Bishops Prize	Rose Whiting
Certificates	Edith Stratton, Alfred Buckland
Middle Group Certificates	Bertie Roberts, Lily Seaford
Infants Commended	Fred Gillard, Edith Miller, Edwin Butler”

School was closed this afternoon for Good Friday and Bank Holiday to re-open on The Children attended Divine Service at the Church from 9 to 9.45 am. Miss Jones remained in charge of the children who are exempt from Church.

April 18 1911

School was re-opened this morning. There were 100 children present out of 106. Miss M Nailor resumed her duties again this morning.

April 19 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Miss Stephens Head Mistress of Hardwicke School Gloucester came in and looked round the school this afternoon.

April 21 1911

The school has been filled with smoke which is emitted from the stove at the back of the master's desk. The Vicar was has not given his religious instruction this week.

April 25 1911

Miss Jones terminated her engagement as Uncertificated Teacher in this school this afternoon.

May 1 1911

Miss Florence Gaeling Collings commenced duties this morning as Uncertificated Teacher. She has been previously working as an occasional “Supply” Teacher in the Plymouth Infants Schools.

May 9 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

May 11 1911

Mr S R Wilson H.M.I. visited the school this afternoon.

May 18 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

May 19 1911

The Vicar has only given religious instruction to the Upper Group this morning.

May 24 1911

Instead of Drill and Singing for the Mixed Room this morning, I gave them a lesson on Empire Day and its meaning.

May 25 1911

The Children attended Divine Service at the Church from 9 to 9.45 am. Miss Cantwell remained in charge of the children who do not attend church.

May 26 1911

The Vicar has not given his instruction to the Upper Group this morning

May 30 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

June 2 1911

School was closed this afternoon for the Whitsuntide holidays to re-open on Monday June 12th.

June 12 1911

School was re-opened this morning when there were 99 present out of 102

June 15 1911

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

June 16 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

June 20 1911

The school was closed for a week to celebrate the Coronation of George V to re-open on Wednesday June 28th 1911.

June 28 1911

School was re-opened this morning. Two fresh children were admitted making 104 on the books of whom 100 were present.

June 30 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

July 4 & 5 1911

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the Infants and Standard 1

July 12 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

July 26 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

July 28 1911

I have this week examined the children in the Mixed Room in all their work for the term.

Aug 7 1911

Mr Herrington visited this morning. The Vicar is not giving his instruction this week. I have examined the work of the Infants today and yesterday for the first term.

Aug 14 1911

School was closed this afternoon for five weeks for the mid Summer holiday to re-open on Monday Sept 11th 1911.

Sept 11 1911

The School was re-opened this morning. Six new children were admitted. There are now 105 on the books, two children having left during the holiday.

Sept 15 1911

The Vicar has not given his instruction this week.
Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Sept 19 1911

I tested the Registers this morning the were quite correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

Sept 26 1911

I left school in charge of Miss Collings from 10.40 to 11.40. The Observation of the First Class was taken from 10 to 10.30 the Arithmetic being from 10.30 to 11.30.
Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Sept 27 1911

The Vicar has not given his instruction to the Third Class this morning.

Sept 29 1911

The Vicar was unable to give his instruction to Class 1 today.

Oct 11 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Oct 12 1911

Mr Herrington and Mr W Challoner – Attendance Superintendent visited the school this afternoon to make further enquiries about accommodating all the Fernham children.

Oct 18 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Oct 20 1911

Nine new children have been admitted this week making a total of 112 on books.

Oct 23 1911

Mr Shirley Assistant Education Secretary visited the school this afternoon and remained throughout the session. At his request I accompanied him to the Allotment where it is proposed to give the boys instruction in Gardening. Mr Herrington also visited this afternoon.

Oct 25 1911

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the 3rd Class this morning and also missed the 2nd Class on Oct 26th.

Oct 27 1911

I had to speak very strongly to the First Class this morning after the Vicar's lesson about their behaviour during the same.

Oct 30 1911

Mr J Chandler, Inspector of Physical exercises visited this afternoon taking the Infants from 1.30 to 2 and the Mixed from 2 to 2.40. Drill was taken in school as it was wet. Miss Collings took the Mixed classes 1, 11 and 111 as one group.

Nov 1 1911

The Children attended Divine Service at the Parish Church this morning from 9 to 9.40 am. Those exempt remained in school in charge of Miss Nailor.

Mr S R Wilson visited this afternoon and at his request the Vicar came in to discuss certain improvements with him.

Nov 2 1911

I left the school in charge of Miss Collings from 2.50 till the close. The First class were doing silent Reading and for the last lesson Composition. The Observation lesson was given in the morning instead of Reading. Mr Herrington visited.

Nov 6 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Nov 7 1911

The Vicar has not given his instruction to the Infants this morning and will not take the third class on Wednesday.

Nov 14 1911

Mr A Ransley from the Education Offices visited during the mid-day interval and remained for the early part of the afternoon session, taking the measurements of the buildings, yards etc.

Nov 17 1912

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Nov 20 1911

The new desks have arrived today from the Bennet Furnishing Company.

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Nov 22 1911

Mr Mansfield Roberts has today commenced the conveyance of all the Fernham children under 8 years of age to school in the morning and back again to Fernham at the close of School.

Nov 24 1911

The following Drill report from the Secretary Reading dated Nov 22nd 1912 was received

“Mixed

Teacher should detect and correct faulty positions. Attention is directed to Chapter 11 page 22 of the syllabus (Commands). Gave demonstration, Class worked satisfactorily”

Miss E Collins gave this lesson to whole school in the building as it was wet.

Nov 27 1911

Varena Gale commenced this morning as Monitress, in order to give assistance with the Infants under Miss Cantwell. The First Class took singing this morning instead of drill on account of the snow.

Nov 28 1911

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Nov 30 1911

The Vicar has not given his instruction this morning to the 2nd Class.

Dec 14 1911

Miss M Nailor will be absent from school to-day and Friday as she is sitting for Preliminary Certificate in Reading.

I tested the Registers this morning and found them quite correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

Miss May Hughes visited the school this afternoon.

Dec 15 1911

I have this week examined the work of the Mixed Room for the Second Term. The Vicar did not give his instruction this morning. Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Dec 21 1911

School was closed this afternoon for the Xmas Holiday to re-open on Monday January 8th 1912. Miss E E Cantwell terminated her duties this afternoon as her resignation takes effect on Dec 31st. On behalf of the children and the staff I presented her with a silver hot water jug as a token of our esteem for her services.

1912

Jan 8 1912

The School was re-opened this morning. As no teacher has been appointed for the Infants, Miss Nailor was placed in charge of them, and Miss Collins in charge of Std.1; the other standards to be taken by myself. Upon my arrival at school at 8.40 the following were the temperatures of the main 37° and 38°, and 40° in the Infants' Room. The caretaker's reason was that the Vicar had forbidden her to use so much coal. At my request the Vicar called about 10.15 and I pointed out to him the temperature of the room.

