

1917

Head Mistress – Ada M Roberts

Oct 26 1917

Miss Beck has been away ill from Oct 22-25. Miss Marsh was away on Oct 25 ill. We had to combine the classes and do the best we could. Mr Bingham is bringing his children over to practise with our children for a concert we are giving on Tuesday.

Oct 31 1917

Miss Beck terminated her engagement today. I have been away today to visit a relation who was dying. While we are without a teacher I am taking Std 111 1V V & V1 and Miss Marsh 1 & 11.

Nov 8 1917

Miss Evelyn Wise uncertificated teacher commenced her duties on Nov 6 1917. We spent the first hour this morning in putting the needlework in order as the children had got things into confusion.

Nov 14 1917

This afternoon 8 children did gardening for the first hour. The rest of the class did needlework and drawing.

Nov 15 1917

An aeroplane came down at 11.30 am. and the children went to see it.

Nov 22 1917

Several children (8) did gardening for the first hour this afternoon.

Nov 27 1917

Examined registers and found correct – *H B Child, Manager*

Dec 10 1917

Miss Nutting is away. I am examining the classes and not keeping strictly to the timetable. On Friday we had a rehearsal of our Xmas play for the last hour in the afternoon. We are giving a little extra time to getting up the sings and recitations.

Dec 14 1917

Half an hour of the afternoon was taken up tying up the Christmas parcels etc. which the children have made for their mothers.

Miss Nutting was away on Monday 10 and Friday 14 ill. I had to send a big girl into the infants.

Dec 18 1917

The last hour was used for the rehearsal of the entertainment.

Dec 20 1917

Very cold – The Medical Inspection took place. The children (1st class omitted singing.

1918

Jan 8 1918

School opened today. The weather is still very cold.

Jan 18 1918

The registers were not marked on Wed. & Thurs owing to the heavy snowfall. On Thursday the few children who came to school were kept till about 11.45 am. We have marked this morning – 34 present.

Jan 18 1918

Miss Marsh from Stanford is absent

Jan 31 1918

Mrs H Cox left the school today.

Feb 15 1918

The nurse came today and excluded a family suffering from mumps.

March 8 1918

For the last hour 12 children helped plant seeds etc. The rest of the class worked in school.

March 20 1918

Some children are doing gardening for an hour on different pieces of land in the village.

March 21 1918

Today I am away from school on business by permission of the Vicar.

March 28 1918

The school is closed till April 9. I have examined the classes this week and we have not kept strictly to the timetable.

April 9 1918

School opened today after the Easter holidays. Miss White began her duties.

April 11 1918

The Diocesan Inspector examined the children this morning (Rev. Walter Boldero) and we had a half holiday in the afternoon.

April 17 1918

Now that the first class children go to cooking we are taking reading and writing on Wed. morning and history the last lesson in the afternoon.

April 22 1918

We had a rehearsal of the songs and plays for the prize giving.

April 23 1918

The mothers were invited to come at 3 pm. and see the children receive their prizes.

April 26 1918

This afternoon the mixed department went for a nature walk.
Miss White (S. Teacher) began her duties on April 9.

April 30 1918

I am leaving Longcott today to take up my duties at Yattendon.
Miss Marsh is living the school today.

Ada M Roberts C. Teacher

May 1 1918

J. Wright – 2nd Certif. (Faringdon) No. 15830 commenced duties as temporary Head Teacher. Rev. Roberts opened school this morning. 10 girls attended cooking class at Faringdon.

May 7 1918

Received from Reading copy of the King's letter to the teachers in schools congratulating them on work done.

May 9 1918

Mr Caulfield Attendance Officer called this morning.

May 13 1918

Very wet morning. Present 51. Ten absent.

May 14 1918

Received notice that cookery Centre, Faringdon could be closed for Whit week

May 15 1918

Mr Spikes HMI visited school, and remained during the morning

May 14 1918 (sic)

Mr Caulfield Attendance Officer called

May 17 1918

School closed for Whitsuntide holidays this afternoon – from 17th May to 24th May. 1 week.

May 27 1918

School re-opened after Whitsuntide holidays

May 28 1918

Mr Caulfield Attendance Officer called

May 31 1918

Certificates for good conduct etc awarded to Reginald A Greenaway, Arthur Rich, Sam Cox, Edgar Miller, Violet Butler, Elsie Wheeler, May Bully, Millie Lawrence, Lucy miller.

Medals Ivy Harris, Charles Harris

June 7 1918

Mr Caulfield Attendance Officer called

June 14 1918

Received from Reading Circular 205 with reference to fuel, paper, needlework materials. Sent to Correspondent.

June 19 1918

Edith Archer arrived too late to go with class for cookery.

June 25 1918

Mr Caulfield Attendance Officer called and informed Headmaster that W Edwards Taylor had been granted leave of absence until aged 13, for agricultural work.

June 26 1918

Nurse Nott visited school this morning. Edith Elbrow excluded till cured (Scabies)

Examined Registers and found correct

H B Child, Manager

June 28 1918

Miss E Wise, uncertificated, terminated duties at this school.

July 1 1918

Mr Caulfield Attendance Officer called

July 1-5 1918

No assistant teacher for Stds I & II during this week

July 9 1918

Miss V M Wheeler (Baulking School) commenced duties "on supply". Placed in charge of Stds I & II

July 12 1918

France Day. The Marseilles and National Anthem were sung by children, and the Vicar gave a short address at 3.45 pm. About 30 of the parishioners were present.

July 16 1918

Mr Caulfield Attendance Officer called

July 15-19 1918

Miss White absent during week for Examination at Bristol.

Miss Wheeler, Supply Teacher in charge of Infants during Miss White's absence for exams. Miss White returned to duty.

Mr Caulfield Attendance Officer called

Received Notice of Medical Inspection for Wednesday 31st July.

Term Examination during this week.

Medical Examination. Dr Davies attended. Ethel Birmingham not to be pushed in any way with her work. Marked for Eyesight. Ruth Cox to be watched for eyesight and reported Special if anything found wrong.

August 2 1918

School closed for summer holidays this morning. Miss V Wheeler finished duties "on Supply".

Sept 10 1918

School re-opened after summer vacation. E. Drew – certif. Commenced duties as Head Teacher.

Miss White has charge of Infants and St I while short of Assistant. Girls attended cookery classes at Faringdon. Had to walk. Conveyance under repair.

Sept 18 1918

School closed on Wednesday morning for black-berrying. Girls did not attend cookery again on Friday for same reason.

Sept 22 1918

School closed on Tuesday morning for black-berrying and again on Wednesday. Mrs Cox commenced duties as Infant Teacher.

Miss White is now teaching St I & II. Two children from London admitted for several weeks.

Sept 27 1918

School clock taken to Faringdon for repairs

Oct 2 1918

Girls attended cookery classes at Faringdon

Oct 4 & 5 1918

School closed for two day's holiday by permission of Education Authority while furniture of Head teacher was put into house.

Oct 8 1918

Mr Caulfield Attendance Officer called

Oct 9 1918

School clock returned from Faringdon. Miss White absent for 1 day to attend wedding.

Oct 11 1918

Attendance poor on account of wet weather on 9th and 11th October.

Oct 15 1918

Mrs Cox Infant teacher absent from duties. Infants taken by Miss White during her absence St I and II taken with upper classes by head teacher.

Oct 16 1918

Mr Caulfield Attendance Officer called

Oct 18 1918

Mrs Cox has not yet returned

Oct 21 1918

Mr Caulfield called

Oct 23 1918

Mrs Cox Infant Teacher on supply not returning on account of illness of her brother. St I & II taken with upper classes

Oct 25 1918

Attendance poor a good many children sick with influenza.

Oct 28 1918

School closed for 2 days on account of influenza – 18 cases.

Oct 30 1918

School closed until November 11th 1918. Cookery Centre also closed until that date.

Nov 19 1918

School opened after being closed on account of influenza.
Attendance very poor. No. on books 65. Attendance 29.

Nov 20 1918

Attendance 27 Morning 24 Afternoon

Nov 21 1918

Attendance 25 Morning 25 afternoon; Girls did not attend cookery, only 2 girls being present.

Nov 21 1918

Nurse visited school from Reading examined children's heads.

Nov 22 1918

School closed on Thursday afternoon by Vicar's orders until the 25th Nov. Percentage for week 40%

Nov 25 1918

Mr Caulfield Attendance Officer called Attendance still very poor. 31 present.

Nov 26 1918

Only 27 children came. Registers not marked. Children sent home until further notice from Vicar.

Nov 28 1918

School closed until Dec 2nd.

Dec 2 1918

School re-opened. Attendance 40.

Dec 3 1918

Mr Caulfield called

Dec 4 1918

Girls did not attend cookery class at Faringdon

Dec 6 1918

Attendance improved, but many still away sick

Dec 11 1918

Mr Caulfield called

Girls attended cookery class at Faringdon

Attendance improved. No. on books 65. Av 53.3 % 82. Several children still sick.

Dec 16 1918

Registers examined and found correct

A W Roberts

Dec 20 1918

School closed for Xmas vacation from Dec 20th to Jan 6th.

1919

Jan 6 1919

School opened on Jan 6th 1919. Attendance improved. No. on book 66. Mr Caulfield visited.

Jan 10 1919

Attendance greatly improved 62.3 average. 2 boys still away sick.

Jan 23 1919

School visited by nurse. Ada Roberts and Hilda Mattingly excluded for verminous heads

Jan 29 1919

Girls did not attend cookery class at Faringdon on account of slippery condition of roads.

Feb 3 1919

Miss K Spinach commenced duties as supplementary teacher taking St I & II

Feb 5 1919

5 girls attended cookery classes at Faringdon

Registers were not marked in the afternoon. Children from a long distance were sent home on account of snow storm. The others remained at school.

Feb 10 1919

Attendance poor on account of snowy weather. Temperature 29°. Ink all frozen in inkwells. 30° in Infant Room.

Feb 11 1919

Tuesday 31° Infant Room 30°

Feb 12 1919

Temperature in large room 30°

“ infant room 29°

Feb 13 1919

Temperature in large room 32°

“ infant room 30°

Feb 13 1919

School closed on account of snow storm. Very few children came and of those who came many had wet feet. Miss Spinage unable to come.

Feb 13 1919

Temperature 39° in large room. Infant room 41°

Feb 20 1919

School visited this afternoon by nurse. Ivy and Lena Harris excluded for dirty heads.

Feb 28 1919

Miss White, Infant teacher left Longcot School to go to Ashbury School.

March 3 1919

Miss W Gillard (supply teacher) commenced duties as Infant Teacher.

March 12 1919

Miss Spinage absent from duties to attend Eye Hospital at Oxford

March 18 1919

Girls did not attend cookery as the horse was lame and Mr Thatcher could not obtain another.

March 20 1919

School closed all day on account of snowstorm. Only 24 children attended and many of those had wet feet.

March 25 1919

Registers tested and found correct – *A W Roberts, Correspondent*

March 27 1919

Miss Spinage away through illness

March 28 1919

Ruth Cox, Tom Archer, Ivy and Lena Harris excluded suffering from ringwork.

March 31 1919

Miss Spinage left

April 1 1919

Miss Poole, Supply teacher commenced duties on probation. Has been teaching St I. Nurse visited school. Children have been moved up into higher classes for New Year commencing April 1st. No. on books 68.

April 8 1919

School needed for election purposes.

April 14 1919

Mr Caulfield visited. Attendance lowered by rain.

April 15 1919

Girls attended cookery

April 17 1919

School closed on Thursday afternoon April 17th until Tuesday 29th for Easter Holidays.

April 29 1919

School re-opened on April 29th. No. on books 66. 3 new children admitted. Girls attended cookery class. Mr Caulfield visited.

May 2 1919

Mr Spikes HMI visited the school and remained during the morning.

May 5 1919

School inspected by nurse. D Miller excluded by nurse for verminous head. Nurse visited home of girls excluded for ring worm. D & B Cox, L Harris, E Jordan.

Miss Poole absent on Monday morning – chain of her bicycle snapped in two.

May 12 1919

Mr Caulfield visited – 4 girls still excluded suffering from ringworm.

May 13 1919

Nurse visited. Inspected children's heads. Boys attended "Bourton" on 5th and 12th of May for handicraft (12 boys attend). Only 4 girls attended cookery at Faringdon. Prevented by illness of mothers from attending. M & V Butler, C Miller, E Jordan (ringworm)

May 26 1919

Boys attended handicraft class at Bourton

May 23 1919 (sic)

Mr Sargeant visited school on Friday to inspect school buildings re repairs etc.

L Harris excluded for ringworm returned to school

E Birmingham attended eye clinic at Faringdon on May 23rd.

May 27 1919

Mr Caulfield visited the school this morning

May 30 1919**Copy of Report by HMI received May 30th 1919**

School inspected on 2nd May 1919

Mixed and Infants

The new Head Mistress has the school well in hand and the work is proceeding pleasantly. In view of the special difficulties of the school, the staff should be strengthened.

The buildings are in bad repair. Serious cracks have appeared in the walls, and the premises should be overhauled and given proper attention without delay.

Signed A W Roberts, Correspondent

June 2 1919

Boys attended Handicraft classes at Bourton

June 3 1919

Girls attended Cookery classes at Faringdon

June 4 1919

Mr Caulfield visited. Attendance F.G.

June 6 1919

School closed for Whitsun holidays

June 16 1919

School re-opened. Attendance Good. No. on books 67. Mr Caulfield visited. Boys attended woodwork and girl's cookery on 17th.

June 20 1919

School visited by Dr Davies. 2 girls excluded for ringworm. 1 girl for verminous head. 1 boy for impetigo. All family of Birmingham's excluded for impetigo.

June 26 1919

Infants and St I took nature walk.

June 27 1919

Tested the registers and found all correct *A W Roberts*

June 30 1919

Boys attended handwork class at Bourton. A Timms too late for van. No. on books 64

July 9 1919

Attendance better. Excluded children have returned except 4. Boys attended woodwork. Girls attended cookery. Mr Caulfield visited. Average V.G.

July 18 1919

School closed on Friday. Preparations for dinner and tea for "Peace Day" celebrations prevented usual work.

July 20 1919

Boys attended Bourton for carpentry. Mr Caulfield called.

July 25 1919

Percentage of attendance V.G. No. on books 64

July 28 1919

Boys attended Bourton for Handicraft c.

July 29 1919

Girls went to cookery c. found school closed. Miss Pole absent for two days through illness.

July 30 1919

School closed in afternoon. 50 children going to Fete at Becket Park. Attendance in morning 56. 8 absent from same cause.

August 1 1919

School closed on Friday afternoon for summer holidays. An extra week to commemorate "Peace! Re-opening Sept 15th.

Sept 15 1919

School re-commenced after summer holidays

Mr Caulfield visited.

Boys attended Bourton for woodwork. 3 new children admitted. No. on books 62. No present 60/
Percentage for week 98.4

Sept 26 1919

No on books 61. PC 92.1. Mr Caulfield visited. 12 boys attended Bourton. Girls attended cookery.

Sept 30 1919

Owing to illness of horse the carrier was unable to take class to Faringdon for cookery.

Sept 29 1919

Mr Sargeant inspected school buildings and work repairs carried out during the holidays.

Oct 9 1919

Scripture examination conducted by Rev. Nixon, Dv.Insp. commencing 9.30.
Children were given a holiday in the afternoon.

Oct 10 1919

Vicar checked registers on 10th October.

Scripture Report

Summary mark. Good

Report: Good effective steady work is in progress in this school, with results that are most satisfactory especially when I take into consideration the many difficulties that have been encountered during the past year.

The children are being carefully taught, and admirably influenced, and there is just that bright and happy feeling prevailing which is characteristic of a thoroughly good church school;

B de M Nixon, General Diocesan Inspector

Oct 17 1919

No. on books 58. Av. Attendance 54.9 Per. Cent. 94.6

Oct 20 1919

Mr Caulfield visited. Boys attended Bourton for Woodwork.

Oct 21 1919

Girls attended Faringdon cookery centre

Nov 3 1919

7 boys attended at Bourton for woodwork. Several away through illness.

Nov 14 1919

Attendance No. on books 51 PC 93.5 Average 47.7

Nov 11 1919

Lessons suspended for ½ hour while Kings letter was read to children and silence kept. Children sang hymns etc.

Nov 24 1919

School nurse visited and excluded Hilda Head for verminous head.

Dec 1 1919

Nurse examined children's heads. Fernham children unable to attend school on account of rain. Miss Poole absent on account of injury to shoulder through falling from bicycle on her way home.

Dec 8 & 9 1919

Head Teacher absent from school through illness

Dec 10 1919

Miss Gillard absent from school on Wednesday afternoon and remainder of week to take examination in Reading.

Dec 19 1919

School closed on Friday morning for Xmas Holidays.

Children's Entertainment given in the evening. Proceeds to buy scripture map and picture £3.0.6 and £1.0.10 for tax and expenses i.e. Total £4.5.0

1920

Jan 5 1920

School reopened on Jan 5th 1920. Full attendance. No. on books 54. Boys attended woodwork class.

Jan 6 1920

Mr Caulfield visited. Girls attended Cookery class at Faringdon.

Jan 9 1920

PC for week 98.7

Jan 12 1920

Boys attended woodwork at Bourton. No. on books 54

Jan 15 1920

Girls attended cookery

Jan 16 1920

3 boys Bishop left on account of leaving Fernham

Jan 23 1920

No on books 52. Boys and girls attended woodwork and cookery classes.

Jan 30 1920

Attendance for month v.g. No. on books 52. Handicraft classes attended.

Feb 9 1920

Boys attended woodwork classes. Miss Poole absent from duties through illness.
4 children absent through coughs.

Feb 10 1920

School visited by Dr Davies. No children were excluded. Several to be watched. Charles Bint reported by Dr as fit to return to school. May Butler did not attend cookery class through illness.

Feb 16 1920

School was conducted without fires. Boys attended Bourton woodwork classes. 4 children absent through illness.

Feb 17 1920

Girls attended cooker class at Faringdon. Infants took a nature walk as there was no fire and the room was cold, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

Feb 20 1920

Attendance 45. Poor on account of sickness and wet day. Temperature in school 47⁰. We have been without fires from 16th to 30th on account of coal shortage.

Feb 23 1920

Miss Gillard absent from school to attend Confirmation Service at Uffington.
John Jefferies missed the van to woodwork.
School very cold. Temperature 35⁰

Feb 24 1920

Temperature 40⁰

Vicar sent 2 scuttles of coal and logs. Mrs Packer and people in village sent a little wood. Head teacher sent 3 scuttles and logs. Supply now quite out. None available.

Feb 25 1920

School closed for the day as it is too cold to keep open.

Feb 26 1920

School closed. Coal delivered during afternoon.

Feb 27 1920

School as usual. Attendance poor. 10 children absent. Temperature 46⁰

March 12 1920

The vicar checked registers in the afternoon.

March 15 1920

Registers not marked on account of snow storm. Only a few of the children who lived near came to school and many of those had wet feet. Boys did not attend woodwork class. Only 4 came to school and the van did not turn up. Miss Poole was absent not being able to cycle through storm.

March 19 1920

Average 95.9

Miss Poole absent through death of a relative.

March 22 1920

Boys attended woodwork. Girls attended cookery. Mr Caulfield visited.

March 23 1920

Miss Gillard absent from duties to attend Preliminary Examination at Reading.

March 31 1920

School closed on Wednesday afternoon for Easter Holiday.

April 13 1920

School re-opened. Boys attended Woodwork classes at Bourton. 3 children admitted.

April 21 1920

School visited by Rev W Boldero, Diocesan Inspector for Religious Examination. No. on books 59.
No present 58.