Jan 9 1912

The Vicar is not giving his instruction to the 3rd Class this week.

Jan 15 1912

Miss Margaret Ryman Supplementary from N. Hagbourne School commenced here this morning as "Supply" Teacher in charge of the Infants, during the closure of her own school.

Jan 17 1912

A wet and snowy day. Attendance suffered somewhat, only 111 being present out of 123.

Jan 18 1912

The attendance today was very poor on account of a deep snow. There were 77 present this morning and 81 this afternoon.

Jan 19 1912

There was a bad attendance again today only 90 being present. Miss Ryman finished her duties here as "Supply".

Jan 22 1912

Miss Nailor is in charge of the Infants and Miss Collins has Std.1 again.

Jan 23 1912

The Vicar has not given his instruction this morning, and will not do so for this week.

Jan 26 1912

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Feb 6 1912

Mr Webb H.M.I visited this afternoon for a short time

Feb 7 1912

Nine First Class girls have commenced a course in Cookery at the Faringdon Centre this morning. Mr Herrington visited.

Feb 8 1912

Miss Elsie Sybil Nutting commenced duties this morning as Supplementary Teacher in charge of the Infants. She is on "Supply and Probation" for one month. The other teachers have now taken charge of their respective classes.

Feb 8 & 9 1912

The School Medical Officer- Dr Lakin has examined the children during these two days and the following have been excluded:-.

Ida and Cicely Curtis; Henry, Frederick, Albert and Emily Archer; William, Lily, Albert, Edgar and Francis King; Violet Lovesey; Joseph, Ernest, Florence, Ethel and Ada Roberts, for vermin and Frederick Gale for abscess on the neck.

Feb 9 1912

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the first class this morning

Feb 13 1912

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

Feb 19 1912

Mr Herrington visited this morning.

Feb 20 1912

Children attended Divine Service at the Church this morning from 9.5 to 9.40 am. Those exempt remained in school in charge of Miss Nailor

Feb 22 1912

Miss May Hughes visited the school this morning and remained for almost an hour listening to the lessons.

Feb 23 1912**Report by H.M.I. Mr S R Wilson after visit of Feb 6th 1912****“Playground**

1. The boys’ playground is in a very muddy condition, and it is quite wrong that the boys should be allowed to play in it as their boots and clothes are covered with mud.
2. The school-room floors are, naturally filthy,
3. The main room is heated by a large fire grate and a stove; the latter is not sufficient. During the recent cold weather the temperatures at the “stove end” of the room at 8.50 have been

January	29 th	32°
“	30 th	32°
“	31 st	38°
February	1 st	40°
“	2 nd	37°
“	5 th	30° (ink-wells frozen)
“	6 th	38°

I am to request that the Board may be informed without delay what steps it is proposed to take to improve the heating of the main-room. The Board should also be furnished with an assurance that the surface of the boys’ playground will be rendered satisfactory”

Bernard M Hawes (Correspondent)

Feb 26 1912

Publicly read and posted up the notice that the school will be inspected by the Diocesan Inspector on Thursday March 14th.

Feb 29 1912

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

March 1 1912

Mr Herrington visited this morning.

March 12 1912

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

March 14 1912

The Rev L C Hamerton, Diocesan Inspector examined the children this morning in Religious knowledge. The registers were not marked to-day.

March 21 1912

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

March 22 1912

I have this week examined the work of the Infants and the written work of the Mixed Room.

March 27 1912

Mr Herrington visited this afternoon.

March 29 1912

I have this week completed the examination of the oral work in the Mixed Room

April 3 1912**Copy of Report by the Diocesan Inspector after visit of March 14th as above:-**

“The Infants showed a very accurate knowledge of their work and the answering was general. St.1 had not taken the specially marked parts of the Catechism and their New Testament work was hardly up to the standard. In the Middle Group The Old and New Testament subjects were well known but here again sufficient attention had not been given to the Lord’s Prayer and the Commandments. The Upper Group was specially pleasing. The answering in the catechism was clear and accurate. The Biblical subjects were well known as far as had been gone in the syllabus. The written work was not quite up to the Viva-voce standard.”

Bishop’s prize	Winifred Gillard
Certificates	Lily Roberts, Ernest Jefferies
Middle Group Certificates	– Florence Russ, Lily Seaford
Commended	Raymond Cox, Bertie Roberts
St.1 Certificate	Reginald Kimbrey
Commended	F. Gillard
<u>Infants</u>	
Commended	Oliver Mapson, Percy Lea and Reginald Greenaway

April 4 1912

The Children have this week attended Divine Service at the Parish Church from 9.5 to 9.40 am. Those exempt remained in school in charge of Miss Nailor.

The school was closed for the Easter holiday at mid-day to re-open on April 15th.

The Vicar distributed the prizes and medals for the past year to the children.

Miss Nailor and Miss Collins terminated their engagements in school today.

April 15 1912

School was re-opened this morning. Mrs Mead commenced duties as Supply Teacher at mid-day. She is Certificated but acting as Uncertificated. She is in charge of St1 while I take classes 1 & 2.

April 19 1912

Mr A Healey – Attendance Officer visited this morning. The Vicar has only given his instruction this morning and yesterday this week.

April 25 1912

The Vicar has not given his instruction to Class 11 this morning.
Mr A Healey visited after Scripture lesson.

April 29 1912

Mr A Healey visited this morning

April 30 1912

Mr W F Spikes H.M.I. visited the school this afternoon and at his request I sent for Mr Day one of the Managers.

May 1 1912

Miss Gladys Miles commenced duties as Uncertificated Teacher in charge of Class 11.

May 8 1912

The Vicar did not give his instruction to Class 111 this morning. Mr A Healey visited this morning.

May 13 1912

Miss Nutting has today gone to Shrivenham School for three day's training. Mrs Mead is in charge of the Infants, Miss Miles is taking Std., while I take classes 1 & 11.

May 16 1912

Miss Nutting resumed her duties again this morning. The Children attended Divine Service at the Church this morning from 9.5 to 9.40 am. Those exempt remained in school in charge of Mrs Mead.

May 17 1912

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the 3rd Class this morning

May 21 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this morning.

May 23 1912

The Vicar has not been to give his instruction either today or yesterday.

May 23 1912

The school was closed this afternoon for the Whitsuntide holidays to re-open on June 3rd. Mrs S Mead terminated her duties as "Supply" Teacher here as she is transferring to a school nearer her own home.

June 3 1912

School was re-opened this morning after the holidays. Miss Miles is taking Class 3 until a "Supply" arrives.

June 4 1912

Miss Miles was unable to be at school today on account of illness. I had to take all classes with a little help from the Monitress.

June 5 1912

Miss Miles came to school today although she was far from well.

June 6 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this afternoon.

June 11 1912

Mr Frost the Board of Education's Drawing Inspector visited this afternoon and at his request the Time Table was altered for the last lesson when all the children took drawing.

June 12 1912

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*
Mr Healey visited the school this morning.

June 20 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this morning

June 24 1912

Gertrude Brittain commenced duties this morning as Monitress to assist in the Main Room as no Teacher has yet been appointed on the staff, and the Committee are unable to send a qualified "Supply".

June 26 1912

The Vicar has not given his instruction to the 3rd Class and did not take the Infants yesterday.

June 28 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this morning.

July 4 1912

Mr Healey visited at the close of school this afternoon.

July 9 1912

The Vicar was unable to take the Infants this morning. Miss Nutting was unable to be present today on account of sickness.

July 12 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this morning

July 16 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this morning

July 17 1912

Mr H S Wilson H.M.I. visited this morning

July 22 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this morning

July 25 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this morning

July 26 1912

I have this week examined the work for the 1st Term in the Main Room.

July 29 1912

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct as usual— *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

July 30 1912

Varena Gale was absent to- day on account of her mother's illness

Aug 1 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this morning. School was closed this afternoon for the mid-summer holiday to re-open on Monday Sept 9th. Gertrude Brittain terminated her duties of "Supply" Monitress. I have this week examined the work of the Infants.

Sept 9 1912

The school was re-opened this morning. Five ;new children were admitted making 109 present out of 110. Miss Eloise Daisy Vinson commenced duties as Uncertificated Teacher in charge of Std.1

Sept 11 1912

The Vicar did not give his instruction this morning

Sept 12 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this morning.

Sept 18 1912

Mr W J Spikes H.M.I. visited the school this morning.

Sept 23 1912

Mr J Chandler, Inspector of Physical exercises visited this afternoon. Drill was taken by the various classes till 2.40.

Sept 24 1912

Dr Taylor, School Medical Officer visited the school at the beginning of the afternoon.

Sept 25 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this afternoon.

Sept 26 1912

The school was closed this afternoon to enable the teachers to attend the Nature Study Exhibition at Wantage.

Sept 30 1912

Mr Healey visited at the commencement of the afternoon session.

Oct 2 1912

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the 3rd Class this morning

Oct 4 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this morning. The Vicar did not give his instruction to the 1st Class this morning

Oct 7 1912

Mr M Roberts commenced the conveyance of the Fernham children to and from school to-day.

Oct 9 1912

Mr Healey visited this afternoon. Varena Gale terminated her duties of Monitress to-day.

Oct 15 1912

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

Oct 16 1912

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the 2nd Class this morning and to the 3rd class on the 17th.

Oct 17 1912

Miss S K Anderson visited today and examined the children, when 27 children were excluded.

Oct 22 1912

Mr Healey visited at the close of school this afternoon.

Oct 23 1912

Thomas Harris was sent home at 9.30 am as he was verminous and not fit to sit among clean children. This boy was sent to school again this afternoon – having had his hair cropped, but upon examination the scalp was swarming with lice so I sent him home and cancelled his mark.

Oct 24 1912

Miss G Miles was absent to-day on account of sickness and also on the morning of Oct 25th.

Oct 28 1912

Miss Nutting was absent this morning as she was not well. Miss Miles took the Infants.

Oct 30 1912

Mr Healey and Mr Day visited this morning. The Vicar did not give his instruction to the 3rd Class this morning

Oct 31 1912

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

Drill report by Inspector of Physical Exercises

“The Upper Group have made good progress. The Lower Group are rather backward. The Teacher works very hard with her class with only fair results. Faulty positions should be detected and corrected. The method of instruction in the Infants’ Class should be quicker”

Nov 1 1912

The Children this morning attended Divine Service at the Church from 9.5 to 9.40 am. Those exempt remained in school in charge of Miss Vinson.

Nov 6 1912

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the 3rd Class this morning. Miss S K Anderson visited this morning, when W Edginton and A Head were excluded. Inspector Long, N.S.P.C.C also visited and saw Edgintons and Kimbreys examined. Mr Healey visited the school this afternoon.

Nov 8 1912

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the 1st Class this morning nor to 2nd Class yesterday.

Nov 11 1912

Miss Vinson was absent till playtime this morning as she missed her train back yesterday.

Nov 14 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this morning.

Nov 20 1912

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the 3rd Class this morning. Mr Healey visited the school this afternoon.

Nov 22 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this morning.

Nov 25 1912

Miss Nutting was absent to-day as she was not well. Mr Healey visited the school this afternoon.

Nov 26 1912

Miss Nutting was not able to be at school this afternoon, as she was unwell all morning. Miss Miles again took the Infants.

Dec 5 1912

Mr Healey visited the school this morning

Dec 6 1912

Miss Miles was unable to be at school today as she was ill. Mr S R Wilson H.M.I. visited this morning. I have today and yesterday examined the written work of the Mixed Room and commenced the oral work.

Dec 10 1912

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the Infants this morning

Dec 13 1912

The Vicar did not give 1st Class their instruction this morning. Mr Healey visited the school this afternoon. I have this week completed the examination of the work of the Mixed and Infant Rooms.

Dec 16 1912

Miss Miles was left in charge of the school for the second lesson, while I attended the funeral of one of our C.E.M.S members.

Dec 19 1912

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

Dec 20 1912

The children were given a few extra minutes for Recreation to enable them to observe the meet of the hounds in the village at 11 am. School was closed this afternoon for the Xmas holidays to re-open on Tuesday January 7th 1912.

1913

Jan 7 1913

School was re-opened this morning. One new boy was admitted, three have left during the holidays. Total on registers now is 111. Miss Kate Spinage from Girls' School Faringdon commenced this morning as Monitress.

Jan 9 1913

Mr Healey visited the school this morning

Jan 15 1913

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the 3rd Class this morning

Jan 16 1913

Miss S K Anderson visited today when the following children were excluded for vermin. Joseph, Florence, Ethel and Ada Roberts; Reginald and Frederick Kimbrey; Ethel, William, Osbert and Frederick Jackson, Violet Gerring and Florence Grubb.

Jan 17 1913

Mr Healey visited after close of school this morning

Jan 21 1913

The Vicar is not giving his instruction this week as he is away.

Jan 23 1913

Mr Healey visited the school this afternoon

Jan 24 1912

Mr Healey visited again this afternoon as the attendance was so bad for the week.

Jan 27 1913

Mr Healey visited the school this morning

Jan 28 1913

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

Jan 30 1913

Mr Day one of the Managers visited the school this morning.

Jan 31 1913

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the 3rd Class this morning. Mr Healey visited the school this afternoon.