School closed for holiday in the afternoon.

May 14 1920

Examined register – found correct – *E.B. Child*

May 24 1920

School closed for Whitsun Holidays. Work re-commenced on May 31st.

May 31 1920

Boys attended at wood work centre. Mr Caulfield visited.

June 3 1920

Miss Poole absent from duties to under-go an operation for appendicitis.

June 8 1920

Mr Caulfield visited.

Children examined by school nurse. Nelson and Florence Carter excluded for scabies. Attendance very good, Every child being present. No. on roll 58.

June 21 1920

Miss W Packer commenced duties as Supply Teacher during the absence of Miss Poole.

June 29 1920

Registers checked by Vicar.

June 25 1920

School closed on Friday afternoon for sale of work on Vicarage lawn. Children gave songs and dances.

June 30 1920

Miss Gillard left to take new post as Great Shefford.

July 7 1920

Miss Bulan the Drill Inspectress visited the school and inspected the drill games and dances taught according to the New Board of Education syllabus.

July 9 1920

Attendance not so good this week on account of very wet weather the greater part of the week.

July 26 1920

Miss Poole commenced work

July 28 1920

School closed in afternoon for local fete at Becket Park.

July 30 1920

School closed for summer holidays at mid-day.

Sept 27 1920

School re-opened after being closed for 5 weeks holiday and 3 weeks on account of epidemic of measles.

No on books 56. No. present. 44. Three families still absent through measles in the home.

Oct 1 1920

School attendance very poor for week ending Oct 8th owing to 4 families having measles at home and those children who have had them being unfit to attend.

School visited by Mr Caulfield, Mrs Child and Miss Roberts. Three new children admitted.

Oct 11 1920

Numbers very low owing to fresh cases of measles. Miss Packer absent from school through illness. Mr Caulfield visited.

Oct 12 & 13 1920

Miss Packer away

Oct 14 1920

Miss Packer returned

Oct 15 1920

No on books 56. No. present 37. Boys attended woodwork on Oct 11th.

Oct 11 1920

School visited by Drill Inspector on Monday afternoon.

Oct 12 1920

School nurse visited and excluded Marjorie Harris for verminous head.

Oct 18 & 19 1920

School Dr examined children on Monday afternoon and again on Tuesday morning and afternoon. Ethel Birmingham needs watching. The boys attended woodwork on account of illness of Mr Thatcher.

Oct 25 1920

Boys did not go to woodwork owing to illness of Mr Thatcher.

Oct 26 1920

3 more families absent from school on account of measles. 35 present. No fires yet started in school. 21 children still absent. Temperature 45^o

Nov 16 1920

Checked registers. Found them correct – *A S Thirley*

Boys attended woodwork at Bourton. Mr Caulfield visited. No. on books 54. No present 46

Nov 19 1920

Attendance improving 81.8%

Nov 25 1920

Examined registers, found correct *E B Child*

Nov 29 1920

Boys attended Bourton woodwork classes. 1 boy absent through illness. Mr Caulfield visited.

Dec 10 1920

Attendance improved. 4 children still absent from measles.

Dec 14 1920

Miss Packer absent from duties owing to slippery state of roads. Very cold weather on Tuesday morning the schools were too cold. I sent the elder boys to slide in the field and played games with the girls and infants as it was impossible to work when the infants were crying with the cold.

Dec 13 1920

Temperature at 10 o'clock in large room 29^o In infants room 29^o
Ink was frozen in ink wells

Dec 14 1920

Temperature at 10 o'clock 30⁰ and did not go above 40⁰ all day in either room.

Dec 15 1920

Temperature a little better 40⁰

Dec 16 1920

Temperature a little better 40⁰

Dec 17 1920

Temperature at 9 o'clock 38⁰ and at 10 o'clock 46⁰

1921

Jan 5 1921

School reopened on Wednesday Jan 5.
Average for week 50. PC.98
Miss Packer absent from duties through rain.

Jan 13 1921

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

Jan 21 1921

School visited by Dr Manning to examine children specially notified to be under medical observation.

Jan 24 1921

Mr Caulfield visited.

Jan 31 1921

Boys unable to attend wood work centre owing to illness of Mr Thatcher

Feb 7 1921

Miss Packer absent suffering from a cold.

Feb 8 1921

Miss Bulan drill inspectress visited

Feb 10 1921

Miss Packer returned to school, but unfit for work.

Feb 11 1921

Still absent from duties. Miss Poole has taken Infant and St.I. St II taken with 1st class.

Feb 14 1921

Miss Packer returned to duties

Feb 15 1921

Miss Poole absent through breakdown of bicycle on journey to school.

Feb 14 1921

Mr Caulfield visited.

Feb 25 1921

Numbers lower this week several children absent all the week suffering from colds and sore throats.

March 10 1921

Miss Packer absent from duties through illness. Attendance improved. St.II taken with 1st Class. Miss Poole has taken infants and St.I

March 21 1921

Miss Packer still certified by doctor as being unfit for work.

March 24 1921

Attendance good 100%.

School closed on Thursday morning March 24th for Easter Holidays. Re-opens on April 4th.

April 4 1921

Miss Packet returned to school on 4th.

April 18 1921

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

April 20 1921

Mr Spikes H.M.I. visited the school and remained the day.

April 24 1921

Mr Caulfield visited. No on register 50

April 29 1921

Registers not marked. Religious Examination in morning held by Rev. Boldero. Holiday given in afternoon.

May 10 1921

School nurse visited and examined children.

May 13 1921

School closed on Friday afternoon for the Whitsuntide holidays.

May 23 1921

School re-opened after Whitsuntide holidays.

Copy of Report of the Diocesan Inspector of Schools – Rev. W Boldero

May 16th

Thought and care have been given to the Religious Teaching, and the work must have been accomplished under difficult circumstances and does credit to the Head Teacher.

Prize May Butler

Certificates John Jefferies, Lucy Miller

May 30 1921

F & S Pusey missed van and were unable to go to Bourton.

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

June 8 1921

Miss Poole absent from school suffering from a chill. St. I and II taken with Group I by Head teacher.

June 14 1921

Miss Poole returned to duties. Mr Caulfield visited.

June 16 1921

Girls attended Bourton for cookery.

June 29 1921

Mr Shirley visited the school.

July 1 1921

Girls attending Bourton did not arrive back in the village until 20 minutes to 2 which made them all late in the afternoon.

July 6 1921

School nurse visited and excluded E. S & A Archer for verminous head and generally dirty condition of body and clothes. Also H. Mattingley for dirty head. Nurse also brought spectacles for M Whiting and E. Birmingham.

July 4 1921

Mr Caulfield visited.

July 8 1921

Mr Caulfield visited.

July 7 1921

Mrs Child visited.

July 25 1921

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

July 29 1921

School closed on Friday afternoon for 5 weeks for summer holidays. To re-open on September 5th.

Summer Holidays

Sept 5 1921

School re-opened on Sep 5th with a good attendance. Mr Caulfield visited. Boys attended Bourton wood work centre.

Miss Packer is unable to attend having undergone an operation during holidays and is certified by Dr as unfit for duties.

Sept 9 1921

Miss Packer still unable to attend school. Infants taken by Head Teacher's daughters.

Sept 23 1921

Boys have attended wood work on 3 successive Mondays. Girls commenced cookery classes on Friday 23rd Sep. Mr Caulfield visited on 20th.

Sept 27 1921.

Miss Packer returned to duties Miss Poole absent from duty.

Sept 29 1921

Dr Manning visited school and examined children all day.

Oct 14 1921

Girls attended cookery. Attendance good.

Oct 28 1921

Mr Caulfield visited this week. Attendance for month good 96.5%

Oct 28 1921

Mr Caulfield visited. School nurse visited and examined children and excluded Sidney and Alfred Archer and Margery Harris for verminous heads. Nancy Harris has been absent for 8 days with a skin eruption. No. on books 53.

Nov 9 1921

Temperature at 9.30 38° Fires not sufficient to heat the room. Children unable to do their work.

Nov 10 1921

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

Nov 11 1921

Attendance good 99%

Dec 2 1921

Week ending Dec 2 – attendance poor 46.7 p.c. 88.1. A great many children suffering from cold and sore throat.

Dec 8 1921

Head Teacher absent from duties.

Dec 14 1921

I.E.E. Lewis certificated teacher of Grazeley School, Reading came to take temporary charge of this school today but found it closed, the school being disinfected.

The child of the Head Mistress was found to be suffering from Scarlet Fever, and there were several suspected cases.

Dec 15 1921

Re-opened school today and found 35 present and 36 in the afternoon. One boy, Wm. Butler was unwell during the morning, and absent in the afternoon.

Dec 19 1921

Edith Butler was unwell during scripture this morning. She was therefore sent home and her attendance cancelled. The Attendance Officer visited today.

Dec 22 1921

The Sanitary Officer called yesterday – no more cases to report.

School closed today p.m. for Xmas holidays. To recommence Monday Jan 9th/22.

I resign my charge of this school today – *E E Lewis*

1922

Jan 24 1922

I take temporary charge of this school today – *Grace Pickhaver T.C.T.*

Jan 25 1922

Miss Poole absent today

Jan 26 1922

Miss Poole resumed

Jan 27 1922

No cookery classes at Bourton Centre.

Jan 30 1922

Attendance Officer visited a.m.

Feb 3 1922

Afternoon school commences at 1 pm. to enable me to catch afternoon train, by permission of the managers. My term as temporary head teacher closes.

Feb 6 1922

E. Drew resumed duties after 8 weeks absence through scarlet fever.
Mr Caulfield visited.

Feb 13 1922

Miss Packer absent from duties suffering from a cold.

Feb 15 & 16 1922

Miss Poole absent from school on account of the illness of her mother.

Apr 7 1922

Edith Butler was too late to go to Bourton for cookery this morning. This was the second time.
Dr Manning visited the school and examined the children.

Apr 13 1922

School closed on Thursday afternoon for the Easter holidays and re-opens on Monday April 24th 1922.

Apr 24 1922

School re-opened on Monday April 24th. No. on books 51. No. present 50

May 11 1922

Mr Bourton attendance officer visited the school. No. on books 52.

May 5 1922

Miss Poole absent through wet weather and breakdown of cycle

May 18 1922

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

May 19 1922

Attendance good. No. on books 54. Average 53.3 p.c. 98.7
1st class made full attendance all week.

June 2 1922

School closed for Whitsuntide holidays until June 12th. Average for week 52.6 p.c. 97.4

June 12 1922

School re-opened after holidays.

June 16 1922

Girls attended cookery class at Bourton.

School visited by H.M Inspector Mr Spikes

Average 52.5 p.c. 97.2 Ruby Birmingham has been absent for 5 weeks suffering from an infectious skin eruption.

June 23 1922

Attendance good. No. on books 54 Average 53.8 p.c. 99.6

June 28 1922

School visited by Mr Caulfield also by Mr Chandler the Drill Inspector.

June 29 1922

School nurse visited and excluded Hilda and E. Head.

July 7 1922

School closed in afternoon to enable children to give a play, The Pedlar from Shakespeare on the Vicarage Lawn.

July 21 1922

Mr Caulfield visited. Attendance good. ; No. on books 54. Average 53.9 Per cent. 99.8

July 26 1922

Attendance good. Girls attend cookery centre on July 28th. Centre for Cookery re-opens on Sept. 8th and Woodwork Centre for boys on Sep. 4th.

July 28 1922

Visited – *A. F. Page H.M.I.*

School closed for the summer holidays.

Sept 4 1922

School re-opened after summer holidays.

6 boys attended woodwork centre.

Sept 6 1922

School nurse visited with new nurse. The following children were sent home as verminous. Sidney and Alfred Archer, excluded for 1 day. Ethel Birmingham, E. Head, W. Mattingley, H. Mattingley.

Sept 8 1922

Girls attended cookery centre at Bourton. No mistress in attendance

Sept 7 1922

Mr Caulfield visited. No. on books 54. Average 51.3 p.c. 95

Sept 11 1922

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

Sept 15 1922

Average 52.6 p.c. 97.4

Sept 13 1922

Nurse visited

Sept 25 1922

Mr Caulfield visited. School closed on Monday afternoon for Village Feast.

Sept 29 1922

Head teacher absent from school duties in the afternoon to take children to the clinic at Faringdon for examination of eyes.

Children to attend – Margaret and Roderick Drew, Francis Brittain, Charles Bint.

Oct 13 1922

Head teacher absent from duties on Monday suffering from attack of Rheumatics. Returned to duties on Tuesday.

Oct 20 1922

Attendance good. Average 56.3 p.c. 98.7 No. on books 57. Three new children admitted from Littleworth. Work of all three very much behind the average.

Oct 27 1922

Attendance good. Miss W Packer absent from duties suffering from cold and neuralgia.

Oct 30 1922

Returned to duties on Monday and Tuesday.

Nov 1 1922

Miss Packer again absent, also on Thursday and Friday.

Nov 1st was a very wet day. 7 children 5 of them infants absent on account of wet.

Nov 2 1922

Mr Caulfield visited. Bourton woodwork and cookery closed on account of Scarlet Fever in Bourton village until further notice.

Nov 10 1922

Average for week 98.9. Attendance v.g. infants made 100%

Nov 11 1922

Armistice Day. A short service and talk to the children was held in the school. Attendance good. No. on roll 57. Average 55.8 p.c. 97.8

Nov 24 1922

Miss Packer absent from duties on Nov 23rd and 24th owing to Measles in the home.

Nov 13 1922

Mr Caulfield visited. Average good

Dec 6 1922

Miss Packer returned to duties. Mr Caulfield visited.

Dec 13 & 214 1922

37 children medically examined by Dr Agnew.

Dec 12 1922

Drill Inspector visited the school in the morning.

Dec 15 1922

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

Dec 19 1922

Mr Caulfield visited.

Dec 21 1922

School closed on Thursday afternoon for Christmas holidays to re-open on Jan 8th 1923.

1923

Jan 8 1923

School re-opened on Jan 8th. No. on books 55. No. present 51. Boys attended woodwork centre at Bourton.

Jan 10 1923

Alfred Archer an Infant scholar met with an accident on the way to school being run over by a stone lorry with the result that his legs were crushed and he died on the journey to Oxford.

Jan 12 1923

School attendance considerably lowered this week on account of the absence of the 3 other children in the family.

Jan 15 1923

The elder scholars have this afternoon been to the funeral service of their school fellow and returned to the school after.

Miss Poole has been absent from duties today through the illness of her Mother.

Jan 19 1923

Miss Poole returned to duties on Jan 19th. Attendance very poor the lowest percentage during the year 87.7. Many of the children have bad colds and sore throats. Attendance also lowered on account of the death of Alfred Archer.

Jan 26 1923

Attendance the lowest for the week during the year. Average only 34.7 p.c. 64.2

Jan 29 1923

School closed for one week on the recommendation of the school medical officer.

Feb 5 1923

School re-opened with 47 out of 54 children. Numbers improving. 3 children are still away. 1 is still under the dr. one gone away for a week. Average for week 49.1 p.c. 90.9

Feb 12 1923

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

March 2 1923

Children taken out of school to see the Meet of the Hounds at Longcot from 10.53 am. to 11.45 by consent of the Vicar.

2 boys followed the hounds without permission and did not return to school. Sidney Pusey and C. Harris.

March 6 1923

Mr Caulfield visited. Attendance Good.

March 23 1923

Head Teacher absent from duties on March 19th, 20th & 21st on account of illness. Returned to duties on 22nd. Mr Caulfield visited on Wednesday afternoon. Attendance down to 44 on Wednesday owing to very wet weather..

March 26 1923

Number on Registers 53

March 29 1923

School closed on Thursday afternoon for Easter vacation. To re-open on April 9th.

April 26 1923

School closed for Duke of York's wedding.

May 1 1923

Miss Poole absent from duties on May 1st and 2nd suffering from sore throat.

May 3 1923

Miss Poole returned to duties.

Mr Caulfield visited.

May 18 1923

Nurse visited. Children much cleaner.

School closed on Friday afternoon May 18th for Whitsuntide holidays. To re-open on May 28th.

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

May 8 1923

School re-opened on May 28th

Mr Caulfield visited.

June 15 1923

Heat Teacher absent from duties on June 13th, 14th & 15th through illness.

Mr Caulfield visited on 13th.

Drill inspector visited June 21st.

Miss Packer away by permission on June 14th in the afternoon.

June 20 1923

Mr Caulfield visited.

July 25 1923

Mr Caulfield visited.

July 26 1923

6 girls were absent from school in the afternoon to attend a Girl's Friendly Society outing at which they were taking part in a singing and country dance competition.

July 27 1923

School closed for summer holidays on Friday afternoon;

Miss packer resigned duties as Infant Teacher.

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

Summer holidays five weeks

Sept 3 1923

School re-opened on Sep 3rd. Three children have left. E Archer 14 years. S. Pusey to go to Australia. M. Whiting to go to Cornwall.

Miss Nellie Drew commenced duties as Infant Teacher (Supplementary) in Miss Packer's place.

Sept 5 1923

Mr Spikes H.M.I. visited on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Caulfield called on Wednesday.

Sept 13 1923

School closed on Thursday afternoon. Children taken to choir outing at Radcot.

Sept 12 1923

Mr Caulfield visited. Nurse visited on Wednesday afternoon examined children's heads.

Sept 19 1923

Mr Caulfield visited. Attendance good 99.7%

Oct 3 1923

Mr Caulfield visited. Attendance Good.

Oct 4 1923

Medical examination by Dr Haddy on Thursday morning.

Oct 10 1923

1 ton of coal received £2.9.0 from J. Toomer & Son.

Oct 5 1923

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

Oct 12 1923

Head Teacher absent from duties through illness.

Oct 15 1923

Fires were started on Monday October 15th.

Mr Caulfield visited.

Head Teacher resumed duties.

Oct 16 1923

Fires were only lighted in the Infant Room.

Temperature of large room at 8.45 a.m. 40^o

Head Teacher took children for a nature walk as it was too cold to do the usual lessons.

Nurse visited.

Oct 17 1923

Mr Day visited the school.

Oct 23 1923

Nurse visited with eye drops

Oct 24 1923

1 ton coal received from J. Toomer & Sons £2.9.0

Oct 31 1923

Mr Caulfield visited.

Average attendance for month 98%

Nov 6 1923

Mr Caulfield visited.

Nov 12 1923

4 new children admitted.

Nov 14 1923

Mr Caulfield visited.

Nov 22 1923

1 ton of coal received from J. Toomer & Son

Dec 11 1923

School visited by Mr Spikes H.M.I. on Tuesday Dec 11th.

Mr Caulfield visited.

Dec 14 1923

Attendance very good. Infant's 100%. Whole School 99%. Average attendance: 53.5 for the week.

Dec 18 1923

1 ton coal received from J. Toomer & Sons.

Dec 20 1923

School closed at mid-day for Christmas holidays.

1924

Jan 7 1924

School re-opened on Monday Jan 7th. No. on books 53. Attendance was poor owing to snowy weather on Wed. Thursday & Friday.

Miss Poole was unable to attend owing to the weather on Thursday and Friday she had to walk as the roads were too bad for cycling.

Mr Caulfield visited.

Jan 24 1924

Mr Caulfield visited.

Jan 25 1924

Average 91% for month. 2 children are away suffering from ringworm. Cyril Lawrence has been absent for 3 weeks. Harold Pusey was excluded on Jan 24th.

Jan 30 1924

Mr Caulfield visited.

Jan 28 1924

Nurse visited and examined all children. No other cases of ringworm found among the children. Average for the week ending Feb 1st 49.6 Percentage 93.5

Feb 8 1924

1 ton of coal received from J. Toomer & Sons

Feb 15 1924

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

Feb 25 1924

Mr Caulfield visited. Attendance good.

Mar 3 1924

10 children were absent today owing to a snow storm.

Mar 27 1924

Scripture Examination conducted by Rev. Knowles

A holiday was given to the children in the afternoon.

Apr 2 1924

Mr Caulfield visited. 2 Infants admitted 1 girl re-admitted. No. on books now 54.

Apr 14 1924

Attendance poor 47 present out of 54 owing to wet weather.

Miss Poole absent from duties.

Apr 17 1924

School closed for Easter Holidays on Thursday afternoon to be re-opened on Tuesday April 29th 1924.

Apr 29 1924

School re-opened on Tuesday. No. on books 54. Attendance poor. Average 47.37 p.c.87.7. Several families suffering from influenza and colds.

Apr 30 1924

Mr Caulfield visited.

May 6 1924

Miss Poole absent from duties. Mr Caulfield visited. Attendance still poor owing to illness of children.

May 9 1924

Miss Poole still absent from duties suffering from a chill.

Attendance very poor all the week owing to prevalence of influenza in the village. One child absent through ringworm.

May 12 1924

Cicely Curtis and Hilda Bint absent through ringworm. Miss Pool still away from duties.

May 14 1924

Miss Poole returned to duties.

May 15 1924

School nurse visited in the afternoon and examined the children. The attendance has been very poor owing to influenza and ringworm. F. Miller, E. Miller, F. Richens, H. Bint excluded for ringworm.

Average for week. 45.7 p.c. 80.3

May 23 1924

Attendance still poor owing to ringworm. 9 children still away.

Copy of Scripture Report March 27th 1924

– Rev. Tom Knowles, Assist. Diocesan Inspector

May 6 1924

Steady work has been done in this school. The lower two groups were moderate in their attainments while the top group were distinctly good. The written answers of the top children were thoughtfully and well done.

Bishop's Prize: Ethel Birmingham

Cert: Hilda Head, Winnie Kirby & Florence Butler

Group I

Highly com: Winnie Rich and M. Drew

Commended: Francis Brittain

St III & IV

Highly Com: Gladys Miller & C. Bint

Commended: Arthur Gorton & Jessie Curtis

Group II

Highly Com: Wm. Mattingley, J. Humphries & Florrie Carter & Violet May Miller

St II

Commended: Henry Bint, Nancy Harris, Margery Harris

Highly Com: May Humphries, Violet Miller

Group III
Highly Com: Gladys Butler & Freddy Bint
Commended: Cyril Lawrence

Infants Ernest Humphries

May 26 1924

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

May 30 1924

Attendance improved. 5 children still absent through ringworm.

June 6 1924

Attendance improved a little. P.c. for week 85.

School closed on Friday afternoon for Whitsuntide holidays to re-open on June 16th.

June 21 1924

John Sandell suffering from Rheumatism. Dr. cert., for 2 weeks.

Elizabeth Humphreis excluded for six weeks by school Dr. for ringworm on head.

June 16 1924

Nurse visited and excluded E. Humphries for ringworms on head.

June 17 1924

Mr Caulfield visited.

June 27 1924

Attendance slightly improved. There is another case of ringworm in the school. Henry Bint.

June 30 1924

School nurse visited to examine ringworm cases.

July 3 1924

Drill Inspector visited the school.

Attendance still very poor. Several children have been absent through illness this week as well as 3 children suffering from ringworm.

July 14 1924

John Sandell still under the Dr.

July 14 1924

Attendance improved 53 present. No. on Roll 55.

July 31 1924

Another case of ringworm. Sidney Hicks.

Aug 1 1924

School closes on Friday afternoon for Summer holidays to re-open on Monday Sep. 8th 1924.

Summer Holidays

Sep 8 1924

School re-opened on Monday. No. on books 52.

Sep 9 1924

2 children admitted. 54 on books. Elizabeth Humphries still absent through ringworm.

Sep 22 1924

Medical Certificate received from Reading excluding Elizabeth Humphries for a further 6 weeks. No. on books 53.

Sep 22 1924

School closed on Monday afternoon for Longcot Feast.

Sep 26 1924

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

Oct 24 1924

Attendance has fallen through cases of mumps and ringworm. Elizabeth Humphries has been excluded for a further six weeks by the school Dr. She has still ringworm. No. on register 54. 3 new children have been admitted from Fernham.

Nov 7 1924

Attendance down to 42. A great many children suffering from sore throat and colds.

Nov 5 1924

Mr Caulfield visited.

Nov 10 1924

Mr Caulfield visited. Several children still absent with colds and mumps.

Nov 24 1924

7 children still absent with mumps. Mr Caulfield visited.

Nov 27 1924

E. Humphries fell in play ground and cut his head rather badly. He was sent home and did not attend school on Friday.

Nov 28 1924

Attendance improved slightly. 7 children still away with mumps, ringworm or rheumatism.

Dec 5 1924

Mr Caulfield visited.

Dec 1 1924

School nurse visited and found 3 cases of chickenpox, which was notified. Eliz. Humphries still away with ringworm.

Attendance still very poor. 41 highest no. during the week.

Dec 8 1924

No. present 36. 18 absent through sickness. 3 children were sent home sick and their mark cancelled.

Dec 15 1924

Dr Agnew School Dr attended and examined children. More than half of those to be examined were absent.

Dec 12 1924

Head Teacher has been absent from duties Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on account of death of father.

The school closed on Friday by Vicar.

Dec 11 1924

Mr Caulfield visited. Attendance very bad. Average 36. P.c. 66.8 owing to prevalence of sickness, chickenpox, mumps and ringworm.

Dec 15 1924

No. on books 55. No. present 30

Dec 18 1924

No on books 55. No. present 27

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

Dec 19 1924

School closed on Friday afternoon for Xmas Holidays to re-0-en oon Jan 5th 1925.

Fall in attendance to below 60% due to epidemic sickness. Attendances must not be reckoned for purposes of Board's grant.

1925

Jan 5 1925

School re-opened on Monday Jan 5th 1925.

Attendance still poor owing to prevalence of chicken pox, mumps and colds.

No. on books 54. No. present 40.

Jan 15 1925

School nurse visited and examined all the children in the school.

Numbers still poor owing to chicken pox and colds and coughs.

Jan 20 1925

Attendance still poor, owing to prevalence of colds and coughs.

Jan 30 1925

Miss N Drew has been absent since Jan 26th suffering from Rheumatism. Infants in St.I have been taught by Head Teacher. Attendance still poor. Many children are away with colds and coughs.

Feb 5 1925

Eight of the First Class girls were away on Thursday afternoon. To attend the wedding of Miss Ames. Girl Guides and Brownies of the villages attended.

Feb 6 1925

Attendance a little better 46.4. Average 55 on books. Two more cases of ringworm this week.

Miss Drew still absent from duties through rheumatism.

Feb 13 1925

Attendance improved 92.9. 3 children excluded through ringworm.

Feb 9 1925

School visited by the Drill Inspector on Monday Feb 9th.

Miss Drew still certified by Dr. as unfit for duties.

Feb 23 1925

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

Feb 26 1925

5 children absent suffering from whooping cough. Attendance very poor on the 26th through rain and gale. 16 absent, many could not get to school as fields were flooded.

March 6 1925

Miss Drew still absent through rheumatism. Numbers poor. Average for week 37.5. No. on Roll 53.

Two children have left the village. 15 children away through ringworm, coughs and sickness. Nurs and Mr Caulfield visited.

March 20 1925

Attendance still poor 31.5 p.c. 61.7

Infant teacher still absent from duties.

March 23 1925

Mr Caulfield visited.

Attendance still very poor owing to prevalence of whooping cough. Average for week 31.1 % 60.9.

Mrs Child visited.
Infant teacher still absent through rheumatism.

Apr 2 1925

Miss Drew resigned her post as Infant Teacher on April 2nd through suffering from rheumatism.

Apr 6 1925

Mr Caulfield visited.

Apr 7 1925

The Scripture Examination fixed for the 7th did not take place as so many children were absent through whooping cough.

Apr 8 1925

The school nurse visited. The school Dr. – Dr Gerald Taylor visited the school to examine Charles Bint for a labour certificate.

Apr 7 1925

Two new children were admitted and placed on Inf. Register. No on Register 53. No. present 34.

Apr 9 1925

School closed on Thursday afternoon April 9th for Easter Holidays.

Apr 29 1925

Attendance still very poor. No. on Register 53. No. present 34. 19 children are away today sufferin from influenza colds.

Infants & St.I still being taught by Miss Poole. Group II teacher.
St. II-VII taken by Head Teacher.

May 1 1925

Attendance very poor all the week. No. on Roll 53. No. present on Friday 28. Children suffering from headache, sickness and influenza colds.

May 8 1925

Attendance this week has been very poor. No. on Roll 53. Highest No. present 37. Lowest on Friday, a very wet morning 22. All children absent suffering from influenza colds and sickness.

May 27 1925

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

May 18 1925

Miss Jones Supplementary Teacher commenced duties in Longcot School as Infant & St.I teacher.

May 22 1925u

Attendance very much improved. 1st Class made 100% of attendance.

May 29 1925

School closed on Friday afternoon for the Whitsun Holidays.

June 8 1925

School re-opened after W. holidays. No. on Roll 54. No. present 51.

June 15 1925

Nurse visited school and examined children.
Elizabeth Humphries still suffering from ringworm.
Mr Caulfield visited. No. on Books 54. No. present 57

June 26 1925

Head Teacher has been absent from Monday June 22nd to Friday June 26th being confined to bed under Dr.'s orders suffering from neuritis. Average for week 90.9.

June 24 1925

Mr Caulfield visited. Mrs Child visited on Thursday.

July 1 1925

School visited by Mr Chandler H.M. Drill Inspector

July 3 1925

Head Teacher still absent from duties.

July 6 1925

Head Teacher resumed duties on Monday July 6th. Mr Caulfield visited.

July 10 1925

Average 45.6 Becket Fete took numbers of children on Wednesday afternoon. 35 present out of 54.

July 14 1925

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

July 15 1925

Head Teacher absent from duties suffering from neuritis.

July 23 1925

School visited by Mr Page, H.M. Inspector. School nurse visited. Attendance improved during this week.

July 27 1925

Miss Poole absent from duty on account of removing from Shellingford to Bourton.

July 29 1925

Mrs Child visited

July 30 1925

School closed on Thursday afternoon for summer holidays to re-open on Sep 7th 1925.

Sep 7 1925

School re-opened on Sep 7th and medically examined by school Dr. on Friday 11th. Elizabeth Humphries still certified to have ringworm and Florence Carter still not able to attend school.

Sep 14 1925

Miss Poole absent from duties. Certified by Dr. Macnamara to be suffering from acute gastritis. 4 Infants have been admitted.

Sep 15 1925

Mr Caulfield visited. St. II and III have been taught by Head Teacher with Class I.

Sep 18 1925

No. on roll 56. No. present 52.

Sep 25 1925

Miss Poole still absent from school duties.

George Gerring slipped on wet leaves in playground before school on Friday morning and had to see the Dr. having hurt his leg. Several children were unable to be at school owing to the rain on Tuesday.

Sep 22 1925

F. Carter certified unfit for school.

Sep 28 1925

George Gerring certified by Dr. Macnamara to be suffering from fractured let.

Miss Poole still absent through illness. School visited by Mrs Child.

Miss Drew has been in charge of children in the dinner hour since Miss Poole has been absent.

Sep 29 1925

Mr Caulfield visited.

Oct 9 1925

Miss Poole still absent from school.

G.Gerring improving as well as possible. G.F. Bint and Wm Mattingley

Oct 13 1925

Mr Caulfield visited.

3 new children admitted.

Oct 19 1925

Miss Poole returned to duties.

Mr Caulfield visited.

Oct 29 1925

Mrs Child visited.

Several children were absent this week through the wet weather.

No. on Register 62. Average for week 57.9.

Nov 6 1925

Elizabeth Humphries has returned to school.

Mr Caulfield visited.

No. on Register 63.

Nov 11 1925

Florence Carter certified by Dr. as not able to attend school and her name has been taken from the Register.

Nov 16 & 17 1925

Head Teacher absent from duties suffering from neuritis. Class taken by Miss A Drew, Trained Certificated Teacher, during her absence.

Nov 18 1925

Mr Caulfield visited.

Attendance fairly good several children absent through colds.

Head Teacher returned to duties.

Nov 27 1925

The children were taken to Church to attend the Memorial Service of Queen Alexandra.

No. on books 62. Average 49.5. The attendance this week dropped to 79.8% owing to illness chiefly among the infants and younger children who have very bad coughs and colds.

Dec 4 1925

Attendance improved. Numbers down on Friday owing to snow and bad roads. 93.5%.

Dec 11 1925

Attendance improved to 59.1 p.c. 93.3.

Dec 9 1925

Mr Caulfield visited.

Dec 21 1925

No. on registers 61. Attendance has dropped owing to snow and wet weather.

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

Dec 22 1925

Miss Poole absent from duties through snow storm. Attendance poor for the same reason 43 out of 61.

Dec 23 1925

School closed at 12 o'clock for Xmas Holidays to re-open on Jan 11th 1926.

1926

Jan 11 1926

Attendance poor owing to snow storms. Children at a distance from school unable to get through. Miss Poole unable to get to school on Friday morning, but came in the afternoon. Two boys whose feet were wet went home at dinnertime.

Jan 22 1926

The attendance has been very poor during the week owing to snow and slippery state of the roads. Children at a distance from the school being unable to get through the snow. Average 48.3 p.c. 79.1. Miss Poole was also not able to get to school on Jan 18th.

Jan 20 1926

Mr Caulfield visited.
Mrs Child and Miss Roberts also visited school.

Jan 29 1926

Attendance improved owing to better weather.

Feb. 3 1926

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

Feb. 5 1926

Attendance for week 93% Average 55.8 No. on roll 60. T & W Mattingley have been absent all week. Tommy has measles and Willie is excluded.

Feb. 12 1926

Attendance for week 93.6%. Average 56.2. Mrs Child visited. Mr Chandler H.M. Drill Inspector visited during week ending Feb 5th 1926.

Feb. 16 1926

School nurse visited and examined every child present. Several children were excluded until clean. Sam, B. & F. Archer verminous head and body. Edith Head verminous head and several others cautioned.

Feb. 19 1926

Mrs Archer came to school and was very abusive to the Head Teacher over the matter.

Feb. 26 1926

Attendance poor. Many children have colds. Average 53 88.3%. Nurse visited on Feb. 25th.

March 3 1926

School visited by nurse Mr Caulfield and Mr Wallace. S. Archer, Bertha and Freda were excluded for 8 days also E. Head. Edith and Walter for same time for verminous bodies.

Feb 26 1926

Dr Taylor and Mr Shirley visited school on Friday afternoon. May Whiting examined by Dr. for labour certificate.

March 11 1926

Nurse and Mr Caulfield visited school and examined children who had been excluded. Head and Archer families children had been cleaned and returned to school.

March 18 1926

The Rev. Knowles visited the school and examined the children in scripture. The children were given a holiday in the afternoon. Every child on the registers was present.

Attendance for the week good. 98.9%

March 24 1926

Mr Caulfield visited. Attendance not so good as last week. Several children absent with colds.

Average 55.5 p.c. 92.5

March 31 1926

School closes on Wednesday afternoon March 31st for Easter Holidays.

April 12 1926

School re-opened after Easter Holidays. 2 infants were admitted. No. on books 59. No. present 59.

Report from Rev. T. Knowles – Diocesan Inspector of Schools March 18th 1926

Upper Group	Bishops Prize Certificates Highly Commended Commended	Florence Butler Marjorie Gray, Arthur Gorton, W. Butler Winnie Rich, Margaret Drew, Phyllis Gray, May Whiting, Roderick Drew Marjorie Harris, W. Mattingley, Henry Bint
Middle Group	Highly Commended Commended	S. Bint, Elsie Rousell, H. Bint & G. Lawrence W. Sandell
St. I & Infants	Commended	F. Bint, E. Brind, F. Archer, Elsie Miller, W. Butler, T. Mattingley, F. Bint, K. Humphries

Report

I was pleased with the expression work and modelling of the Infants.

The Middle Group were very bright and alert and answered readily and well.

Very good steady work has been done.

The written answers of the Upper Group were again above the average and showed real thought, whilst the oral work was good.

A little more stress on missionary work might be made with advantage.

April 12 1926

John Humphries was admitted by mistake. He was under age so his admittance has been cancelled.

April 16 1926

No. on books 58 p.c. 96.5 Average 56.

April 19 1926

Examined Register, found correct – *E B Child, Manager*

April 21 1926

Mr Caulfield visited.

April 23 1926

Average 55.1 p.c. 95

April 30 1926

P.C. for month 94.3. Several children have been absent all week with colds.

May 7 1926

No. on books 58. Average 55.6 p.c. 95.8

May 12 1926

Mrs Child visited

Mr Caulfield visited. No. on roll 58. Average 55.4 p.c.95.5.

May 21 1926

School closed on Friday afternoon for the Whitsun holidays. To re-open on Monday May 31st.

June 1 1926

Mr Caulfield visited. 4 new children admitted. No. on books 62. Average 57.1 92%

June 3 1926

Mrs Child visited school.

June 23 1926

Nurse visited school and examined children.

June 24 1926

Mr Caulfield visited. Average for week 60.1 Percentage 98.5 No. on roll 61.

June 30 1926

Mr Chandler H.M.Drill Inspector visited the school.

July 1 1926

Mr Page and Mr Rayner H.M.Inspector visited the school.

July 16 1926

Mr Caulfield visited. Average attendance very good.

July 29 1926

School closed on Thursday afternoon for the summer holidays to re-open on September 7th.

Sep 7 1926

School re-opened on Tuesday Sep 7th 1926. Mr Caulfield visited..

Sep 8 1926

The school was visited by H.M.I. He examined each child and expressed his pleasure at the general tone in the school.

Sep 17 1926

Attendance Good. Mr Caulfield visited.

Sep 23 1926

Checked Registers and found them correct – *A.W. Roberts*

Nov 19 1926

Nurse visited school and examined children. Phyllis Holkombe excluded for impetigo on head. Average lowered through wet weather.

Nov 23 1926

Phyllis Holkombe returned to school. Mr Caulfield visited. Several children have been absent suffering from sore throats and cold.

Dec 13 1926

No. on roll 58. Attendance good.

Dec 23 1926

School closed on Thursday afternoon for the Christmas Holidays.

1927

Jan 10 1927

School re-opened on Monday morning January 10th with a fair attendance. No. on books 54. 5 children left school at the end of the term being over 14 years old.

No. present 48 Several children being away with colds and influenza.

Jan 12 1927

Miss Poole St.I & II Teacher has been absent today.

Jan 13 1927

Miss Poole still away from duties. St. I & II taught by Head Teacher with upper classes.

Jan 14 1927

Miss Poole still away suffering from a chill.

Jan 21 1927

Miss Poole still absent under the Dr.

Attendance very low owing to an epidemic of influenza. Many children were also unable to come owing to snow and the bad state of the roads. Average 41.4 No. on Roll 54. P.c. 76.1

Miss Poole still absent from duties.

St. I & II taken with 1st class by Head Teacher.

Feb 2 1927

Attendance very poor owing to a heavy fall of snow during the night.; Only 18 children came to school out of 54 on books so registers were not marked. Children who attended were kept at school.

Miss Poole still away ill and many children are suffering from influenza.

Feb 3 1927

Registers were not marked today. 22 children came to school and were kept at school. Roads were in a very bad condition.