Feb 5 1913

The Children attended Divine Service at the Church this morning from 9 to 9.40 am. Those exempt remained in school in charge of Miss Miles.

Feb 6 1913

First Class took Observation for the first lesson this afternoon and silent Reading from 2 till Recreation, while I attended the funeral of Percy Lea.

Feb 7 1913

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the First Class this morning nor to the 2nd Class yesterday.

Feb 11 1913

Mr Healey visited the school this afternoon. The Vicar did not give his instruction to the Infants this morning

Feb 17 1913

Miss Miles and Miss Kate Spinage were both unable to be present to-day on account of sickness. Nine cases of mumps have developed. Two children attended school with the disease and were sent home. I telegraphed the Medical Officer stating the facts.

Feb 18 1913

Miss Miles was able to be at school to-day although not thoroughly fit. Five more children have been excluded today on account of mumps. I publicly read and afterwards posted up the notice that the school will be examined by the Diocesan Inspector on Thursday April 10th.

Feb 21 1913

Mr Healey visited the school this afternoon

Feb 24 1913

Miss Kate Spinage resumed duties again today.

Feb 26 1913

School was closed until further notice at 1.20 pm. as the Secretary wired that the Medical Officer advised its immediate closure on account of mumps.

April 7 1913

School re-opened this morning after closure by Medical Officer. Period was extended from March 31st to April 7th. 84 children present out of 104. Eighteen children are still excluded for mumps. Miss Nutting unable to be present owing to the serious illness of her mother.

April 8 1913

Mr Healey visited the school this morning. Two new boys were admitted this morning from Fernham, both are very backward – Edward Jordan age 12½ years being in Std.1 and Jesse age 7 being in the lower group of Infants.

April 10 1913

Miss Nutting resumed her duties again this morning.

April 11 1913

The Vicar has not given his religious instruction this week.

April 15 1913

I have tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

April 16 1913

A very wet morning. Fifteen children absent and five in the afternoon.

April 18 1913

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the 2nd Class yesterday and 1st class this morning

April 21 1913

Two new children were admitted this morning – Daniel Timball 12½ years Std.111 and Florence Timball 7½ years – Infants. Both these children are very backward.

April 22 1913

Mr Healey visited the school this morning.

April 24 1913

The Vicar did not give his instruction today.

April 30 1913

Dr Lakin who has been present examining the children on Monday and Tuesday, finished at mid-day. Three children have been excluded. F archer for one week, V. Gerring and W. Kinchin each for three months.

May 1 1913

The Children attended Divine Service in Church this morning from 9.5 to 9.40 am. Those exempt remained in school in charge of Miss Vinson.

May 7 1913

Mr Healey visited the school this morning. The Vicar did not give his instruction this morning.

May 8 1913

Miss G Miles was absent to-day on account of sickness.

May 9 1913

Miss Miles still unable to be present. School closed at mid-day for the afternoon and Whit.Monday to re-open on Tuesday.

May 13 1913

School was re-opened this morning. Three new children were admitted making 109 on books. Miss Miles resumed duties this afternoon. She was unable to do so this morning as she had to interview the doctor.

May 14 1913

Alice Timball aged 10 was admitted this morning. She is in Std.1 but scarcely knows her letters. The Vicar did not give his instruction to Class 111 this morning

May 15 1913

Miss S K Anderson visited this morning and examined all the children.

May 16 1913

Mr Healey visited the school this morning.

May 21 1913

Mr Healey visited the school this afternoon.

May 27 1913

Mr Healey visited the school this afternoon. The Vicar is not giving religious instruction again till July 8th as he is away in Switzerland.

June 2 1913

Mr Healey visited the school this afternoon.

June 9 1913

Leslie Townsend was punished while at Bourton Centre last week. Parents made a complaint with the result that the Committee refuse to allow him to attend again as it is alleged he has been previously warned for misbehaviour.

Mr J Chandler, visited this afternoon. Drill was taken by the various classes till 2.40.

June 17 1913

Mr Healey visited at mid-day.

July 1 1913

Mr Day visited the school this morning.

July 3 1913

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

July 7 1913

A very wet morning – 79 present and 88 in the afternoon.

July 9 1913

Miss S K Anderson visited this morning and examined the children when 7 were excluded – two for sores on face and the others for vermin.

July 11 1913

Mr Healey visited this morning. I have today and yesterday examined the written work and Reading in the Main Room.

July 14 1913

Mr Healey visited this morning. Mrs Moulding has withdrawn William from Woodwork as she says the journey is against his health.

July 1 1913

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

July 18 1913

I have completed the examinations in the Main Room and also the work in the Infant Room.

July 21 1913

Miss Miles was absent to-day on account of sickness.

July 22 1913

The Vicar is not giving his instruction this morning or tomorrow. Miss Miles resumed work this afternoon.

July 23 1913

Mr Healey visited this morning. School was closed this afternoon for the Summer holiday to re-open on September 1st. School was closed a day earlier as the children are taking part in the Kelmscott Folk Song Festival.

Sept 1 1913

School re-opened this morning after the holiday. The Girls were awarded 1st prize for the Folk songs, and in the mixed choir the children obtained second place on Thursday July 24th.

Mr Healey visited the school this morning.

Sept 9 1913

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Sept 12 1913

The Vicar did not give his instruction to the classes this week.

Sept 16 1913

Mr Healey visited this morning. The Vicar was unable to take the Infants this morning

Sept 23 1913

Mr Healey visited this morning, also the School Nurse – Miss Anderson. Ethel Jackson was excluded.

Sept 24 1913

Mr Spikes H.M.I. visited and stayed the day.

Sept 25 1913

Mr Healey visited twice this morning.

Children were given a half holiday by the Managers for the Faringdon Show.

Oct 1 1913

I propose to take the History Lesson on Wednesday in the afternoon instead of in the morning while the girls are at Cookery – Writing being taken in a morning instead of History

Oct 2 1913

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Oct 3 1913

Upon returning to school this afternoon at 1.15 I found Thomas Jackson had injured his leg while at play in the yard. He was carrying another boy on his back and was pushed accidentally and fell. I bound up the leg and interviewed the Vicar and sent for Nurse and parents. Boy was removed to the doctors by the father at 2.5pm. Miss Vinson accompanied him to steady the child's leg. Miss Vinson returned at close of school, the boy having been left in the hospital, the thigh being broken.

Oct 6 1913

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Oct 9 1913

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

Oct 14 1913

Miss G Miles was unable to be at school to-day owing to illness.

Oct 15 1913

The Vicar is unable to take his classes again this week.

Oct 17 1913

Miss Miles resumed duties again this morning.

Oct 21 1913

Mr Healy visited this afternoon.

Oct 27 1913

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Oct 29 1913

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

Oct 30 1913

The Vicar did not give his instruction.