Feb 4 1927

Registers were not marked as only 24 children attended. Children were kept and lessons taken as usual. Average for the week 35. P.c. 64.8.

Feb 7 1927

Attendance improved. No. on books 54. Attendance 46.

Feb 11 1927

Attendance improved. No. on books 54. Average 45.6 p.c.78.6

Miss Poole still absent from duties through illness.

Feb 7 1927

Mr Caulfield visited.

Feb 18 1927

Miss Poole still absent from duties.

Attendance improved.

Average 58.9 p.c. 90.5

Feb 23 1927

Registers checked and found correct – *A. W. Roberts*

Feb 24 1927

Attendance has again fallen. No. on books 54. No. present 36. Influenza and colds among the infants.

Feb 21 1927

Miss Poole returned to duties today.

March 7 1927

Attendance very poor. 17 children absent through rain and colds and influenza.

March 11 1927

Attendance improved 83.8% Average 45.3.

March 18 1927

Attendance improved. No. on roll 54. Average 51.1 p.c. 94.6

March 21 1927

Religious Inspection at 9 a.m. on Monday morning by the Rev T. Knowles.

March 22 1927

Children were given a half holiday in the afternoon. 6 children left school at 2.30 in the afternoon to attend a Confirmation service at Shrivenham. The Head Teacher also went by permission of the Vicar. The 1st Class being left in charge of Miss Poole.

March 30 1927

Mr Caulfield visited.

March 31 1927

The school year ends this afternoon.
V & L Bowley & E. Head left this afternoon

April 1 1927

The new school year began on April 1st.
Children were moved up a standard.

Class I	St. III, IV, V, VI	27	
Class II		16) Mr Chandler H.M.D. Inspector visited
Infant III		13)

April 6 1927

Nurse visited and inspected new children

April 7 1927

Mr Caulfield visited.

April 8 1927

No. on roll 58

April 13 1927

School closed on Wednesday afternoon for Easter Holidays.
Attendance improved. 58 on books. Average 56 p.c. 96.5

May 13 1927

Attendance improved No. on books 61. Average 60.2 p.c. 98.6

Report of Oxford Diocesan Inspection of School by Rev. T. Knowles

March 31st 1927

The Infants were much improved being brighter and more responsive than last year. Their expression work was good.

The Middle Group showed a sound and thorough knowledge of their subjects and their modelling and expression work was excellent.

The Upper Group were very bright and had a good grasp of Bible and Church Doctrine. Again the written work was a pleasing feature and Missionary Lessons have been well given.

Bishop's Prize William Butler won by one mark over the next three who were all equal.

Certificates Jessie Curtis, Francis Bint & Roderick Drew

Highly Commended Gwendoline Violet Bowley, Kathleen Lily Bowley, George Gorton, Wm Mattingley, Marjorie Harris and Doris Miller

Middle Group

Highly Commended Francis Harris, Elsie Miller, Charles Holcombe, Elsie Brind, Ernest Humphries, Frederick Bint and Freda Archer

Infants

Highly Commended Florence Bint, W. Humphries, F. Mattingley, Harold Head, Bertha Archer, George Vaughan

Commended Arthur King & Beryl Golding

May 20 1927

Average 59/9 p.c. 98.1. No. on roll 61
Mr Caulfield visited.

May 24 1927

Empire Day. Play given by Upper Class at 11.15 to the rest of the school. Songs etc. sung and school dismissed at 10 minutes to 12. Children returned to school in the afternoon at the usual time.

May 27 1927

Average 58 p.c. 95.08
11 children were absent through heavy rain in the morning

May 31 1927

Miss Poole was absent from duties suffering from a severe head ache.

June 3 1927

No. on roll 61. Average 59.9 p.c. 98.1
School closed on Friday afternoon for Whitsuntide Holidays.

June 13 1927

School opened on Monday June 13th.
Mr Caulfield visited.

June 16 1927

School nurse visited in the afternoon and examined all children.
G. Pound excluded for 3 days suffering from sore throat.

June 24 1927

No. on roll 61 Average 58.2 p.c. 95.4

June 27 1927

Register examined this day and found correct – *A. W. Roberts*

July 1 1927

Attendance F.G.

Average 57.3 p.c. 93.9. Several long-distance children absent owing to heavy rain.

July 8 1927

No. on roll 61. Average 58.7 p.c. 96.2. 5 children absent from Fernham 4 of the family suffering from measles.

July 15 1927

Attendance has dropped to 86% this week owing to measles and Ashbury S. Treat.

July 18 1927

No. on roll 61. No present 38. Attendance very poor owing to prevalence of measles in the village.

July 22 1927

Week ending July 22nd the attendance dropped this week from 86% to 47.7 owing to an outbreak of measles in the village.

No. on books 61. Average for the week 29.1.

No present on Friday afternoon 24.

Miss Poole was absent from duties on Tuesday and Wednesday July 19th & 20th suffering from an ulcerated throat. She returned to duties on July 21st.

July 25 1927

Mr Caulfield visited. Measles still prevalent. Average 22.7 p.c. 37.2

School closed on Thursday afternoon for the summer holiday to re-open on Monday September 5th 1927.

Sep 5 1927

School re-opened on Monday Sep 5th.

Two children left at end of last term.

Two new Infants were admitted.

No. on roll 61. Average for week 59.1 p.c. 96.8.

Raymond Vaughan has been absent all the week being certified to be suffering from consumption.

Sep 16 1927

Attendance lowered owing to very wet weather. Several children arrived at school wet through and were sent home. 21 children were absent on Thursday and 8 on Friday.

The school Dr. – Dr Herklots was in attendance all day on Friday and Monday morning.

Examined Registers and found correct Sept 19 1927 – *A. W. Roberts*

Sep 23 1927

Average attendance for week 54.8 p.c. 89.8

Average was lowered very much owing to heavy rain. 23 children being absent on Thursday.

Sep 21 1927

Mr Caulfield visited.

Attendance improved

Sep 30 1927

Average for month 56.5. p.c. 92.6 61 on roll.

Oct 14 1927

Raymond Vaughan taken to Peppard Sanatorium suffering from consumption. No. on roll 58 Average 54.3 p.c. 93.6

Oct 17 1927

Miss Poole was absent from duties on Oct 17th & 18th.

Oct 19 1927

Miss Poole resumed duties.

Average for week 56.3 p.c. 95.4

Oct 20 1927

Mr Caulfield visited.. Mr Sargeant visited on Tuesday afternoon and reported the school floor needed renewing.

Nov 4 1927

Average for week 55.2 p.c. 95.1

Nov 14 1927

Mr Caulfield visited.

Nov 18 1927

Nurse visited school. 6 children to attend the eye clinic on Nov 25th in new girls school in Faringdon.

Nov 23 1927

H.M.D.I. visited school in the afternoon and took 1st class for a new game (Boys & Girls)

Dec 1 1927

Mr Caulfield visited.

Dec 2 1927

Average for week 53.6. No. on roll 57. Per cent. 94

Average lowered this week Tuesday being so wet the long distance children were unable to come.

Dec 16 1927

Mr Caulfield, the school nurse and school Dr visited the school.
Doris Miller, B. Kinch and J Humphries received glasses.

Dec 13 1927.

On Tuesday afternoon Walter Humphries was knocked down by a motor on the way home to Fernham.
He was taken to Faringdon Cottage on Thursday evening.

Average for week 52.9 p.c. 92.7

Dec 22 1927

School closed on Thursday afternoon for the Christmas holidays to re-open on Monday Jan 9th 1928.
The attendance was lowered on Dec 21st owing to the slippery state of the roads, 13 children being absent.

1928

Jan 9 1928

School re-opened on January 9th. No. on books 58. Average for the week was 55.9 p.c. 96.3.

Jan 17 1928

Head Teacher absent from duties from 2.20 pm by permission of the Vicar to see the dentist.

Jan 18 1928

Nurse visited and inspected newly admitted children. Attendance for week 52.2 p.c. 90

Jan 30 1928

Nurse visited school to examine Phyllis and Charles Holkombe and found they were still not clean. She then examined Stella and Vera, and found they were not clean, so excluded them all for another week. Mr Caulfield also visited and saw the children.

Feb 3 1928

Average for week 50.2 p.c. 86.5

Feb 6 1928

Nurse visited and examined the 4 Holkombe children and found them much cleaner.

Feb 7 1928

Mr Caulfield visited.

Feb 24 1928

Attendance improved. Average 56.6 p.c. 97.5

Feb 22 1928

Mr Caulfield visited.

Feb 21 1928

Nurse visited school.

March 12 1928

Registers Examined and found correct Sept 19 1927 – *A. W. Roberts*

March 26 1928

Miss Poole absent from duties. Dr. certificate sent to Reading.
Mr Caulfield visited.

March 28 1928

Three new children admitted, one left.

April 4 1928

School closed on Wednesday afternoon April 4th for the Easter Holidays. Miss Poole absent still from duties. St.I and II taken by Head Teacher with Upper Class.

April 20 1928

School re-opened after Easter Holidays on Monday April 16th. Miss Poole still absent from duties. Mr Caulfield visited.
St.I & II still being taken with 1st class.
No. on roll 63. Average for week 58.6 p.c. 93

April 23 1928

Miss Poole returned to duties.

April 25 1928

Nurse visited and inspected all the children.

May 3 1928

Mr Caulfield visited.
Attendance Good. 65 on books Average 52.5 p.c. 96.1
One new child admitted from Fernham.

May 21 1928

Miss Poole absent from duties through having teeth extracted.

May 24 1928

Dentist to visit school to examine children under 7 years of ae.
Children examined by Dentist in the afternoon.

May 25 1928

Miss Poole has been absent from school all the week suffering from swollen face following teeth extraction.
School closed on Friday afternoon for the Whitsun Holiday.

June 4 1928

School re-opened after the Whitsuntide Holidays. Nurse visited school also Mr Caulfield. Attendance good.

June 5 1928

H.M. Inspectors Mr Page and Mr Rayner visited the school.

June 7 1928

The Vicar, Miss Roberts, and 2 lady missionaries visited the school at 9 am. to talk to the children.

June 4 1928

Miss Poole returned to duties on June 4th 1928. Average for week 63.7 p.c. 96.5

June 19 1928

H.M.Drill Inspector visited the school.

School inspected on June 5th 1928 – Report by H.M.I. Mr A F. Page

1. This school as its name implies is intended to serve the villages of Longcot and Fernham, but the latter village which is about 1½ miles away only provides 9 children out of the 66 on the registers; at a previous visit it provided only 4 children (all in one family).

For some reason of their own, many of the Fernham parents appear to prefer to send their children to Little Coxwell or Uffington a fact which may have to be considered if any more extensive grouping of schools in the locality is contemplated.

2. The Longcot School is one with rather marked characteristics of its own. The children come in many cases from poor homes and are of a somewhat rough and vigorous type, but under the kindly and motherly government which prevails they are in excellent order and are very well behaved.

The Head Mistress who came in 1918 was for many years out of school teaching and has never quite got into touch again with modern methods of teaching; but she understands children. She is an able and thorough worker, and it is difficult to see that any teacher could handle these particular children much more effectively.

Plenty of sound work is done and in the highest class in particular the Reading, Writing and Composition are good, the Arithmetic is neatly set out and accurate and the spelling is excellent. The children have a good knowledge of History and Geography and answer questions readily and sensibly. Although this class is a fairly large one (there were 28 children present) every child gets individual attention and individual treatment, and every one is made to keep hard at work.

3. Altogether taking into consideration the difficult nature of the children and the rather depressing character of the locality, and the premises, the results obtained in this school are very good indeed.

June 20 & 21 1928

Mr Caulfield visited.

Attendance good

Dr Herklots visited the school and medically examined 30 of the children.

June 28 1928

Registers checked and found correct - *A. W. Roberts*

July 25 1928

School closed for a day Choir trip to Weston Super Mare.

Mr Caulfield visited.

July 30 1928

Average for week 56.75. pc 94.5 20 children absent through rain.

Aug 1 1928

School closed on Thursday afternoon for the Summer Holidays.

Sept 10 1928

School re-opened on Sept 10th after Summer Holidays No. on roll 56. Several children left owing to parents leaving the village.

Sept 21 1928

No. on roll 55. Attendance good.

Sept 27 1928

Registers checked and found correct - *A. W. Roberts*

Oct 9 1928

Miss Poole absent from duties through sickness. Class taken by Head Teacher with 1st class.

Oct 11 1928

School nurse visited the school and examined the children.

Two children left

No. on roll 56.

Oct 15 1928

Miss Poole returned to duties.

Nov 1 1928

Registers checked and found correct - *A. W. Roberts*

Nov 6 1928

Head Teacher absent from duties to take daughter to Reading to take an examination at Shire Hall by permission of the Vicar.

Nov 6 1928

Two children admitted from Fernham.

No. on roll 58 Average 54.5 p.c. 93.9

Nov 7 1928

Miss Jones was absent from duties, to be married. Given leave of absence by the Vicar.

Nov 23 1928

Attendance very poor owing to a gale. 19 children absent. No; on roll 58. Average for week 50.4 p.c. 80.6

Dec 12 1928

The school dentist visited the school and examined the teeth of children under 8 years.

Dec 14 1928

Attendance lowered through snowy weather. Average 51.3 p.c. 86.9

Dec 21 1928

School closed on Friday afternoon for the Christmas Holidays. Average 56.1 p.c. 95 No. on roll 59
School to re-open on Monday Jan. 7th 1929.

1929

Jan 7 1929

School re-opened on Monday Jan 7th. No. on roll 58.

Miss Poole absent from duties on Monday and Tuesday Jan 7th & 8th on account of the illness of her mother.

Jan 15 1929

Head Teacher absent from school suffering from Influenza.

Jan 29 1929

Head Teacher resumed duties on Jan 29th. Mr Caulfield visited.

Feb 1 1929

Average attendance has been considerably lowered during the week owing to an epidemic of influenza, coughs, and colds among the children.

Average: No. on books 58 Av. Attendance for the week 35.7 p.c. 61.5

Feb 8 1929

Attendance for the week greatly reduced owing to an epidemic of influenza, coughs and colds.

No. on roll 58 Average 27.7 p.c. 47.7.

Feb 15 1929

Attendance for the week still greatly reduced owing to continued epidemic of influenza.

Mrs Gerring was unable to take

(entry for Dec 12 1928 inserted here) – School Dentist visited the school and examined the teeth of children under 8 years.

Dinner hour duties as she was in bed with influenza. The school has been too cold for children to work. Temperature down to 25^o on Friday, and 30^o all the rest of the week. All ink frozen in inkwells and children have used pencils all the week.

No on roll 59

Average for week 36.9 Percentage 62.5

The fall in the average attendance for the week ending 9th of February was certified to be owing to an epidemic of influenza sickness by the School Medical Officer and the attendances and meetings for this week must not be reckoned for the purpose of calculating the average attendance for the purpose of the Board's grant.

(in red ink) Attendances for the week ending Feb 9th 1929 have been cancelled by Head Teacher in Log Book, Summary Register and Attendance Registers.

Feb 22 1929

Attendance has improved during this week. There are still several children who are not yet fit to return to school. Monthly return for month ending Feb. 22nd

No. of meetings 30. Average attendance for month 40. P.c. 68.1 No. on roll 59.

March 7 1929

Registers checked and found correct - *A. W. Roberts*

March 8 1929

Attendance this week very much improved. Average 54.2 p.c. 91.8 No. on roll 56

March 27 1929

School closed on Wednesday afternoon for Easter Holidays.

April 8 1929

School re-opened on April 8th. No. on roll 59

April 12 1929

Religious Examination at 9 a.m. by the Rev. Knowles. Children were given a half holiday in the afternoon.

April 15 1929

Mrs Phipps was unable to continue her duties as she was not well, and had to return home at 10 am.

April 19 1929

No. on roll 60. Average for week 57.4 p.c. 95.6

Head Teacher was absent from duties from May 6th to May 15th owing to illness and death of her daughter.

May 16 1929

Head Teacher returned to duty on May 16th.

May 17 1929

School closed on Friday afternoon for Whitsun Holidays.
School re-opened on May 27th

May 30 1929

School closed on Thursday May 30th. School needed for Election Purposes.

May 27 1929

School nurse visited and examined the children.

May 28 1929

Mr Sargeant visited school.

**Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools
School examined April 12th 1929**

Report

Real efficient simple Bible and Church Doctrine Instruction has been given in the Upper Group and the scholars answered in a responsive manner.

The written answers on the whole were thoughtful whilst the handwriting of nearly everyone in the group was especially good. The Middle Group, a small one, knew their syllabus of lessons well as was shown by their readiness to answer. Good steady work has been done through with creditable results. The Infants certainly have improved and it was gratifying that they would express themselves so readily. The modelling and handiwork was of a useful kind.

Top Group (awarded on written work as there was such equality in oral answering)

Bishop's Prize

William Mattingley

Certificates

Roderick Drew, Sidney Bint, Gladys Butler & Hilda Bint

Highly Commended

Reginald Kinch, Edith Head, Elsie Brind, Vera Holkombe and Daisy Bowsher

Middle Group

Highly Commended Francis Harris, Tommy Mattingley, Winnie Butler, Florence Bint and Mary Hing

Infants

Geo. Vaughan, J. Luker, Bernard Kinch, Arthur King, Beryl Golding,
Gwendoline Luker, Jean Moon and Sabina Bint

Bibles, Prayer books and Scripture Pictures would enormously help the teachers in their work.

K. Knowles, Diocesan Inspector of Schools

Registers checked and found correct June 19 1929 - *A. W. Roberts*

June 25 1929

Mr Chandler H.M. Drill Inspector visited

June 25 & 26 1929

Dr Herklots the school Medical Dr. examined 40 of the children.

Dr Richmond came to medically examine Raymond Vaughan.

Mr Caulfield attendance officer visited.

July 5 1929

59.4 Average for week 94.2 p.c.

Mr Caulfield visited.

July 11 1929

Average for week 61.1 p.c. 96.9

School visited by the School dentist at 2.30 to examine the teeth of children under 9 years of age.

Aug 1 1929

School closed noon Thursday afternoon for the summer holidays to re-open on September 9th 1929.

Sep 9 1929

School re-opened after Summer Holidays.

No. on roll 57 Average 54 Per Cent 94.7

Sep 18 1929

School was closed on Wednesday afternoon. The Choir outing to Radcot was held.

Mr Caulfield visited.

Registers examined and found correct Sept 20 1929 - *A. W. Roberts*

Oct 11 1929

Reginald and Bernard Kinch left school, they are leaving the district and going to Mile End near High Wycombe. No. on roll 60 Average p.c.

Nov 1 1929

No. on roll 59. Average 54.2 p.c. 91.8

3 children have gone to Faringdon this afternoon to attend the eye clinic.

Mr Caulfield visited.

Nov 8 1929

No. on roll 59. Average 57 p.c. 96.6

Nov 7 1929

Mr Wallace attendance officer from Reading visited. Attendance full.

Nov 13 1929

15 of the upper class children were given leave of absence to attend a lecture on Health at the Town Hall on Wednesday morning at Faringdon to which they were conveyed by bus, attended by Miss Poole.

No. on roll 60. Average 58.2 p.c. 98

Six infants are being conveyed to school and taken home by car to Fernham by arrangement with the L.E.A.

Nov 19 1929

Head Teacher was absent from school by permission of the Vicar to visit a dying aunt.

Nov 22 1929

No. on roll 61. Average 58.2 p.c. 95.4 Nurse visited and examined.

Nov 27 1929

Registers checked and found correct - *A. W. Roberts*

Dec 4 1929

Mr Caulfield visited.

Dec 6 1929

Attendance has not been so good this week owing to rain and gales.

Dec 19 1929

The children were given a tea party and spent the afternoon in games etc.

Dec 20 1929

School closed on Friday afternoon for the Xmas Holidays. 1 girl left.

1930

Jan 6 1930

School re-opened on Monday Oct 6th (sic) 1930.

No. on roll 59. On Monday 4 new children were admitted. No. present on Monday 56.

Jan 10 1930

No.1 on Roll 58. 2 children left.

Jan 31 1930

Attendance good. No. on roll 59.

Feb 3 1930

Registers checked and found correct - *A. W. Roberts*

Feb 7 1930

10 children absent this morning through snowy weather.

No. on roll 59. No. present 49. Several children absent this week because of illness of parents.

Nellie Humphries has been absent for 42 attendances. Mother in hospital – 6 children at home.

Weekly attendance 53.1 – 90%

Feb 14 1930

No. on roll 59. Average for the week 55.7 per c. 94.4

Feb 21 1930

No. on roll 59. Average 53.8 p.c. 90.1

Feb 25 1930

Joyce Mullins admitted after being refused admission as she came from a house for 8 days where there was a case of scarlet fever in the lower flat of the house. After 8 days from date of entering the village she was admitted. No. on roll 60 Average 58.1 Per Cen.96.1

Mar 4 1930

Needlework money £8.0.10 sent to Reading and acknowledged by receipt.

Mar 7 1930

No. on roll 60 Average for week 57.8 Per centage 90.3

Mar 13 1930

School nurse visited and examined all children. C. Holkombe was excluded for dirty skin and clothing. Phyllis and Stella Holkombe verminous. Beryl Golding for verminous head. Elsie Brind and Nellie Humphries were sent home suffering from inflamed eyes.

Mar 21 1930

Attendance the lowest during the quarter

No. on Roll 60. Average 49.7 p.c. 82.8

Children still excluded by nurse. Several still suffering from inflamed eyes.

Mar 28 1930

No. on roll 60. Average 54.7 p.c. 91.1

Attendance still poor. Many children have colds and coughs.

April 1 1930

School examined in Religious Knowledge by the Rev. T. Knowles.
62 children were present. The children were given a holiday in the afternoon.

April 3 1930

No. on roll 63

School closed on April 16th (Wednesday afternoon) for the Easter Holidays, to re-open on Monday April 28th.

April 28 1930

School re-opened on Monday. Attendance good. No. on roll 62. Average for week 60.5. p.c. 97.5
Mr Sergeant came to inspect the school buildings.

May 7 1930

School dentist visited on Wednesday afternoon to inspect the teeth of children under 10 years of age.

May 12 1930

School visited on Monday May 12th by Mr Rayner, H.M.I.
Mr Caulfield Attendance Officer visited school at 8.45 a.m. to inspect the conveyance which brings the children from Fernham.

May 21 1930.

School nurse visited and inspected the heads of children reported on the previous visit as not being clean.

May 29 1930

Ascension Day the new Vicar Rev. Skrine took the upper Group for a Scripture lesson until 9.45.

May 30 1930I

The school nurse visited.

Report of Diocesan Inspector of Schools – Rev. T. Knowles, Diocesan Inspector**April 1st 1930****General**

The children have been well grounded in the chief elements of the Christian Faith. They knew their Bible stories and Church Doctrine founded thereon.

The Missionary Lessons given throughout the school have had admirable results. Prayer Book Services associated with Church services have received due consideration in this Church School.

The hymns and prayers were very devotional.

Upper Group The upper group were keen and correct in the answering of oral questions, thus showing the painstaking and steady work with them of the Head Teacher. The written answers were full and executed in most excellent hand writing.

Middle Group. This group were eager in their answering and had been very intelligently instructed in their syllabus of work and especially in Bible Stories and portions of the Church Catechism. Their practical expression work was a sound feature.

Infants. The Infants were bright and knew their simple work well. Their missionary stories and handwork were good.

Upper Group

Bishop's Prize

Gladys Butler

Certificates

Fred Rich and Hilda Bint

Highly Commended

Albert Cuss, Edith Head, Fred Bint, G. Gerring, F. Archer, Elsie Brind, Dorothy North, Winnie Butler, J. Mattingley, Harold Head and Dolly Bint.

Middle Group

Certificate

Jean Moon

Highly Commended

G. Vaughan, Beryl Golding

Commended

W. Humphries, A. King, J. Luker, G. Luker, S. Bint

Infants

Commended

R. Vaughan, N. Vaughan, C. Webb, J. Tucker, G. Webb, F. Burson, D. Head, K. North

Registers checked and found correct - June 26th 1930 *W. N. Skrine*

June 27 1930

No. on roll 58. Average for week 55.9 p.c. 96

Mr Caulfield visited. George Vaughan has been absent all the week suffering from a poisoned knee.

July 24 1930

School was closed on Thursday afternoon for a Fete on the Vicarage lawn to get funds for the repair of the school. Proceeds from the fund amounted to £56.

July 31 1930

School closed on Thursday afternoon for the summer holidays to re-open on Sep 8th 1930.

Sep 8 1930

School re-opened on Monday Sep 8th. 3 new children were admitted. No. on roll 61 Average for the week 59. P.c. 96.7

Sep 19 1930

No. on roll 62. Average 61.7 p.c.96.4

12 children arrived at school very wet. I had a fire put in the classroom and they read to themselves while their shoes, stockings and dresses were dried.

Registers checked and found correct – *Rev.. Skrine*

Sep 23 1930

Miss Poole absent from duty suffering with a sore throat and cold.

Sep 26 1930

Miss Poole returned to duty.

1 child sent home having a rash.

Oct 2 1930

No. on roll 62. Average for week 59.1. Per Cent. 95.3 School was closed on Friday Oct 3rd to enable teachers to attend the Conference in Reading.

Oct 12 1930

Vicar visited the school and took the Upper Group for Scripture Lesson.

Oct 17 1930

No. on roll 60. Average 53.2 p.c. 88.6

Several children are absent through chickenpox. 1 boy has tonsillitis.

Oct 24 1930

No. on roll 58. Average for week 48.6 p.c. 83.7

10 children have been absent from school this week owing to chickenpox. The school nurse found F. Holcombe in school with chickenpox. He was excluded and Charlie, Stella and Phyllis were also excluded as they were so dirty, both bodies and clothing.

Nov 7 1930

No. on roll 57. Average 41.3 p.c. 72.4

There are still 14 children absent through chickenpox. Another infant boy contracted it and is absent.

Nov 10 1930

Mr Alexander Drill Inspector visited the school on Monday afternoon.

Nov 21 1930

Attendance has been very much lowered all the week through chickenpox, influenza, sore throats, coughs and cold. Elsie Brind is absent with a septic poisoned ankle and has sent a medical certificate.

Nov 27 1930

Registers checked and found correct - *W. N. Skrine*

Dec 12 1930

Attendance improved Average 52.7 % 90.8

Dec 19 1930

School closed after afternoon school for the Xmas Holidays – to re-open on Monday Jan 5th 1931.

1931

Jan 5 1931

School re-opened on Monday Jan 5th.
No. on roll 60. Average for week 56.8 p.c. 94.6
Elsie Brind and Annie Hallett are both still at home through illness.

Jan 16 1931

Attendance good. Two children still absent through illness. Elsie Brind. A. Hallett.

Jan 23 1931

Attendance not so good this week. Average 53.5 pc. 89.1
Annie Hallett to be away for another 6 weeks (Dr's certificate)

Jan 26 1931

Daisy Bowsher slipped up in the playground and bruised her knee. She was taken home in a push chair as she could only walk on her toes.

Jan 29 1931

Miss Reenan was absent from school on Thursday morning owing to headache.
Mr Caulfield visited on Wednesday.
Mr Warner has had to make double journeys to convey the Fernham children. He made 2 journey on Jan 5th and 4 journeys a day during the remainder of January.

Jan 6 1931 .

G. Gerring, F. Harris & D. Tucker absent in the afternoon. They followed the hounds and returned too late to be marked.

Feb 4 1931

Miss Reenan was absent on Wednesday morning.

Feb 5 1931

On Thursday Morning

Feb 6 1931

All day Friday as her mother has influenza.
Average for week 46.5. p.c. 77.5
Attendance very poor a great many children have influenza, coughs, colds and sore throats.

Feb 13 1931

School nurse visited and examined children. Phyllis Holkombe was excluded until 23 rd to have her head cleaned. Stella & Freddy are not to attend school until they have suitable boots – those worn to school had no soles. Their feet were all very wet.
Mr Caulfield visited.

Feb 20 1931

Mr Baines the school dentist examined teeth of children.

Feb 25 1931

Mr Caulfield visited.
School nurse visited. Attendance very much lowered owing to snow and epidemic of coughs, colds, sore throat, influenza and impetigo. Return for the month No. on Roll 60 Average 47.5 p.c. 79.6.

March 6 1931

Attendance this week has been very poor owing to an epidemic of influenza. No. on roll 61 Average 34.9 p.c. 57.2.

(written in red ink) Attendances for the week ending March 7th were certified by the school Dr. as falling below 60% for the week owing to an epidemic of influenza and must not be reckoned for the purpose of calculating the average attendance for the purpose of the Board's grant.

March 13 1931

No. on roll 61 Average 44.4 p.c. 72.7

Attendance has improved a little this week, but there are still many children ill.

March 20 1931

No. on roll 61 Average 57.4 p.c. 94

4 children in the 1st Class were absent on Thursday afternoon to attend the Confirmation service in Faringdon.

Attendance very much better this week.

March 23 1931

Mr Alexander H.M. Drill Inspector visited.

March 31 1931

Registers checked and found correct - *W. N. Skrine*

April 13 1931

School re-opened after Easter Holidays on Monday April 13th 1931.

Mr Caulfield visited.

April 29 1931

School nurse visited and inspected all the children 58 being present.

May 1 1931

Attendance fairly good. Average 57.7 p.c. 97.7 No. on roll 59

May 8 1931

Attendance good. No. on roll 59 Average 58 p.c. 98.3

May 4 1931

Mr Caulfield visited.

May 15 1931

Attendance good. No. on roll 59 Average 58.2 p.c. 98.6

Scripture Report May 18th 1931 – Diocesan Inspector Rev. T. Knowles

Examined Wednesday April 1st 1931

This school is of good general standard of attainment in all the three groups and the teachers and scholars have worked well in all the Departments of the religious knowledge set for the year.

The Infants answered readily and well. Their intelligent handwork and expression work is highly commendable. The Middle Group knew their Bible and Catechism lessons thoroughly well and were responsive and accurate when answering questions. Conscientious and careful work by the Teacher has

contributed largely to this success. The Top Group were very sound in their knowledge and evidently good careful and thorough tuition had been given by the Head Mistress. She is to be complimented on the most excellent written papers the scholars did. They were most praiseworthy. The hymns were well sung and prayers reverently taken.

Top Group

Gladys Butler was just first in marks. Her written work was all that could be desired. As she has had the Bishop's Prize before one can only compliment her. The Bishop's Prize therefore is awarded to Hilda Bint.

Certificates Edith Head, Elsie Brind, Freda Archer & Frederick Bint

Highly Commended Winnie Butler, Daisy Bowsher, Dorothy North, George Stanley, Francis Harris, Tom Mattingley

Middle Group

Highly Commended George Vaughan, John Luker, Arthur King, Sabina Bint, Gwendoline Luker, Gladys Webb

Infants

Highly Commended Kathleen North, Edith Bint, Kathleen Breakspeare, Norman Vaughan, Curil Webb, John Butler

May 22 1931

Mr Caulfield visited.

Attendance for week ending May 22nd No. on roll 59 Average 56.5 p.c. 95.4. Several children were away today owing to rain. School closed on Friday afternoon for Whitsun Holidays to re-open on June 1st.

June 1 1931

School re-opened after Whitsun Holidays with 60 on roll. Average for week 59.8 pe.c. 99.6
Mr Caulfield visited.

June 12 1931

Registers checked and found correct – *B.M. Hawes*

Rev Hawes took 1st Class for Scripture Lesson this morning.

June 16 1931

Mr Caulfield visited.

June 26 1931

The Vicar took 1st Class for Scripture on Friday morning.

July 8 1931

School closed on Wednesday afternoon for Fete (British Legion held at Shrivenham).

July 16 1931

Owing to several complaints from parents, I have examined several children's heads and sent them home to be cleaned. George Raymond and Norman Vaughan, Phyllis, Stella and Herbert Holkombe.

July 12 1931

School nurse visited and excluded Beryl Golding until Monday to get her head cleaned.

July 31 1931

Vicar took the Upper Class for Scripture.

School closed on Friday afternoon for the Summer Holidays – to re-open on Sep 7th 1931.

Sep 7 1931

School reopened after Summer Holidays

6 children moved into St.III from St. II. 6 Infants moved into St.I form Infant Room.

No. on roll 58.

Sep 14 1931

No. on roll 59

Sep 16 1931

Mr Caulfield visited.

Sep 25 1931

No. on roll 58.

Sep 30 1931

E. Drew resigned post as Head Teacher in the Longcot School on Wednesday afternoon Sep 30th 1931.

Oct 1 1931

A R Drew (Certificated) commenced duties as Head Teacher

Oct 2 1931

The Vicar took the Senior Class for Scripture this morning.

The dentist visited this afternoon to examine teeth.

Oct 5 1931

Mr Caulfield visited.

Oct 6 1931

School visited on Tuesday afternoon, Oct 6th by Mr Ranger H.M.I.

Oct 12 1931

.School visited this morning by the Nurse. Phyllis Holcombe excluded until Oct 14th.

Oct 14 1931

Mr Caulfield visited.

Oct 19 1931

Mr Caulfield visited.

Oct 27 1931

Mr Caulfield visited.

Oct 28 1931

School visited this morning by the nurse.

Oct 29 1931

Dr Herklots, the School Medical Officer visited this morning to see a few children.

Nov 2 1931

Owing to the breakdown of Mr Warner's car, the Fernham children are being conveyed by Mr Reeeman of Uffington.

Nov 3 1931

Mr Caulfield visited.

Nov 4 1931

Owing to stormy weather there were only 43 present this morning.

Nov 6 1931

The Vicar took the Senior Class for Scripture this morning.

Mr Alexander, Physical Training Inspector, and Mr Slade visited the school this morning. Mr Alexander inspected the Senior Class in Physical Training.

Nov 9 1931

Mr Ludlow, School attendance Officer attended

Nov 11 1931 Armistice Day

Time table re-arranged commencing with secular subjects in order that the children may attend a short service at the Church at eleven o'clock.

Nov 13 1931

The Vicar took the Senior Class for Scripture.

Nov 16 1931

Mr Ludlow visited.

Nov 24 1931

Mr Warner is again conveying the Fernham children.

Head Teacher absent from duty from 10.30 am. owing to illness.

Nov 25 1931

Head Teacher returned to duty.

Nov 26 1931

Mr Ludlow visited.

Supt. Holding, Sgt Lyford and PC Hickmott interviewed Francis Harris, Denis Tucker and Arthur King in the school this morning on the burning of a hayrick after school hours last evening.

Nov 27 1931

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

Dec 3 1931

Attendance affected by the weather. 48 present in the morning out of 59.

Dec 2 1931

National Savings representative visited the school.

Dec 4 1931

The Vicar took the Senior Class for Scripture.

Dec 9 1931

Mr Ludlow visited.

Dec 14 1931

Mr Ludlow visited.

Dec 15 1931

Dr Herklots visited to see J. Moon, B. Moon, F. Burson, G. Webb and A. Mattingley. Three boys T. Mattingley, D. Tucker and G. Stanley absent in order to attend Children's court at Faringdon re burning of hayrick on Nov. 25th.

Dec 16 1931

I have this morning had to send Norman Vaughan home to have his head cleaned.

Dec 23 1931

Mr Ludlow visited.

School closed on Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas holiday.

1932

Jan 7 1932

School re-opened after the Christmas Holiday.

Jan 8 1932

Permission was given by the Vicar for the children to attend the meet at eleven o'clock this morning in Longcot.

Mr Ludlow visited.

. 54 on books, 53 present.

Jan 15 1932

Miss Poole absent from duties through sickness.

Mr Ludlow visited.

The Vicar took the seniors for Scripture.

Jan 18 1932

Miss Poole still absent

Jan 19 1932

Miss Poole absent. I have forwarded medical certificate station her to be suffering from influenza to Reading today.

Jan 21 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

Jan 22 1932

The Vicar took the Senior Class for Scripture.

Jan 25 1932

Miss Poole still absent.

Jan 28 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

Feb 1 1932

Miss Poole returned to school this morning.

Feb 2 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

Feb 8 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

Feb 15 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

Feb 16 1932

The Nurse visited the school this morning and examined all the children. M. Mannell and M. Vaughan excluded for verminous heads, and G. Vaughan for dirty clothing.

Feb 26 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

Mar 3 1932

The school was closed this afternoon as a Confirmation service was held in the village.
Mr Ludlow visited this morning.

Mar 4 1932

Mr Alexander, Physical Training Inspector, visited the school this afternoon.

Mar 9 1932

The Inspection in Religious Knowledge was held this morning, the Rev. Coles inspected the children.

Mar 14 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

Mar 21 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

Mar 23 1932

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

Mar 24 1932

The school closed after morning school for the Easter Holiday.

April 4 1932

The school re-opened after the Easter holiday. Std. I and Infants are now grouped together. Mr Freeman is conveying the Fernham children as Mr Warner's car is under repair.

April 7 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

April 13 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

April 16 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

April 25 1932

Mr Alexander, Physical Training Inspector for the County, visited the school this morning and inspected the two senior classes.

April 29 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

May 2 1932

Miss Poole absent, as owing to heavy rain the road was flooded.
The attendance was lower than usual for the same reason. 44 present out of 52.

May 3 1932

Miss Poole returned.

May 4 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

May 5 1932

The children attended an Ascension Day service at church, during the Scripture lesson.

May 6 1932

The nurse visited the school this morning. A rummage sale was held on Saturday last and £6.9.8 was realised of this sum £4.41 has been spent in purchasing a singer machine; the remainder is to be spent on scripture books and pictures and game apparatus.

May 9 1932

A representative from the Singer Sewing Machine Co. came out to demonstrate the use of the machine during the needlework lesson. The School Nurse visited and examined all the children's heads. No-one was excluded.

May 10 1932

The dentist visited and examined all the children's teeth.
Mr Ludlow visited.

May 13 1932

The school closed on Friday afternoon for the Whitsuntide holiday.

Report of the Diocesan Inspector of Schools – Rev W. F. Coles, General Diocesan Inspector**19th March 1932**

This is a pleasant little school with useful and conscientious work in progress.

The Infants are much interested and keen to answer. An encouraging amount of success has followed their teacher's efforts on their behalf. Much has been done in the way of model making and this might be allowed to lead on to more free forms of expression work. More lesson pictures are urgently needed. The answers from this class were so level and generally keen that no individual names are mentioned.

The junior syllabus has been well started in the middle class. The majority of the children answered well especially the New Testament, and on anything that depended upon memory. More explicitness and fullness of the ideas held should still be aimed at. The purpose of the Old Testament section and its changes from the Old Testament will need to be carefully noted. It is suggested that the suggestions for expression work in the textbooks will be found useful.

The top group had some attractive work to show. They handled their Prayer Books readily, knew their O.T. and N.T., work very well and showed that the Catechism had had especial care taken with it, and that it had been usefully treated. This was evident from both written and oral answers. It is excellent to find all the textbooks for the revised juniors' syllabus already to hand in the school. The repairing of the stock of Bibles should have attention.

The progress so far deserves praise, and the condition of the school is full of promise for its future extension.