Nov 4 1913

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

Nov 6 1913

The Education Secretary and the Assistant Secretary visited this afternoon for a few minutes.

Nov 11 1913

Mr Healey visited this morning. The Vicar did not give his instruction to the Infants today.

Nov 17 1913

Dr Taylor visited for a few minutes this afternoon.

Nov 18 1913

Nurse Anderson visited this morning and examined all the children.

Nov 19 1913

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Nov 21 1913

The Vicar did not give his instruction on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

Nov 25 1913

I left the school in charge of Miss Miles for the last lesson this afternoon as I had to be away for a short time.

Nov 26 1913

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

Dec 2 1913

Mr S R Wilson H.M.I. visited this morning. The Vicar did not give his instruction today.

Dec 9 1913

I was compelled to be absent this afternoon in order to take my boy to the hospital for an immediate operation for appendicitis. Mr Healey visited this morning.

Dec 10 & 11 1913

I was absent for part of the first lesson each morning to see doctors at the hospital.

Dec 11 1913

Mr Spikes visited and spent the morning here. Kate Spinage has been absent today to be medically examined as a P.T.

Dec 12 1913

I allowed the children a few minutes extra play to see the meet of the hounds in the village. I have this week examined the work of the Infant Room and the written work of the Mixed.

Dec 15 1913

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Dec 17 1913

The Vicar did not give his instruction this morning

Dec 18 1913

Miss Miles was absent to-day through sickness. Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

Dec 18 1913

Miss Miles resumed work this afternoon.

Dec 23 1913

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Dec 24 1913

The Vicar did not give his instruction this morning. School was closed this afternoon for Xmas to re-open on Jan 12th 1914.

1914

Jan 12 1914

School was re-opened this morning

Jan 14 1914

Report by H.M.I. Mr S R Wilson

Mixed

“The School is in very good order, and the instruction is given, in the main, on good methods and with satisfactory results. Intelligence is being developed, and written work is creditable.

Useful changes have been recently introduced into the treatment of several subjects. Arithmetic is being brought into closer relation to local requirements; more of the Nature Study is being done by the children’s own efforts, and attempts have been made, not very successfully at present, to obtain more worn garments for mending. Voice training exercises are given in the Singing lessons, but the effects are not always noticeable in the songs.

The Teachers deserve credit for their industry and for their intelligent efforts on behalf of the children, in this somewhat difficult school.

Infants

The Infants are quietly controlled and their general progress is satisfactory. Word-building and Reading are taught on good lines, and some of the children answer questions on number readily, but the class is uneven in this respect. Object lessons and Kindergarten are receiving attention with good results.

Premises

The defects in the premises reported in February 1912 have been remedied.

The heating is now quite satisfactory. The playgrounds have been completely dealt with, one part has been asphalted, and the whole of the remainder has been concreted.

The Managers are to be congratulated on these improvements.”

B. M Hawes (Correspondent)

Jan 19 1914

Kate K Spinage was absent this afternoon on account of sickness. The Vicar is not giving his instruction this week.

Jan 22 1914

Mr J Chandler visited this afternoon. Drill was taken by the classes till 2.15 pm.

Jan 23 1914

Mr V Day visited the school this morning.

Jan 26 1914

Admitted two boys this morning James and Charles Cleevely both being very backward for their age. Mr Healey visited at the commencement of afternoon school.

Jan 27 1914

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

Jan 39 1914

The Vicar did not give his instruction this morning. Miss E D Vinson terminated her duties this afternoon, having to forfeit January's salary instead of giving a month's notice.

Feb 2 1914

K K Spinage commenced training to-day as a Pupil Teacher – attending school at 7.45 to receive an hour's instruction each morning.

Feb 3 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Feb 9 1914

Nurse Anderson visited this afternoon and examined all the children.

Feb 11 1914

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

Feb 16 1914

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

Feb 25 1914

The Children attended Divine Service at the Church this morning. Those excused remained in school in charge of Pupil Teacher. Mr Healey visited this morning.

Feb 27 1914

K. K Spinage was absent today through sickness

Feb 4 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Drill Report

Mixed The method of instruction in St I should be much quicker and the class kept well on the move.

The Middle and Upper Groups have made satisfactory progress.

Infants. Infants are going on steadily and satisfactorily – *A J Shirley*

March 6 1914

Read and then posted Notice of Diocesan Inspection on Friday March 20th.

March 13 1914

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary visited this morning. Mr Healey also called. The Vicar did not give his instruction on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

March 17 1914

A half holiday was given this afternoon as the 'Point-to-point' races were being held locally.

March 19 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning. The Vicar has not given his instruction this week.

March 20 1914

The school was inspected this morning by the Diocesan Inspector of Schools, Rev. W. Boldero. I have this week examined the work of all the classes in the Main Room.

April 1 1914

The children were promoted to their new classes this morning.

April 2 1914

Miss Miles was absent to-day on account of sickness.

April 3 1914

Miss Miles resumed work this afternoon.

Copy of the Diocesan Report

“ The Religious subjects have been thoroughly well taught in this school. In the middle group especially the answering was very general, and it was evident that great pains had been taken with the religious teaching.

The written work of the Upper group was very well done, as the children not only knew the facts, but have been taught to express themselves well, and their writing was excellent. In teaching these subjects, it is most important to lead the children to think out for themselves the application of what they learn to their daily lives. Some good pictures are much needed for teaching the younger children.

Bishop's Price:	Nellie Gillard
Certificates:	Winnie Gillard, Florence Russ
Commended:	Minnie Lucas, Edie Jefferies
<u>Middle Group:</u>	Sophie Jackson, Frederick Gillard, Dorothy Russ, Ed Butler, L. Cox and G. Miller
<u>Standard I</u>	Os Jackson, Wm Farmer, Fred Jackson, O Mapson, J. Cox
<u>Infants</u>	Ar Rich, J Farmer, L Lawrence, K. Lucas

April 9 1914

Children have this week attended divine service at Church from 9 to 9.40. Children exempt remained in school in charge of the Pupil Teacher.

School was closed at mid-day for Easter to re-open on Monday April 20th.

April 20 1914

School was re-opened this morning. Four fresh children were admitted. 113 were present out of 116.

April 21 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

April 23 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning again.

April 24 1914

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *B M Hawes, Correspondent*

April 28 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

May 6 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

May 14 1914

Mr Sergeant visited the school this afternoon for a few minutes.

May 15 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning. The Vicar did not give his instruction this morning

May 18 1914

Miss Miles was absent to-day on account of sickness. Mr Healey visited this morning.

May 22 1914

The Vicar did not give his instruction this morning

May 26 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

May 28 1914

Nurse Anderson visited the school this morning and examined all the children.

May 29 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning. The Vicar has not given his instruction this week and will not do so again.

School was closed at mid-day for the Whitsuntide holidays to re-open on June 8th.

June 8 1914

School was re-opened this morning.

June 12 1914

Dr Milne has been at school to-day and yesterday and examined several of the children. Raymond Cox has been put on half day attendance being susceptible to consumption.

June 17 1914

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

June 29 1914

Mr Day visited this morning and Mr Healey this afternoon.

July 3 1914

A very wet day. 86 present this morning and 90 in the afternoon out of 110.

Kate Spinage was absent to-day as she had to meet Mr Greenstreet at the Faringdon Council School at 11.45.

July 7 1914

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *G Victor Day*

Miss Miles was absent today on account of sickness.

July 8 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning. Miss Miles is still unable to be present.

July 10 1914

Many of the lessons this week have had to be re-arranged owing to the absence of Miss Miles.

July 13 1914

Miss A M Butcher – Certificated Teacher from Bucklebury – commenced duties this morning as “Supply” teacher.

July 14 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

July 15 1914

Kate Spinage was absent to-day as she was not well. Mr Healey visited this afternoon as there were 13 children absent at Beckett Fete.

July 20 1914

Miss Miles resumed duties again to-day. Kate Spinage was absent today as she had to go to Oxford Hospital to see an Aunt, who is dying.

July 21 1914

Kate Spinage resumed duties this morning.

July 22 1914

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

July 24 1914

I have this week examined the work of the Infants and commenced the work in the Main Room.

July 29 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

July 31 1914

Mr Day visited this morning. School was closed for Midsummer to re-open on Monday Sept 7th. Miss Butcher finished her duties this afternoon.

Sept 7 1914

School was re-opened this morning. Seven fresh children were admitted to-day. One boy, Norman Richens is very backward and only fit for the Infants. He is placed in St.I owing to age.

Sept 9 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Sept 14 1914

Kate Spinage is unable to attend school as she is suffering with inflammation.

Sept 15 1914

Nurse Anderson visited this morning and examined all the children. Ethel Jackson was excluded for verminous head.

Sept 16 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Sept 25 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Sept 29 1914

Mr Day visited this morning

Oct 7 1914

Mr Wilson H.M.I. visited this morning

Oct 8 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Oct 15 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Oct 23 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Oct 27 1914

I tested the Registers this morning and found them correct – *G victor Day*

Nov 2 1914

K K Spinage was set to answers questions upon work she had to prepare this morning. Upon my going into the Class I found her copying from a Bible she denied having copied until I found the Bible under the desk when she admitted it. I have had to complain a great deal of late and have been suspicious that her work was not being honestly done. *D H Bird*

Nov 4 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Nov 9 1914

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

Nov 12 1914

Miss Miles resumed duties again this afternoon

Nov 19 1914

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

Nov 23 1914

Kate Spinage was unable to attend school today as she is suffering with neuralgia.

Nov 24 1914

Mr Spikes visited and remained for the afternoon.

Nov 25 1914

Kate Spinage resumed work again this morning. Mr Spikes spent the morning in the school.

Dec 1 1914

Winifred Louisa Gillard commenced duties as a Monitress.

Dec 9 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Dec 10 1914

Winifred Gillard was absent today for an oral and medical examination at the office. K Spinage attended a Central Class in Faringdon from 11.15 to 2.45.

Dec 14 1914

Miss Miles is absent today as she has to consult a specialist in London regarding an operation for polypus and diseased bone in the nose.

Miss Pinnell has commenced duties on "Supply" taking charge of Class II.

Dec 15 1914

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Dec 16 1914

Miss Miles resumed duties this morning being unable to have her operation at the present. Mr Healey visited this morning.

Dec 17 1914

Miss Miles is unable to be present as she is suffering from a severe attack of asthma. Mr Day visited this morning.

Dec 18 1914

Miss Miles resumed work this afternoon. I have this week completed the examination of the work of the Infants and the Main Room.

Dec 23 1914

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

School was closed this afternoon to re-open on Jan 11th 1915. Miss Pinnell terminated her duties as "Supply".

1915

Jan 11 1915

School re-opened this morning. Five Infants were promoted to St.I and five children from St.I were promoted to St.II. Miss Vera Cole commenced duties as Uncertificated teacher to take charge of St.I.

Jan 16 1915

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Jan 19 1915

Kate Spinage is absent on account of sickness.

Jan 21 1915

Miss Miles was absent during morning session on account of sickness. Mr Healey visited this morning.

Jan 25 1915

I have today sent Fred Harris home for his library book. He was unable to find it, as it had been torn up. As no apology was given, I sent him home for an explanation, or to bring his prize to replace the book or the value of the same. No apology was given only an impudent message was sent, at which I sent the boy home, and cancelled his mark until an apology is given.

Mr Healey visited this morning.

F Harris apologies this afternoon and was allowed to attend again.

Jan 28 1915

I have this date tested the Registers and found them correct, everything straightforward and in good working order – *G Victor Day*

Feb 2 1915

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Feb 8 1915

Mr Healey visited this afternoon

Feb 10 1915

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Feb 15 1915

Miss K Spinage resumed duties again this morning.

Feb 17 1915

A very wet day – only 75 present this morning and 77 this afternoon.

Feb 24 1915

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Feb 26 1915

Mr J Chandler visited this afternoon. Drill was taken till 2.30 by all the classes in turn.

March 3 1915

Nurse Anderson visited the school this morning and examined all the children. E Jackson, Clare and Lena Harris were excluded for verminous heads and Albert and Ethel Archer for verminous clothing.

March 4 1915

Kate Spingale and Winifred Gillard attended a central class in Faringdon from 11.25 –2.30.

March 9 1915

Mr Healey visited this morning.

Publicly read and posted up Notice that the school will be examined by the Diocesan Inspector on April 13th at 9 a.m.

March 15 1915

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

March 19 1915

I have this week examined the work in the Infant Room, the written work and Reading in the Main Room.

March 23 1915

Mr Healey visited this afternoon

March 24 & 25 1915

Dr Napier was at school for these two days examining the children.

I have this week examined the oral work of the Main Room.

March 29 1915

Miss Miles was absent today on account of sickness.

March 30 1915

Mr Healey visited this morning.

April 1 1915

School was closed at mid-day to re-open on Monday April 12th.

April 12 1915

School was re-opened this morning. Children were promoted to their new classes.

April 13 1915

The school was inspected by the Diocesan Inspector the Rev W. Boldero this morning.

April 14 1915

Mr Healey visited this morning.

April 21 1915

Miss Miles has been absent today of sickness.

April 22 1915

Registers checked and found correct – *A W Roberts*

April 22 1915**Copy of Diocesan report**

“Throughout this school the children have gained a good knowledge of their religious subjects, and the teachers have evidently taken great pains to make their instruction thorough. With the elder children it

is very important to use the frequent opportunities the lessons give of connecting the Bible with the Prayer Book in order to bring out and impress upon them that church teaching is Bible truth. Some good pictures are still much needed especially for Infants. Those published by Nelson are very good and may be obtained from the National Society. Cost 6/- per roll of 12.