Bishops Prize

Elsie Brind

Certificates Dorothy North, Florence Bint
Commended Frederick Bint, George Vaughan, Tom Mattingley, Winnie Butler, Mary King,
George Stanley

Class II Kathleen North Gladys Webb, Kathleen Breakspear, John Butler

May 2 1932

The school re-opened after the Whitsun holiday.
The nurse visited and brought Gladys Webb's spectacles
Mr Ludlow visited. 51 on books. 48 present

May 27 1932

The Vicar took the Senior Class for Scripture.

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

May 31 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

June 2 1932

The nurse visited this afternoon to enquire about Gladys Webb's spectacles.

June 7 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

June 9 1932

The nurse visited. Norman, Lesley and Maurice Vaughan were excluded for dirty heads and clothing.

June 13 1932

The nurse again visited to inspect children who were excluded.
Mr Ludlow visited.

June 15 1932

Mrs Phipps absent today with a badly sprained ankle.

June 17 1932

Mrs Phipps still absent.

June 22 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.
Dr Herklots visited the school this afternoon to examine the children.

June 29 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.
50 present out of 51
Folk dancing taken in the singing period in the afternoon, in order to practise dances to be done at the Fete.

July 4 1932

Mrs Phipps returned to school.
Mr Ludlow visited.

July 6 1932

School closed during the afternoon for the British Legion Fete at Shrivenham.

July 15 1932

Drawing taken with boys and girls this afternoon instead of needlework for girls.

July 18 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

July 19 1932

Miss Poole absent today as her mother met with an accident.

July 20 1932

Miss Poole returned.

Folk dancing taken in singing lesson in order to rehearse for Fete.

July 21 1932

The school was closed in the afternoon for the Fete held at the Vicarage.

July 25 1932

Mr Ludlow visited.

July 29 1932

School closed after afternoon school for the summer holidays.

Sep 5 1932

School re-opened after the Summer holidays 53 on books.

Sep 19 1932

The school nurse visited this morning and examined all the children's heads. Frank Butler and John Butler were sent home with septic spots.

Sep 23 1932

The Vicar took the Senior Class for Scripture this morning.

Average for the week 44.6 p.c. 84.1

Sep 29 1932

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

Sep 30 1932

The school was closed owing to Conference at Reading.

Oct 3 1932

Mr Warner re-commenced conveyance of Fernham children in the afternoon as well as in the morning.

Oct 21 1932

The Vicar took the Senior Class for Scripture.

Oct 24 1932

The nurse called this morning and brought Winnie Butler's spectacles.

Oct 26 1932

Mr Alexander, Physical Teaching inspector visited the school the morning and saw the Folk Dancing of Std. II-VII girls.

Oct 31 1932

Mr Wallace visited the school this afternoon to see the list of children being conveyed.

Nov 7 1932

Mr Saunders – attendance officer – visited the school this morning.

Nov 8 1932

Mr Slade visited the school this morning.

Nov 11 1932

Time table re-arranged beginning with secular subjects so that children may attend Armistice Day service at church.

Nov 14 1932

John Butler's attendance had to be cancelled this morning, as he was unwell and I sent him home.

Nov 15 1932

Mr Saunders visited the school this morning.

Nov 22 1932

Mr Saunders visited.

Nov 29 1932

Mr Saunders visited.

Dec 2 1932

Handwork taken with both boys and girls this afternoon in the needlework period.

Dec 7 1932

Mr Saunders visited.

Dec 14 1932

Mr Saunders visited. John Luker's attendance cancelled this afternoon as he was unwell.

Dec 15 1932

Handwork taken in the first periods this afternoon in order to make decorations for Christmas.

Dec 23 1932

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

The school closed after the morning session for the Christmas Holiday.

1933

Jan 9 1933

School re-opened this morning .

Jan 13 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Jan 18 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Jan 20 1933

The Vicar took the Senior Class for Scripture.

Jan 23 1933

Miss Poole absent from school.

Jan 24 1933

Miss Poole returned to-day.

Jan 27 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Jan 30 1933

Miss Poole absent, suffering from enteritis.

Feb 1 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Feb 2 1933

Kathleen Gorton's attendance had to be cancelled this morning as she was unwell.
Std.II and III are being taken with the seniors owing to Miss Poole's absence.

Feb 6 1933

Mr Baines (School dentist) visited the school to examine the children's teeth.

Feb 7 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Miss Poole is still absent.

Feb 9 1933

The school nurse visited this morning and examined the children's heads.

Feb 10 1933

Dr Herklots visited to see which children attended eye clinic.

Feb 16 1933

Mr Wallace visited the school.

Mr Saunders visited.

Feb 17 1933

Percentage for the week 97.2%. Miss Poole still absent from duties.

Feb 21 1933

I find that several of the desks have been damaged in recent entertainments held in the school and have reported the same to the Vicar.

Mr Saunders visited.

Feb 22 1933p

Mr Alexander, Physical Training Inspector visited the school this morning.

Feb 24 1933

Owing to the snow storm this morning the attendance fell – 40 being present out of 50. Miss Poole is still absent from school. Gordon Cox is absent, report to be suffering from ringworm.

The attendance this afternoon was very low owing to the heavy snow-fall. 2.87 being present.

Feb 28 1933

The school nurse visited and brought Norman Vaughan's spectacles.

March 2 1933

Mr Saunders visited. No. on books 50 Present 49

Miss Poole still absent.

March 8 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

March 10 1933

The Vicar took the Senior Class for Scripture.

March 12 1933

Miss Poole returned to school today;

Mr Saunders visited.

March 17 1933

The Vicar took the Senior Class for Scripture this morning

I found two panes of glass broken in the boy's cloakroom window this morning. They were not broken when the Caretaker locked up last night, nor were they broken by children before school this morning..

March 22 1933

The nurse visited this morning.

March 23 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

March 24 1933

The Vicar took the Senior Class for Scripture.

March 27 1933

Mr Cordery visited this morning and looked over the building.

April 5 1933

The nurse visited this morning.

Friday's lessons are being taken after play today as they are organised games and Folk Dancing, and we cannot have fires owing to the chimney being mended.

April 7 1933

The Vicar took the Seniors for Scripture.

April 10 1933

Mr Saunders visited. 48 present 49 on books.

April 13 1933

We close for the Easter holiday after the morning's session.

April 25 1933

School re-opened this morning. Two children were admitted
Mr Saunders visited. Nurse visited this afternoon.

April 28 1933

Dr Richmond came to see Raymond Vaughan.

May 3 1933

Mr Alexander, visited the school this morning and inspected the Senior Class in Physical Training.

May 4 1933

Mr Slade visited to see the new piano which belongs to the Managers.

May 11 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

May 18 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

May 19 1933

The Religious Inspection was held in the morning and the school was closed in the afternoon.

May 23 1933

School visited this morning by Mr Rayner H.M.I.

May 24 1933

The Vicar address the children on Empire Day this morning.

May 25 1933 Ascension Day

The children are being taken to Church this morning, during the Scripture period.

May 30 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

June 2 1933

The Vicar took the Seniors for Scripture.
The school closed after the afternoon session for the Whitsun Holiday.

June 12 1933

The school re-opened after the Whitsun holiday with 51 on books.

June 15 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

June 20 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

June 27 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

June 28 1933

Kathleen Gorton's mark has been cancelled, as I sent her home because she was not well.

July 6 1933

Bertha Archer's mark had to be cancelled as she was not well.

The following extract from the Physical Training report was received by the Correspondent to the Managers.

The staff are to be congratulated on the very satisfactory standard attained in the teaching of Physical Exercises.

July 7 1933

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

The Vicar took the Seniors for Scripture.

Mr Saunders visited. 50 present out of 51.

July 12 1933

Dr Herklots examined twenty seven of the children.

July 13 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Miss Poole absent from duties.

July 14 1933

Received medical certificate from Miss Poole who is suffering from tonsillitis.

Report of the Rev. T. Knowles on the Scripture Inspection held in May 1933.

The Infants and Std.I know their work and were fairly bright. The Teacher had evidently taken care to make her lessons interesting as the children's models of scripture objectives were quite good.

The Middle Group, (Std.II and III) answered brightly and their written answers were good. The Teacher had taken great pains over her lessons with very satisfactory results as her children have the foundations of the Christian Faith well laid in them.

The Top Group (Stds IV-VII) answered the set questions on paper most excellently and in remarkably good English and handwriting for a small school. Their oral answers showed a good grasp of the work set in the syllabus. The singing and prayers were reverent and should help to give a good tone to the rest of the school work.

Infants and Std.I

Commended

Alice Mattingley, Myrtle Mannell, Millicent King, Leslie Vaughan, Joyce Mattingley and Thomas Luker

Std.II and III

Highly Commended

Ida Warner, Cyril Webb, Arthur Blatchley, John Butler, Stella Holcombe and Edith Bint

Stds IV -VII

Bishop's Prize

Winnie Butler

Inspector's Special Prize

Tom Mattingley

Certificates

Mary King and Gladys Webb

Highly Commended

Florence Bint, Francis Butler, George Vaughan and Gwendoline Luker

July 18 1933

The Nurse visited the school this morning.

July 19 1933

The Vicar is coming to school this afternoon to give away certificates and the Bishop's prize at 3 p.m.

July 20 1933

Miss Poole returned to school.

July 26 1933

Nurse visited with Winnie Butler's spectacles

July 27 1933

The school closed after the afternoon session, for the summer holidays.

Sep 4 1933

The school re-opened 2 admitted 50 on books – 49 present.

Sep 6 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Sep 8 1933

The nurse visited E. Stallwood, J. Holcombe, H. Holcombe & P. Holcombe excluded from school until Monday owing to state of heads or clothes.

Sep 10 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Sep 19 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Sep 26 1933

Nurse visited to examine the children who were excluded.

Sep 27 1933

Mr Alexander, Physical Training Inspector, visited the school this morning

Sep 28 1933.

Mr Saunders visited.

Oct 12 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Oct 17 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Nov 2 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Nov 6 1933

Miss Poole was absent from her duties today.

Nov 7 1933

Miss Poole returned to school.

Mr Saunders visited.

Nov 22 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Nov 28 1933

John Luker's mark had to be cancelled as he was unwell.

Dec 7 1933

Mr Saunders visited.

Dec 8 1933

The Vicar took the Seniors for Scripture, and also checked the registers.

The Dentist visited and examined the children's teeth this afternoon.

Dec 11 1933

Handwork taken with boys and girls this afternoon instead of boys only, in order to make Christmas decorations.

Dec 12 1933

Mr Saunders visited. 47 present out of 50

Dec 14 1933

Examinations held – timetable not strictly adhered to.

Dec 19 1933

Dr Herklots visited the school this morning and saw Jean Moon, Barbara Moon, Molly Stoker, Joyce Mattingley, Alice Blatchley, Ernest Stallwood and Norman Vaughan..

Handwork is being taken this afternoon in order to make paper flowers for decoration.

Dec 22 1933

The school closed this morning after the morning session for the Christmas holidays.

1934

Jan 8 1934

The school re-opened this morning after the Christmas holidays.

Jan 9 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

Jan 18 1934

The school nurse visited this morning and examined the children's heads – no one excluded.
Mr Saunders visited.

Jan 22 1934

Mr Alexander, Physical Training Inspector, visited the school this afternoon.

Jan 25 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

Jan 31 1934

John Luker's mark was cancelled as he was sent home unwell.

Feb 7 1934

The school nurse visited this morning.

Feb 9 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

Feb 12 1934

Miss Poole absent today owing to her mother's illness.

Mr Wallace visited the school this afternoon.

Mary King left this school on Friday 9.2.34 to go to a home for girls at Oxford.

Feb 15 1934

Mr Saunders visited this morning. 37 present out of 48. Many of the children absent with coughs and colds.

Feb 16 1934.

The Vicar took the Seniors for Scripture this morning.

Feb 19 1934

I am taking Physical Training in future with the Senior Class at the end of the arithmetic lesson instead of before it, as it is more convenient in using the playground.

March 1 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

March 6 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

March 7 1934

The school nurse visited this morning.

March 14 1934

Walter Head's mark had to be cancelled as he was unwell and had to be sent home.

March 15 1934

Mrs Phipps is absent today suffering from an injury to her knee.
Mr Saunders visited.

March 19 1934

P. Whiting was not well and had to be sent home this morning.
Mr Saunders visited.
Mrs Phipps still absent.

March 20 1934

Examinations are being taken this week. Std II-VII taken together during Mrs Phipps absence.

March 21 1934

Dr Richmond visited the school during the afternoon.

March 23 1934

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

March 26 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

March 29 1934

The school closed this morning after the morning session for the Easter holiday.

April 9 1934

The school re-opened after the Easter holiday. 52 on books 52 present.
Mrs Phipps returned to school after her absence from 15.3.34.

April 12 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

April 20 1934

Mr Saunders visited.
The Vicar took the Seniors for Scripture.

April 27 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

May 3 1934

Rene Cuss's attendance had to be cancelled as she was unwell.

May 4 1934.

Mr Saunders visited.

May 8 1934

Herbert Holcombe received a bad cut on the hand from a pocket knife which he caught his hand as another child was closing it at the commencement of play time. I bathed and bandaged it and sent the child home and reported same to Education Committee.

May 9 1934

Rene Cuss and Edwin Flippance are suffering from whooping cough, and thirteen other children are absent from school with coughs.

May 10 1934 Ascension Day

The children are attending Church this morning at at 9 a.m.

May 14 1934

Barbara Moon suffering from whooping cough. 10 children absent from school, chiefly with coughs.

May 17 1934

Mr Saunders visited. 26 children absent out of 52 today.

May 18 1934

The attendance is still very low. Average for the week 29 – percentage 55.7%

The school closed after the afternoon session for the Whitsun holiday.

May 28 1934

The school re-opened after the Whitsun holiday. 52 on books – 33 present

The attendance for the week ending May 18th were cancelled under Rule 23, Exception 2.

May 29 1934

Dr Herklots visited the school this afternoon to examine the children.

Attendance very low – 21 present out of 52.

May 30 1934

The school nurse visited this morning and examined the heads of those present. Attendance 21 present out of 52.

June 1 1934

The Vicar took the Seniors for Scripture.

Percentage of attendance for the week – 44.4%

June 4 1934

Miss Poole was absent from school today. Attendance still very low – 22 present out of 52.

June 5 1934f

Miss Poole returned to school today – absence yesterday due to sickness.

The attendances for the week ending June 1st were cancelled under Rule 23 p Exception 2 owing to whooping cough.

June 7 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

22 present 52 on books.

June 11 1934

The Head Teacher was absent from school to-day from 11.00 a.m. through sickness.

June 12 1934

Head Teacher returned. Attendances for the week ending June 8th were cancelled under Rule 23, Exception 2

June 14 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

June 15 1934

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

Average attendance for week 22.9 percentage 44%.

Mr Shirley visited the school on Monday afternoon June 11th.

June 18 1934

The attendances for the week ending June 15th were cancelled under Rule 23, Exception 2
Attendance this morning still very low.

June 20 1934

H.M.I. Mr Reynish visited the school this morning.

Mr Saunders visited.

June 22 1934

Average for the week 22.7 Percentage 43.6%

June 25 1934

The attendances for the week ending June 25th were cancelled under Rule 23, Exception 2. The attendances this morning slightly improved, 36 being present out of 52.

June 26 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

June 27 1934

Alec King's mark had to be cancelled this afternoon, as he was sick and unwell in school, and I sent him home.

June 28 1934

The school was closed today for the Deanery Fete at Faringdon.

July 2 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

July 6 1934

Average for week 47.4 Percentage 91%. The Vicar took the Seniors for Scripture.

July 9 1934

Attendance improving 50 present out of 52.

Dr Richmond called this afternoon to see Raymond Vaughan

Mr Saunders visited.

July 11 1934

Gwendoline Luker's mark had to be cancelled, as she was not at all well and was sent home.

July 16 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

July 20 1934

Average for the week 51.7. Percentage 97.5%

July 23 1934

The school nurse visited this morning.
Mr Saunders visited this afternoon.

July 25 1934

The school nurse visited the school to see the children who were going to the eye clinic.

July 26 1934

Examinations being taken, timetable not strictly adhered to.

July 30 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

Aug 3 1934

Average 59.6 Percentage 93.5%

The school closed for the summer holidays after afternoon school this afternoon.

Sep 10 1934

The school re-opened after the summer holiday. 52 on the books. 51 present

Sep 14 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

Sep 20 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

Sep 21 1934

Average for the week 50.6 Percentage 99.2%

Sep 24 1934

The school nurse visited this morning to see children re eye clinic

Sep 25 1934

The school nurse visited. Mr Alexander, Physical Training Inspector, called this afternoon.

Sep 26 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

J. Webb, J. Vaughan and M. Vaughan went to the eye clinic.

Sep 28 1934

The school was closed for the day for the Education Conference at Reading.

Oct 4 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

Oct 5 1934

Average for the week 50.1 Percentage 98.2%

Oct 10 1934

Mr Saunders visited.
Fernham children are being conveyed twice daily.

Oct 12 1934

The school nurse visited. Percentage for the week 97.8% Average 49.9.

Oct 17 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

Oct 19 1934

Mr Slade visited the school this afternoon and brought the physical training apparatus.
Percentage for the week 97% Average 49.5.

Oct 21 1934

The dentist visited and examined the children's teeth.
Mr Saunders visited.

Oct 29 1934

The Milk Scheme was started here today for the children – 19 children are having milk.

Nov 1 1934

P. Harris mark had to be cancelled as I had to send him home this morning.
The school closed this afternoon until Monday for the half term holiday

Nov 9 1934

Average 48.6 Percentage 99.1% weekly attendance.

Nov 16 1934

The Vicar took the Seniors for Scripture this morning.

Nov 21 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

Nov 25 1934

Mr Alexander, Physical Training Inspector, visited the school this morning.

Nov 29 1934

The school was closed today for the wedding of the Duke of Kent and Princess Marina.

Nov 30 1934

A dental clinic was held in school today. Eleven children from this school attended.
Mr Saunders visited.

Dec 7 1934

I checked the Registers and found correct– *B. M. Hawes, Correspondent*

Dec 4 1934

Dr Herklots visited the school to see Alec King and Trelayne Davies

Dec 12 1934

Miss Poole absent with a bad cold.
Mr Alexander, visited the school.

Dec 13 1934

Mr Saunders visited.

Dec 14 1934

Miss Poole returned to school.
Average for the week 47.4 Percentage 44.8%

Dec 18 1934

Mr Saunders visited the school.

Dec 21 1934

The school closed for the Christmas holidays this afternoon.

1935

Jan 7 1935

School re-opened after the Christmas holidays.
46 children on books. Mr Saunders visited.

Jan 8 1935

A dental clinic was held in school this afternoon.

Jan 10 1935

Four girls have commenced cookery at Bourton this afternoon. Mr F. Brittain is conveying them.

Jan 11 1935

The Vicar took the First Class for Scripture.

Jan 14 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Jan 22 1935

Mr Saunders visited.
Several children absent suffering from bad coughs.

Feb 4 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Feb 8 1935

Attendance very low all the week owing to coughs and colds.
Head Teacher absent after 9.30 am. suffering from bad cold and sickness.
Attendance for the week 59.7%

Feb 11 1935

Head Teacher resumed duties.
Mr Saunders visited. – attendance still very poor.

Feb 12 1935

Mr Wallace visited the school this afternoon.
Gordon Cox has been transferred to the Wingfield Orthopaedic Hospital. Edwin flippance absent suffering from mumps.

Feb 15 1935

Percentage for week 62.6%

Feb 19 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Feb 22 1935

The school nurse visited this morning and examined all the children's heads.

Feb 24 1935

We are using the condemned classroom this week for Stds.II and III as the stove at the end of the big room used by that class needs attention. It has been reported and is awaiting repair.

Mar 1 1935

The Vicar took the Seniors for Scripture this morning
The attendance this week has improved. Percy Harris had to be sent home this morning and his mark cancelled.

Mar 5 1935

Singing taken instead of recitation 3.15, 3.40

Mar 6 1935

The school attended the Ash Wednesday service in church this morning during the Scripture period.

Mar 11 1935

Mr Alexander visited the school this morning to inspect the Senior Class in Physical Training.

Mar 12 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Mar 15 1935

The Vicar took the Seniors for Scripture.

Mar 21 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Mar 27 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Mar 29 1935

Mrs Phipps, Supplementary Teacher, terminated her engagement at this school today. Her place is not being filled, owing to reduced numbers, but the Education Committee are sanctioning the appointment of a monitress.

Apr 1 1935

Miss Poole is now taking Infants and Std.I, and Std II-VII is being taken by the Head Teacher. There are 12 children in the Infant room and 29 in the First Class.

Apr 4 1935

Trelayne Davies mark had to be cancelled as she was fetched from school at 11.20 am. to go to Faringdon.

Apr 11 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Apr 12 1935

Percentage for the week 94.8 Average 38.9

Apr 18 1935

Percentage for the week 97.2 Average 39.8. The school closed for the Easter holidays after the morning session.

Apr 29 1935

School re-opened after the Easter holiday. Three children admitted. No. on books 44.
Mr Saunders visited.

Apr 30 1935

Edward Jackson had to be sent home as he was ill in school.

May 6 & 7 1935

The school was closed for the celebration of the King's Jubilee.

May 8 1935

School re-opened

May 9 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

May 10 1935

Mr Rayner, H.M.I. visited the school and examined the children.

May 14 1935

The Rev Coles inspected the children in Religious Knowledge this afternoon. The School was closed this morning.

Mr Saunders visited.

May 21 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

May 23 1935

Tomorrow Friday 24th the Senior children are to hear the Empire Day broadcast at 11.0 a.m. at the Vicarage by request of the Vicar. We shall commence secular instruction at 9 a.m. Head Teacher will be absent from duties tomorrow in order to go to hospital for a period for an appendicitis operation.

May 24 1935

I (D.W. Green) commenced "Supply" duties this morning.

Average attendance 42.7 %; 97.05

May 27 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

May 31 1935

H.M.I. Mr Rayner visited this afternoon but stayed only for a few minutes.

Average attendance for week 42.4 %; 96.4

June 3 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

June 3 1935

Very wet morning and nine children were absent altogether.

June 6 1935

No cooker for girls as centre closed.

June 7 1935

Average Attendance 39.1 %: 88.8
School closed this afternoon for the Whitsun holidays.
Re-open Monday June 17th.

June 17 1935

School re-opened. 42 out of 44 present. Mr Saunders visited.

June 20 1935

Mr Shirley and Mr Kersey visited this afternoon, and looked round for about twenty minutes.

June 21 1935

Average attendance for week 42.7 %: 97

June 28 1935

Average attendance for week 42.7 % 94.9

July 1 1935

Miss Hazel Clack has been appointed as "Supply" teacher in the place of Miss E. H. Poole who terminated her engagement on Friday last.

July 2 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

July 4 1935

School nurse visited.

July 5 1935

Average attendance for week 43.5 %: 96.6

July 8 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

July 12 1935

Average attendance for week 42.8 %: 95.1

July 16 1935

The buildings inspector visited and inspected the state of the school.

July 17 1935

Dr Herklots this afternoon examined the children.
Mr Saunders visited.

July 19 1935

Average attendance for week - %: -
My duties at this school ended this afternoon, as I received notification from Reading that Miss Drew is returning on Monday.

July 22 1935

Head Teacher returned to school this morning.
Mr Saunders visited.

Report on Religious Knowledge after Inspection on 14.5.35 by the Rev. W.F.J.G. Coles

Commendable work is in progress throughout this school. Real pains are being taken with the instruction and the children are fully interested and able to respond freely. In the top class the lessons on Prayer Book and Catechism have left a particularly clear and creditable impression. The "life! And keenness of the lower class as well as the answers they give were noticeable features.

It was most satisfactory to find that Bibles and Prayer Books have recently been supplied. It is hoped that the Managers will make a great effort to furnish the outstanding needs in the equipment. These needs include several inexpensive items such as: Books for the Missionary Lesson 1/- each, maps 1/6 each. The Oxford Book of School Worship Part I Inf. Price 1/- S.P.C.K.

More expensive items are:-

Lesson pictures at 8d. each. About £1 needs spending on these.

Hymn Books. This is particularly urgent. Without hymn books the worship must suffer.

The Bishop's Prize

F. Butler

Certificates:

G. Webb and G. Luker

Commended:

A. King, B. Golding, M. King, A. King, P. Holcombe, G. Gorton, K. Breakspear.

Report on Longcot and Fernham C.E. School by H.M.I. Mr J.B. Reynish on May 10th 1935

The Headmistress was appointed in October 1931, succeeding her mother who had done good work for 10 years. The numbers in attendance have recently decreased, and on the resignation of the Infants Mistress in March 1935, the vacancy was not filled, there being now two teachers for 44 children, of whom 9 come from Fernham.

The general appearance of the children gives the impression that they have improved to a certain extent in type since the time of the last report (1928) when they were described as of a "difficult nature". They still vary much more in mental calibre however than in most comparable schools in the County and neither teacher has an easy task, especially the Head Mistress whose class ranges in age from 7-13 years. But both teachers are capable and zealous, and although as might be expected the attainments of the children are somewhat uneven, good work is produced in a large number of directions and the school as a whole continues to do well.

The children show to the best advantage in written subjects, tests made at the inspection in Arithmetic and English Composition gave clear evidence of sound teaching and handwriting and figuring are neat and legible. The children are interested in poetry and recite it nicely, Nature Study is thoughtfully taught and the children's notebooks in this and other subjects – Needlework in particular – are on useful lines. Several of the older boys have lately made some creditable drawings and the Senior Girls much enjoyed a lesson in Fold Dancing given during the inspection.

The Assistant Mistress who had charge previously of the junior children, appears to have taken kindly to work with the Infants and it is suggested that in the near future she should make a visit of observation to some good Infant Class at school in the neighbourhood.

July 31 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Aug 1 1935

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

Aug 2 1935

School closed for summer vacation. Miss A Clack terminated her temporary engagement here as supply teacher.

Sep 9 1935

School re-opened. Three new children admitted and Gordon Cox re-admitted. Total number on books 47.

Miss E.F. Heading commenced duties here as supplementary teacher for Infant Class & Std. I & II. K. Breakspear and J. Breakspear absent suffering from impetigo.

Sep 10 1935

I have this morning sent home Percy Harris as I suspect him to be suffering from impetigo.

Sep 13 1935

Mr Cordery visited to inspect the work that has been done during the holiday.

Sep 16 1935

Mr J B Alexander, Inspector of Physical Training visited the school this afternoon.

Sep 24 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Sep 27 1935

The school was closed for the day for the Education Conference at Reading

Sep 30 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Oct 3 1935

The School Medical Officer visited the school to examine Miss Heading

Oct 4 1935

The Vicar took the First Class for Scripture.

Oct 7 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Oct 8 1935

The children's teeth were examined by the school dentist.

Oct 11 1935

Average 42.5 Percentage 88.5%

Oct 15 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Oct 21 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Oct 24 1935

As we cannot obtain a monitress, Std.II are now working with the Senior Class.

Oct 25 1935

Nurse visited this morning and examined the children's heads. A. Mattingley, M. Mattingley, J. Ackrill, B. Golding and M. Vaughan were sent home for verminous heads and L. Vaughan with boils.

Oct 28 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

The school nurse visited to examine the heads of the children who were excluded. N. Golding, J. Ackrill, A. Mattingley and M. Mattingley were again excluded for a week. J. Breakspear was again excluded for impetigo. L. Vaughan is still absent with boils.

Nov 1 1935

Average 32.5 Percentage 73.3%

The school closed after afternoon school today until Thursday next Nov 7th, the 4th and 5th being the half-term holiday and the 6th a National holiday for the wedding of H.R.H. Duke of Gloucester.

Nov 7 1935

School re-opened

Nov 8 1935

The school nurse visited today and examined the children who have not been excluded J. Ackrill, A. Mattingley & M. Mattingley are now clean, but B. Golding has not yet returned.

Nov 11 1935 Armistice Day.

We are commencing with secular subjects at 9 a.m. and attending the Church service at 10.45 a.m. til 11.30 a.m.

Nov 18 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Nov 19 1935

The school nurse visited and excluded Margery Hicks and Hetty Hicks for three and a half days.

Nov 21 1935

A dental clinic was held in school this afternoon.

Nov 22 1935

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

Nov 27 1935

The nurse visited and excluded George Hicks for verminous head.

Handwork is being taken in the Drawing and Needlework period this afternoon.

Dec 2 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Dec 3 1935

Examinations are being taken this week, and we are not keeping strictly to the timetable.

Dec 5 1935

Edward Jackson had to be sent home and his mark cancelled, as he was not well.

Dec 12 1935

We are rehearsing this afternoon for the School social Evening, which is to be held this evening in aid of school funds.

Dec 16 1935

Mr Saunders visited.

Dec 18 1935

Mr Alexander, visited today and saw the children folk dance.

Dec 20 1935

Miss Heading did not reach school until 11 a.m. owing to the bad state of the roads after yesterday's snowfall.

The school closed for the Christmas holidays after afternoon school.

1936

Jan 6 1936

School recommenced after the Christmas holidays with 49 on books.

Mr Saunders visited.

The school nurse visited to examine the heads of M. Hicks, H. Hicks and G. Hicks.

Jan 10 1936

The vicar took the Seniors for scripture.

Average for the week 44. Percentage 89.7%

Jan 17 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Average for the week 43.2 Percentage 88.0%

Jan 20 1936

Kathleen Davis is absent suffering from chicken pox.

Jan 22 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Jan 24 1936

Average attendance for week 42.5 Percentage 86.8%

Jan 28 1936

School was held as usual on the day of the late King's funeral, but the children attended the service at the Village Church at 11 a.m. School is commencing at 1 p.m. this afternoon instead of 1.20 p.m. in order that the children may hear the broadcast of the service from Windsor, by consequence the afternoon session is finishing at 3.25 p.m. with the Manager's permission.

Jan 29 1936

The school nurse visited the school today to inspect the heads of Marjory, Hetty and George Hicks.

Jan 31 1936

Average attendance for week 44 Percentage 89.7%.

I have been informed today that a pupil teacher is shortly to be appointed to this school.

Feb 4 1936

Miss Violet Eastman was appointed a Pupil Teacher at this school from Feb 1st and commence here today.

Feb 5 1936

Miss Heading absent today suffering from a bad cold

Feb 6 1936

Miss Heading still absent

Feb 7 1936

Miss Heading returned today.

Feb 14 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Mr Jackson visited re pupil teacher course.
Average very poor owing to bad colds, and three children are absent owing to chickenpox.

Feb 20 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Feb 21 1936

Average attendance for week 40.1 Percentage 81.8%

Feb 27 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Feb 28 1936

Average attendance for week 43.4 Percentage 88.5%

Mar 6 1936

Average attendance for week 41.8 Percentage 85.4%

Mar 19 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Mar 20 1936

Average attendance for week 46.6 Percentage 96.7%

Mar 23 1936

The school nurse visited this morning

Folk Dancing is being taken this afternoon at 3.15 pm. in order to have an extra practice before having a combined practice with Coleshill next week.

Mar 26 1936

Mr Alexander, visited the school this afternoon.

Mr Saunders visited.

Mar 27 1936

Average attendance for week 46.5 Percentage 96.8%

Mar 30 1936

The school was closed this afternoon, as a Confirmation service was held in Longcot Church.

Apr 1 1936

We are commencing the afternoon session at 1 p.m. and finishing at 3.20 p.m. with the Managers' permission in order that some of the children may attend a Physical Training rehearsal at Coleshill at 3.30 pm..

Apr 7 1936

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

Apr 9 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

George, Margery and Hetty Hicks have to appear at the children's court in Faringdon on April 21st for stealing money from school.

Average attendance for week 47.8 Percentage 95.7%

Four children left aged 14.

The school closed after the morning session for the Easter Holiday.

Apr 21 1936

School re-opened after the holiday with 48 on books. 3 children admitted.

The Head Teacher was absent after 10 a.m. in order to attend children's court at Faringdon at 10.20 a.m. and returned for afternoon school.

Margery, Hetty and George Hicks had to have their marks cancelled, as they also had to attend the court.

The are to be removed to a home shortly as they are not receiving proper care and attention at home.

Apr 23 1936

Nurse visited the school this morning.

Mr Dawson visited the school this afternoon.

Apr 24 1936

The Vicar took the Seniors for Scripture this morning.

Average attendance for week 46.1 Percentage 96%.

Apr 30 1936

The school nurse visited this morning and excluded Margery, Hetty and George Hicks for verminous heads, and their marks had to be cancelled. They are excluded for a week.

May 1 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Average attendance for week 45.8 Percentage 95.4%

May 7 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

May 8 1936

Average attendance for week 43. Percentage 91.4%

Mr Saunders visited this afternoon.

The Hicks family are to be removed to another home on Monday May 11th and so will no longer attend at this school.

May 11 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

The Hicks family have been removed to a home.

May 13 1936

Mr Alexander, Physical Training Inspector, visited the school this afternoon.

May 15 1936

Average attendance for week 41.8 Percentage 95%

May 20 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

May 21 1936

The children attended a short Ascension Day service at 9.15 a.m.

May 22 1936

Average attendance for week 42.6 Percentage 96.8%

May 28 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

May 29 1936

Average attendance for week 43.3 Percentage 98.4%

The school closed for the Whitsun holiday after afternoon school.

June 8 1936

The school re-opened after the Whitsun holiday.

Two children were admitted. Mr Saunders visited.

June 9 1936

Dr Herklots visited the school this afternoon to examine some of the children.

June 12 1936

Average attendance for week 45.3 Percentage 98.4%

June 18 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

June 19 1936

Average attendance for week 45.3 Percentage 98.4%

June 23 1936

The Rev. Griffiths inspected the children in Religious Knowledge this morning. The school was closed in the afternoon.

June 24 1936

Friday afternoon's lessons are being taken after 2.40 this afternoon, in order that the children may rehearse the dance which they are doing at the Fete tomorrow. Today's lessons will be taken on Friday.

June 25 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

The school was closed this afternoon as the village Fete was held.

June 26 1936

Average attendance for week 44.2 Percentage 96.2%

Scripture Report given by the Rev. J.W. Griffiths after the Inspection held on June 23rd.

The prayers were very nicely and reverently taken and the singing was distinctly good.

In the upper classes both written work and oral work were satisfactory. In the former there was the pleasing feature of the pupils being able to express themselves in their own words; and in the latter the children were bright and responsive, all evidence of good and careful teaching. The Headmistress, most commendably, gives instruction in the Holy Communion service to these Senior Children, but care must be taken to give full, accurate, and definite teaching dealing with all sides and aspects (e.g. the Lord's

own service, of universal obligation; the Church's great prayer meeting' the Church's great thanksgiving (Eucharist); the sacrificial memorial; the communion etc. etc.)

The Infants too are well taught; they are also bright and responsive; and they do some good expression work. They must however be carefully taught not to think that 'being good' is the whole of religion.

The tone and atmosphere all round is good, and in keeping with what one expects to find in a Church School. I recommend Gwendoline Luker for the Bishop's Prize and John Butler and Millicent King for certificates.

July 1 1936

K. Breakspear is absent suffering from measles.
Mr Saunders visited.

July 2 1936

Average attendance for week 42.1 Percentage 93.4%

July 6 1936

Miss Heading absent from school.

July 7 1936

Miss Heading still absent suffering from gastric trouble.
Violet Eastman has been taking the Infants during miss Heading's absence.

July 10 1936

Average attendance for week 43.7 Percentage 90.8%

July 15 1936

Examinations are being taken this week and we are not adhering strictly to the timetable.
The school nurse visited this morning.

July 15 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

July 17 1936

The School Dentist (Miss Grandicon) visited today and examined the children's teeth.

July 21 1936

Head Teacher absent during the afternoon by the Managers' permission, to attend an interview at Kennington.

July 24 1936

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

Average attendance for week 43.3. Percentage 90.2%
Gladys Webb notified to be suffering from chickenpox

July 27 1936

The school dentist visited today.

July 29 1936

Dr Hemp visited to make enquiries on Denis Chanly.

July 30 1936

School commenced at 1 p.m. this afternoon instead of 1.20 p.m. in order that the children might go earlier to attend the village flower show and sports.

We closed for the summer holidays after afternoon school today.

Miss E. Heading terminated her engagement at this school today in order to take up another appointment after the holidays.

Sep 1 1936

The school re-opened this morning with 42 on books. No-one has yet been appointed in Miss Heading's place, and Mrs Roberts, (Supplementary) is on supply in the Infants room. Mr Saunders visited.

Sep 4 1936

Average attendance for week 41 Percentage 97.6%

Sep 11 1936

Average attendance for week 42.1 Percentage 95.6%

Sep 14 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Sep 15 1936

I had to send Violet Eastman home at 12 noon. as the end of the map roller caught her eye, as I was putting it over the blackboard.

Sep 17 1936

Violet Eastman returned to school.

Sep 18 1936

Average attendance for week 42.7 Percentage 97%

Sep 23 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Sep 24 1936

Average attendance for week 43. Percentage 97.7%.

Sep 25 1936

The school was closed for the day for the Education Conference at Reading.

Sep 29 1936

Edward Jackson's mark had to be cancelled as he was not well. Mr Saunders visited.

Sep 30 1936

A.R. Drew resigned post of Head Teacher at Longcot and Fernham C.E. School today.

Oct 1 1936

E.L. Blakiston commenced duties this morning as Headteacher of the school in place of Miss Drew.

Oct 2 1936

Average attendance for week 42 Percentage 98.4%

Oct 5 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Oct 9 1936

Average attendance for week 42 Percentage 97.7%

Oct 5-9 1936

School yard repaired this week.

Oct 13 1936

Miss Heath sent apples to school for the children; they were much appreciated.

Oct 16 1936

The Vicar visited the school this morning and gave a Scripture lesson on the Catechism.

Average attendance for week 40.4 Percentage 98.5.

Two pupils (Harold Davies and Kathleen Davies) having left the District the previous Friday the number on the registers has now fallen to 41. Mr Saunders visited.

Oct 21 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Oct 23 1936

The Vicar visited the school and gave a Scripture lesson dealing with the Catechism.

Average attendance for week 40.6 Percentage 99

Oct 28 1936

Miss Webb, the school nurse, visited the school and examined the children. She gave a satisfactory report, and stated that she found the children were clean on the whole, and that there was a marked improvement in the condition of their heads. Only one child was asked to remain at home for a few days (Head trouble).

Oct 29 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Oct 30 1936

School closed for half term holiday. The school dentist had arranged to pay the school a visit during the afternoon when three children (Norman Breakspeare, Kathleen Breakspeare, and Freddy Ackrill) had some teeth extracted. Gas was given and the children felt well after it.

Average attendance for week 40 Percentage 97.6

Nov 2 1936

School again closed for the half term holiday.

Nov 3 1936

School re-opened. As it is such a wet day, a few scholars (who live a long way from school) have not made an appearance. School Doctor visited school and examined Alice Blatchely who has been suffering from heart-trouble. Satisfactory report.