Bishops Prize Certificate	Elsie Butler Nellie Gillard
Commended Middle Group Certificate	Eddie Jefferies, Edwin Butler, Fred. Gillard, Sarah Looker
Commended Infants Certificate	John Bird Gertrude Miller, May Warner, Jessie Cox, Willie Farmer
Commended	Flossie Pearce Samuel Cox, Jack Jefferies, Norah Jackson, Lucy Miller

April 22 1915

The P.T.'s attended a central class at Faringdon from 11.15 to 2.45. Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

April 23 1915

Miss Miles resumed duties this morning.

April 26 1915

Mr Healey visited this afternoon.

April 30 1915

Miss G M Miles terminated her duties as Uncertificated Teacher in this school

May 4 1915

Mrs Emily Child (retired Uncertificated Teacher) has commenced taking charge of the needlework.

May 11 1915

Mr Slade – Stock & Stores Clerk- came this afternoon and checked and examined the stock.

May 18 1915

A very wet morning only 62 present out of 97

May 20 1915

The P.T.'s attended a central class at Faringdon from 11.15 to 2.40

May 21 1915

The school was closed for the Whitsuntide holidays at mid-day to re-open on May 31st.

May 31 1915

School was re-opened this morning. Mr Caulfield – Attendance Officer visited this afternoon.

June 2 1915

Nurse Anderson visited this afternoon when the following children were excluded for vermin – E Jackson, Clara, Ivy and Lena Harris, A Roberts.

June 9 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

The P.T.'s have attended a Central Class at Faringdon today.

June 11 1915

I left Miss Cole in charge of the school this afternoon from 3.25 as I had to catch a train at Oxford.

June 14 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

June 24 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

July 2 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

July 7 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning and again during the afternoon.

July 15 1915

The P.T.'s attended a Central Class at Faringdon. Mr Greenstreet called to see me about the P.T.'s work.

July 16 1915

Miss Nutting has been absent today with neuralgia. I have this week examined the work of the Infants and the written work of the Main Room.

July 19 1915

Miss Nutting resumed work this morning. Mr Caulfield called at mid-day.

July 20 1915

Registers tested and found correct – *A W Roberts, Correspondent*

July 23 1915

I have completed the examination of the oral work this week.

July 29 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

July 30 1915

School was closed this afternoon for the summer holidays – five weeks to re-open on Sept 6th. Mrs E Child terminated her duties as "Supply" in charge of Needlework.

Sept 17 1915

Mr J Chandler, visited and inspected the classes in drill, which was taken till 2.15 pm.

Sept 21 1915

Nurse Anderson visited this afternoon when the following children were excluded for vermin Clara, Ivy and Lena Harris and F Miller. Ed Miller was excluded for ringworm.

Sept 23 1915

Miss May Hughes visited the school this morning and remained till 5 min to 12. She spoke to the children from 9.10 to 9.30 and they much appreciated her bright stories.

Sept 28 1915

Mr P H Caulfield visited twice this morning. The second occasion to report that Mr Miller admitted his girl Flossie was in a verminous condition when excluded and that he would send her to a private teacher in future.

Oct 4 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

Oct 7 1915

The P.T.'s attended a central Class in Faringdon to-day.

Oct 13 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this afternoon.

Oct 19 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

Oct 25 1915

Registers tested and found correct – *A W Roberts, Correspondent*

Oct 26 1915

Mr Spikes visited and remained throughout the morning. N. Gillard was examined for the Labour Certificate. The Vicar visited at the request of H.M.I.

Oct 29 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

Nov 3 1915

Mr Caulfield visited at mid-day.

Nov 4 1915

The P.T.'s attended a Central Class to-day.

Nov 5 1915

Mr Sergeant – building Inspector visited this morning.

Nov 8 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning and again this afternoon.

Nov 17 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

Nov 22 1915

The school was left in charge of Miss Cole to day as the Headmaster was to be interviewed for a school at Priestwood. Miss Cole was in charge of First Class and the Pupil Teachers in charge of St.I.

Nov 24 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

Nov 29 1915

The Headmaster left the school in charge of Miss Cole for the day to enable him to visit Priestwood School to be initiated into the general routine of a Council School.

Nov 30 1915

Miss Nutting was absent today on account of sickness. Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

Dec 3 1915

Miss Nutting has been absent for the remainder of the week. Miss Cole has been in charge of the Infants. St.I have taken Oral work with Class II. Miss Cole left today, having obtained the Managers' permission, as her notice did not expire till the end of the month, to enable her to undertake war work.

Dec 6 1915

K Spinage and W Gillard both have to attend a central Class to-day at Faringdon and will be absent from school till Friday Dec 17th to enable them to sit for Oxford Junior Exam.

Dec 10 1915

I have this week examined the work of the Main Room.

Dec 14 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

Dec 17 1915

The pupil teachers resumed work to-day.

I have this week examined the work of the Infant Room.

Dec 21 1915

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

Dec 24 1915

School was closed at mid-day for the Xmas to re-open on Monday 10th January.

1916

Jan 10 1916

School was re-opened this morning. Children were re-organised as follows:
St III(11) to work with Class I and St.I (12) to work with Class 2. Three infants were promoted to St.I

Jan 18 1916

The Oxford Local results were received this morning – both K K Spinage and W L Gillard have passed in the Junior Papers

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

Feb 2 1916

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

Feb 7 1916

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

Feb 8 1916

Registers tested and found correct – *A W Roberts*

Feb 9 1916

Miss Powell was absent today on account of sickness

Feb 10 1916

Miss Powell resumed duties this morning.

Feb 14 1916

The Master was absent today on account of sickness. Miss Powell was in charge.

Feb 15 1916

Mr Caulfield visited this morning.

Feb 17 1916

The P.T.'s attended a central Class in Faringdon this morning from 10.40 to 12.

Feb 23 1916

Mr Caulfield visited this morning. Miss Powell was absent this afternoon to go on interview to Wallingford.

Feb 24 1916

A very snowy morning, so bad it was quite unfit for the P.T.'s to attend the Central Class in Faringdon today.

Mr E D Slade – Stock and Stores Clerk – visited this morning and checked and examined the stock.

Feb 25 1916

As my resignation of the Mastership of this school takes place on Tuesday next Feb 29th the Managers have decided to close the school on Monday and Tuesday next to enable me to remove to my new school.

Signed *D. H. Bird. Trained Certificated Teacher 05/554*

March 1 1916

I take up my duties this morning as headmistress of the school – *Ada M Roberts*

March 6 1916

Miss Nutting has been away since Mar 2nd. Miss Powell is away today, so I have only the P.T.s to help me.

March 9 1916

The school was closed yesterday on account of the weather. Miss Powell and Miss Nutting returned to school this morning.

W Gillard was absent on Mar 2 & 3

March 28 1916

Only 28 children were at school, owing to the snow. We did not mark the registers but kept them at school till 11 a.m. except those who had come from Fernham.

March 31 1916

Miss Mabel Powell is leaving today. I have been examining the classes this week and have not kept strictly to the timetable.

Report of the Diocesan Report

Longcote School Exam. Mar 29 1916. Summary Mark G.

This school has made a capital start under a new Head Mistress: It is being effectively taught, and admirably influenced and all I say to-day was full of promise. As the summary mark indicates, the school is doing what it exists to do and doing it well, but I quite hope that on the occasion of my next visit, I shall see what is already good made still better and nothing would give me greater pleasure, than to be able to award to a school such as this one of the two Summary Marks VG or E. The standard for obtaining which is obviously kept as high as possible.

Bishop's Prize

Edith Miller

Certificates

Fred Gillard, Percy Harris, Oliver Mapson, Fred Jackson

Commended

1. E Butler, F Archer, S Jackson, E Wheeler, L Cox, G Miller

2. A rich, D Roberts, M Whiting, M Warner, A Lawrence, R Greenaway

3. M Roberts, N Jackson, J Curtis, V Seaford, C Harris, G Lea, E

Birmingham

April 4 1916

Yesterday my sister Miss Roberts helped me in the school, but to-day Miss Powell has been sent back on "Supply".

May 1 1916

School re-opened after the Easter holidays. Mrs Green and Miss Lawrence commenced to-day both Supplementary. Miss Lawrence came on April 18 & 19 to see the working of the school.

May 4 1916

The Vicar has said the school is to be closed this afternoon owing to a family owing down with diphtheria and one having died.

May 22 1916

Re-opened school Mrs Green returned on May 23. Miss E F Roberts is helping as under U.C. and began on May 22.

Miss Lawrence has not returned as the Education Committee cannot appoint her owing to her being only 17. She came on April 18, 19, May 1, 2, 3 & 4.

July 3 1916

Mrs Green left on Friday June 30th

Miss Blower began on July 3rd (Supplementary) Mrs Watts on July 5th (Uncertificated)

July 18 1916

The Drill Inspector visited the school this afternoon.

Aug 3 1916

Registers checked and found to be correct – *A W Roberts, Correspondent*

Winnie Gillard left Aug 4th. P.T.

Aug 4 1916

School closed till Sept 11

Mr Anderson and Mr Shirley from Shire Hall visited the school.

Sept 11 1916

School opened today after having been closed for five weeks for the summer holidays.

Oct 6 1916

On Thursday (Oct 5th) an aeroplane came down at recreation time and a number of the children went after it and did not come back till nearly 12, so the last lessons of the morning were not given.

This afternoon Miss Napier Sergeant visited the school for the last hour and placed to the children and the children sang.

Nov 3 1916

Mrs Watts and Miss Blower terminated their appointment on Friday Oct 27. The school was closed on Oct 30 & 31 for the half term holiday. I was without teachers in the Mixed Department on Wednesday and K Spinage had to help all day. Mrs Child helped in the afternoon with the needlework etc Mrs Graham Parry commenced her duties on Nov 2.

Nov 7 1916

Miss Gladys Beck commenced work this morning as U.C teacher

K Spinage taught all Monday and is having the whole of to-day for study.

Nov 13 1916

I was away from school this afternoon not being well.

Dec 6 1916

Examined Registers tested and found correct – *H B Child, Manager*

Dec 11 1916

We took singing from 10-10.15 this morning.

Dec 21 1916

Owing to the wet morning we took singing for half an hour and will take drilling throughout the school this afternoon.

The school breaks up to-morrow till Jan 9.

1917

Jan 9 1917

School began to-day. Poor attendance.

Jan 26 1917

Last week we gave two extra hours to music in preparation for the concert. The children took silent reading while I made up stock.

Feb 2 1917

Miss Beck was away on Monday 22nd, Wednesday 24 (morning), Thursday 25, Friday 26 and returned on Mon Jan 29th.

Feb 12 1917

Mrs Parry was away this afternoon and Miss Beck took Sts I, II, III together and followed St II & III timetable.

Feb 21 1917

Miss Nutting was away this afternoon.

Feb 19 1917

The Missioner comes in the morning, during the Mission to give the Scripture.

Mar 9 1917

Mrs G Parry was away from school on Mar 6 & 7.
Miss Kate Spinage left on Jan 31 1917.

Mar 22 1917

I am examining the classes this week and not keeping strictly to the timetable.

May 15 1917

Mrs Graham Parry left on April 30th to take up her duties at Little Coxwell. Miss May Beck began her duties at Longcott School on May 1st.

Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools

Date May 9 1917 Inspector Walter Boldero

The methods adopted in this school for the religious teaching are meeting with good success. It was a pleasure to visit a school in which the children were so intelligent and interested in their subjects. There is a great need for some good pictures for use with the younger children. Such apparatus is essential if the best results are to be obtained. Nelson's series can be obtained from the National Society or elsewhere at the cost of 4/- a roll.

Bishop's Prize	Elsie Wheeler
Certificates	Edwin Butler, May Warner,
Commended	Violet Butler, May Butler, Leonard Cox
Middle Group Certificates	
	Norah Jackson
Commended	Oliver Mapson, Reggie Greenaway, Nellie Fuller, Evelyn Jordan
Infants Commended	Daisy Cox, Edith Butler

May 18 1917

The children did Nature work in the garden from 11.12 am. The 15 min Geo. Lesson was omitted this afternoon.

May 21 1917

Checked Registers tested and found correct – *H B Child, Manager*

May 29 1917

The school was closed on Monday for bank holiday. On Friday the children had their prizes given away at 3 pm. and sang songs etc till 3.45 pm. The object lesson was omitted in the morning and taken at the last lesson to-day.

June 11 1917

We have lent Little Coxwell School 1 doz pencils, 1 box nibs.

June 18 1917

I was away this morning owing to illness and Miss Beck managed the school.

June 27 1917

Ten first class children did gardening from 11-12

June 28 1917

Twelve first class children did gardening for the afternoon session

July 2 1917

Ten children did gardening from 11-12 at the cottage

July 11 1917

The first class are taking gardening for the afternoon. Class II and III Thursday's lesson so that we can do Wed's Drawing and Needlework to-morrow.

Sept 29 1917

The school has been closed from July 24th to Oct 1st for Whooping cough.

Oct 11 1917

The children went for a Nature walk for the last hour. We are sometimes taking singing instead of drill when wet and taking drill in the ten minutes optional when fine.

Log Book Ends