Criticism lesson on "Bees & Wasps" given by Miss V. Eastman.

Nov 4 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Nov 6 1936

School visited by H.M. Inspector Mr Rainish during the afternoon. He expressed a wish that the school should be made as beautiful as possible and suggested that the girls should make casement curtains for the windows.

Nov 9 1936

Mr Saunders visited. –only one child absent.

Nov 13 1936

Mr Saunders visited to make enquiries about a new pupil, Reginald Wills, who had come to school on Nov. 10th.

The Vicar visited the school and gave a Scripture lesson on the Catechism.

Nov 16 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Nov 17 1936

Mr Dawson visited

Nov 20 1936

Average attendance for week 40.4 Percentage 96.3

Nov 26 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Nov 27 1936

The Vicar visited the school and gave a Scripture lesson on the Catechism.

Average attendance for week 39.2 Percentage 93.3

Dec 3 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Dec 4 1936

The Vicar came to school today to give the children a lesson on the Catechism.

Average attendance 41.4 Percentage 98.6

During this last week the Senior boys put up the stage in preparation for a little breaking-up concert. The little ones, especially find great delight in it!

Dec 7 1936

Mr Saunders visited – full attendance.

Dec 11 1936

The Vicar came to school today and gave a lesson on the Catechism

Average attendance: 41.9 Percentage 99.8%

The boys are taking a great delight in making some new pictures for the walls. The girls are to make new curtains next week.

Throughout the last week we have been preparing for a small concert (breaking-up). The little ones have some very pretty items, while the Seniors are preparing a short, simple, Nativity play.

Dec 18 1936

Average Attendance – 39.6 Percentage – 94.3

Dec 21 1936

Mr Saunders visited.

Dec 23 1936

School closed for Xmas holidays.

Average Attendance for week – 40.8 Percentage – 97.1

During the afternoon a simple breaking-up Concert was held at the school. The mothers of the children had been invited and there was a good attendance. The children did their parts admirably. The little ones had an excellent programme, and did their best, with excellent results. The older pupils performed a simple Nativity play, and acted well. They ad prepared their own costumes and devised their own crooks, crowns, halos and manger. A liberal supply of hay helped to produce an excellent stable. After the concert, an Xmas Tree was brought in, while a realistic Santa Claus presented toys and suitable gifts to the pupils.

1937

Jan 11 1937

School re-opened after the Christmas Holidays. Betty Luker had left the end of the previous term. Five new pupils had their names put in the Register, viz. Vivien and Lilian Harries, Vera Lovegrove, Tony Jackson and Digby Blakiston.

Jan 15 1937

The attendance during this first week was good, in spite of bad weather.
The Vicar came to school this morning.

Jan 18 1937

We have commenced making new green canvas bags for school books, to take the place of the old white ones.

Mr Saunders visited.

Four Senior boys were admitted to the woodwork class at Bourton School today.

Jan 21 1937

Five Senior Girls have gone to Bourton School today to attend a Cookery Class.

We have been busily at work making new curtains for the school windows. The boys fixed the curtain wires, while the girls are finishing the curtains. We hope to have them up before the end of afternoon school.

Some pupils brought some spring flowers to school today. Some brought in wallflowers, others violets, while some brought primroses. Catkins (willow) were also brought in.

Jan 25 1937

Mr Saunders visited.

Jan 29 1937

The Vicar came to school this morning and took the Infants in Scripture.

Average Attendance for the week – 43.4 Percentage 94.3

The weather has been fairly severe this week and some of the pupils are suffering from colds.

The girls did not attend Cookery Class at Bourton on Thursday as we received from Reading that Miss Tollington, the Cookery mistress, was ill.

Feb 5 1937

Average Attendance - 39.7 Percentage for week – 86.3

The Vicar visited school today and taught Stds II, III & IV

Feb 8 1937

Mr Saunders visited.

Feb 12 1937

Average Attendance - 40.2 Percentage – 88.3

Many of the pupils are suffering from severe colds, - hence the low percentage.

I have had to report that Marie Wilkins, 10 Council Houses, Longcot, is suffering from whooping cough.

Feb 8 1937

Nurse visited school, and gave a satisfactory report

Feb 16 1937

Nurse visited school, and examined Reggie Willis, who is inclined to be backward.

Feb 19 1937

Average Attendance - 43.8 Percentage – 93.2

The Vicar visited the school and took the Infants.

Feb 26 1937

Average Attendance for the week – Percentage -

The Vicar kindly gave us permission to take the school children to see the ‘meet’ today. They had long looked forward to it, and all enjoyed themselves immensely.

Feb 29 1937

Mr Saunders visited school today.

March 5 1937

Mr Herbert of Reading came to school today.

March 6 1937

The Vicar visited school today.

Broken windows have been repaired this week, and other repairs completed.

Average Attendance for the week – 45.3 Percentage – 96.4

March 12 1937

Average Attendance for week – 44.4 Percentage 96.5

March 10 1937

Mr Saunders visited school today.

March 12 1937

The Vicar came to school this morning and taught Class I.

March 15 1937

Julia Large, aged five years, broke her arm yesterday and will be away from School for some time.

March 25 1937

School closed after morning school for Easter Holidays. Millie King and Alec King are leaving school today as they are leaving the village. Ernest Stallwood and Douglas Berridge are also leaving school (14 years).

April 6 1937

School re-opened after the Easter Holidays. There are six new pupils. No. on books = 48.

April 8 1937

Some of the little ones are away owing to bad croupy coughs. Some of the older pupils are away, as they have gone to Faringdon point-to-point races.

Mr Saunders called today.

April 9 1937

Average Attendance for the week = 40 Percentage 83.3 (87.3)

The Vicar visited school today.

Mr Alexander, Physical Training Inspector of Reading, called at school today and suggested a re-organisation of classes for physical training.

April 16 1937

Average Attendance for the week = 39.9 Percentage = 83.1

The attendance at school this past week has been poor as many children are suffering from bad coughs. Some are suffering from croup, and bronchitis.

The Vicar visited school today.

April 19 1937

Attendance today is a little better 43/48, but some of the Infants are still away owing to colds and coughs.

April 23 1937

Average Attendance 43.2 Percentage – 90%

The Vicar visited school today.

April 30 1937

Average Attendance - 41.8 Percentage 87.1

The attendance is still bad as so many of the Infants are suffering from severe croup coughs. All the cases are genuine.

On Wednesday, one of the older boys (Cyril Webb, Fernham) had a slight accident in the playground. While gardening he slipped on a shears, the point of which penetrated into his leg. However, the bleeding was soon stopped and the cut bandaged. The cut healed nicely afterwards, but Cyril stayed away for the rest of the week as the leg felt a little stiff.

May 3 1937

Cyril Webb is back at school again, as his leg is getting on nicely. The boys have been busy making a small garden in the playground. They are most enthusiastic and are working hard – removing the rough turf, and digging deeply and well.

May 7 1937

Average Attendance - 43.3 Percentage 90.2

Yesterday (Ascension Day) the School attended a short service at Church (which service lasted from 9.15 till 9.40 a.m.)

The older boys finished digging the school 'garden' during this week. They have made a neat job of it, and already a few plants and seeds have been put in.

May 11 1937

We closed school today after afternoon school, in readiness for the Coronation (May 12th) and for Whitsun. The pupils have been busy making suitable decorations in red, white and blue and this afternoon they decorated the school with flags etc. It all looks very nice. The windowsills hold vases of red, white and blue flowers – red poppies and tulips, blue irises and white bluebells.

Average Attendance for this short week = 41 Percentage 85.4

May 19 1937

School re-opened today. Many of the younger pupils have not returned as they are suffering from whooping cough.

May 20 1937

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Nurse came to school today also, and examined all the children. She remarked on the cleanliness of the school children generally.

May 21 1937

The Vicar came to school today and taught the Infants during Scripture lesson.

Average Attendance for the week – 32.8 Percentage – 68.2%

The attendance has been very low this week, as so many of the little ones are victims of whooping cough.

May 28 1937.

Average Attendance = 30.9 Percentage = 64.4

This poor attendance is the result of whooping cough.

The Vicar visited school today.

Mr Saunders visited school on Wednesday, May 26th.

June 4 1937

The Vicar came to school this morning.

Average Attendance for the week = 39 Percentage = 81.3

June 7 1937

We received notice in school today to the effect that Kathleen Breakspeare must attend the clinic at Faringdon to have her eyes tested.

June 8 1937

A similar notice with regard to Reggie Willis

June 10 1937

H.M.I. (Mr Reynish) visited school today.

June 11 1937

Average Attendance = Percentage =

June 18 1937

Average Attendance = Percentage =

June 23 1937

Dr Herklots visited the school today.

July 2 1937

The school was examined today in Scripture by the Rev. C. Griffiths, the Diocesan Inspector, and the registers were closed for the day.

Average Attendance for the month of June = 40.4 Percentage = 87.8

July 9 1937

Average Attendance for week = 40.2 Percentage = 83.7

July 16 1937

Average Attendance = 42.5 Percentage = 88.5

July 23 1937

Average Attendance = 41.8 Percentage = 87.1

July 29 1937

Average Attendance = 42 Percentage = 87.5
School closes today for the Summer holidays.

Scripture Report: - (the page is blank)

Sep 6 1937

School re-opened after summer holidays. No. on books = 50

Sep 7 1937

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Sep 10 1937

Average Attendance for the week = 48.6 Percentage = 97.2. Vicar visited school.

Sep 17 1937

Average Attendance for the week = 47 Percentage = 94%
The Vicar visited school this morning and took the Seniors in Scripture.

Sep 22 1937

Dr ? called at school today to make enquiries about Dennis Chaney, a suspected T.B. case.

Sep 23 1937

The school dentist visited school today and examined the teeth of all the school children. She arranged for a clinic to be held at the end of October.

Sep 24 1937

Average Attendance for week = 45.6 Percentage = 93.1

Sep 30 1937

Mrs Blakiston absent for the day, leaving having been obtained from Reading.

Oct 1 1937

Average Attendance for the week + 42.4 Percentage = 86.6

Oct 4 1937

Three new pupils. Jo. On books = 51

Oct 8 1937

Average Attendance for the week = 47.1 Percentage = 92.4

Oct 15 1937

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

Oct 13 1937

Mr Saunders visited school today.
During the last fortnight six new pupils have come to school. No. on books now = 54.

Oct 15 1937

The Vicar visited school this morning and signed the Registers.
Average Attendance for the week = 50.7 Percentage = 93.9

Oct 22 1937

Average Attendance for the week = 54.3 Percentage = 95.3

Oct 28 1937

Average Attendance for the week = 51.8 Percentage 90.8

Oct 29 1937

School closed for half term holiday.

Nov 1 1937

School closed for half term holiday

Nov 5 1937

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 53 Percentage = 93%

Nov 9 1937

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Nov 11 1937

The teachers and pupils attended Church today for the Armistice Day Service.

Nov 12 1937

Average Attendance for the week = 50.3 Percentage = 86.7

Nov 16 1937

The school nurse called in at school today

Nov 19 1937

The Vicar visited school today and taught the Infants during the Scripture hour.

Two cases of mumps in school – Alice and Rosie Mattingley

Average Attendance = 55.6 Percentage = 95.9

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Nov 26 1937

The Vicar visited school this morning. We have one family of children down with mumps. Others seem to be sickening.

Average Attendance for the week = 47.9 Percentage = 82.6

As the 'meet' was at Mr George's farm today, the Vicar kindly gave the school children permission to attend. Their behaviour was good and the weather fine.

Nov 30 1937

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Dec 3 1937

Average Attendance for the week = 41.5 Percentage = 72.8

The attendance this week has been exceptionally poor owing to the fact that many children have heavy colds. There is also an outbreak of mumps in the village.

Dec 10 1937

Average Attendance for the week = 45.1 Percentage = 79.1

The attendance has been poor as many of the children are ill, - some suffering from chills, others from mumps.

Dr Herklots called at school this week and examined Alma Blatcheley, Marie Wilkins and Reggie Willis.

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Dec 13 1937

Mr Dawson of Reading, visited school today.

Many of the children were absent, as the morning was an exceptionally wet one.

Dec 15 1937

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Dec 16 1937

The school nurse visited school today and was pleased at the general cleanliness of the children. She examined each child, and remarked upon the cleanliness of their under-garments.

Dec 17 1937

Average Attendance for the week = 48 Percentage = 84.2

Dec 10 1937

Dec 21 1937

The pupils of this school entertained the village people in the evening with a concert. The proceeds of the concert are to be handed over to the Vicar, towards school expenses.

Dec 22 1937

Mr Saunders visited school today.

School closed today for the Xmas holidays.

Average Attendance for the week = 2.3 Percentage = 91.8

1938

Jan 5 1938

School re-opened today after the Xmas holidays. Only about one half of the pupils have returned as the others are suffering from mumps.

Jan 7 1938

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the (short) week = 30.7 Percentage = 53.9

Two boys have just left school, but two new pupils have come to school in their place.

No. on Registers = 57

Jan 10 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Jan 14 1938

The Vicar visited school today.

The attendance is bad this week, as so many of the children are suffering from mumps.

Average Attendance = 28 Percentage = 50%

Jan 21 1938

The attendance (for this week) has again been low, owing to mumps

Average Attendance = 24.6 Percentage 43.9

Jan 28 1938

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

The attendance has again been under 60%

Average = 29 Percentage = 51.8

As the attendance for the last four weeks has been below 60% owing to the epidemic of mumps, I have received instructions from Reading, that the meetings and attendances for these four weeks in question, must be cancelled, and must not be included in the figures entered on Form 9E or in those submitted on Form G.F.2 – *E.L.D. Blakiston (Head Teacher)*

Feb 2 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Feb 4 1938

The Vicar visited school today.

The attendance has improved this last week.

Average Attendance = 38 Percentage = 67.9

Feb 10 1938

Miss Tollington, the Cookery teacher at Bourton, asked us not to send the girls to Cookery today as she is suffering from an attack of influenza.

Feb 11 1938

The Vicar visited school today.

Feb 11 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 44.6 Percentage = 79.7

Feb 17 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Feb 18 1938

The attendance has improved this week.

Average Attendance = 47 Percentage = 83.9

Feb 23 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Feb 25 1938

The Vicar visited school today.

The Average Attendance for the past week has been 46.8 Percentage = 83.6

Mar 4 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 54.5 Percentage = 92.4

Mar 11 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 55.2 Percentage = 93.6

Mar 9 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Mar 15 1938

The school nurse visited this morning and examined all the children. She thought they were exceedingly clean with the exception of one family.

Mar 17 1938

Mr Rayner, H.M.I. visited school today.

Mar 18 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 53.75 Percentage 91.1

Mar 23 1938

Nurse again came to school today to examine one family.

Mar 24 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Mar 25 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 56.3 Percentage = 95.4

Mar 29 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Mar 31 1938

Nurse called at school today.

Apr 1 1938

The Vicar visited school today.

Total attendance for the week = 457 Average attendance = 45.7 Percentage 83.1

Apr 5 1938

The Registers are closed today as the Diocesan Inspector is at school for the annual Scripture examination.

Report case of measles, Myrtle Mannell of Fernham.

Apr 8 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 41 Percentage 74.5

Many of the children are sick.

Apr 11 1938

The school Dr. (temporary) – Dr Webb, visited school today and examined many of the school children. On the whole, they were very healthy and clean, but two children needed special attention, - Joyce Cox on account of her eyes, and Rosie Richens of Fernham on account of her tonsils and adenoids. Dr. Webb made a careful survey of the school buildings etc.

Mr Saunders visited school today. The attendance has been very poor of late as so many of the pupils have been genuinely ill. We are afraid that some may be sickening for measles, but so far only one case has been reported.

Apr 14 1938

We close school today for the Easter Holidays.

Average Attendance for the week = While percentage =

The following is a report received from the Rev. T.P. Back-Rouse, General Diocesan Inspector of Schools.

Infants and Std.I

“The class is carefully taught. I showed the children some of the new S.P.C.K. pictures and asked them to tell me about them. The response was quite good as was also the expression work.

Stds II – VII: It is by no means easy to teach Stds II-VII together in one class. All the more credit therefore is due to the Head Mistress who is a careful and thorough teacher. When I talked to the children myself, I was pleased with the response, and I was also pleased with the written work. The children are keen and interested.”

The Inspector enclosed lists of equipment and details of how grants may be obtained if necessary. He advocated the use of the Oxford Book of School Worship, Vol:2 and strongly advised the purchase of the rest of the S.P.C.K. pictures. He enclosed a list of books for the Teachers' Library.

Apr 26 1938

School re-opened after the holidays. The attendance was poor, as most of the children are suffering from measles.

Apr 29 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 14.1 Percentage = 25.7

The Vicar visited school today.

Form G.F.2 As the percentage for the week ending April 29th was so low (beneath 60%) I did not include the meetings and attendances when making up Form G.F.2 for April.

G.F.2 (Average Attendance for the month = 43.1
April 1st to (Percentage = 78.4
April 29th (Total no. of attendances = 732
inclusive (Total no. of meetings = 17
(No. on rolls = 55

May 2 1938

The school nurse called in school today to enquire after the measles victims. She intends visiting all the cases.

May 5 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

May 6 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 11.8 Percentage = 21.5

G.F.3 Meetings and attendances for this week cancelled.

May 13 1938

The percentage of attendance this week has again been extremely low i.e. 25.7 owing to measles, but we expect most of the children back on Monday.

Average Attendance for the week = 11.4 Percentage = 20.7

All attendances and meetings for this week will therefore have to be cancelled.

May 17 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

May 20 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 39 Percentage = 70.9

The Vicar visited school today.

May 25 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

May 26 1938 Ascension Day

Teachers and pupils attended church in accordance with the school rules.

May 27 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 43.2 Percentage = 78.6

Form C.F.2: No. of meetings = 20

May 2nd – 27th Total No. of attendances = 822

Average No. on roll = 55

Average attendance for month = 41.1

Percentage of average attendance on Average No. on rolls – 74.8

As the percentage of attendance fell below 60% during the first two weeks of the month, I did not include the no. of meetings and attendances for these two weeks respectively in Form G.F. 2

May 30 1938

1st lesson afternoon – Geography instead of drawing etc. as the senior boys go to woodwork in the morning and miss Geography.

June 2 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

June 3 1938

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

Average Attendance for the week = 51.4 Percentage = 91.8

We close school today for the Whitsun holidays.

June 13 1938

School re-opened

June 14 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

June 15 1938

Nurse called at school.

June 17 1938

Singing in the morning instead of Arithmetic.

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 51.5 Percentage = 95%

June 20 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

June 24 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 52 Percentage = 96.3

June 27 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

June 30 1938

Form .G.F.2 (May 30th to June 30th inclusive):-

No. of meetings = 38 Total no of attendances = 1967

Average no. on rolls for month = 54.5

Average Attendance for the month = 51.8

Percentage of average attendance on average no. on rolls = 95.1

No. on rolls at end of month = 54

July 1 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 52.8 Percentage = 97.8

July 8 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 57 Percentage = 94.4

July 11 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

July 15 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 52 Percentage = 96.3

Joan Liddiard and Joyce Cox had to attend the Eye Clinic at Shrivenham today.

July 22 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 53.7 Percentage = 99.4

July 26 1938

The school nurse called yesterday.

July 27 1938

H.M.I> Mr Reynish visited school this morning.

July 28 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 51 Percentage = 94.4

We close school today for the Summer Holidays.

Form G.F.2 (July 1 to July 29th inclusive)

No of meetings = 40

Total no. of attendances = (2081) = 2091

Average attendance for the month = 52

Percentage of aver. Attendance on average no. on rolls = 96.3

No. of pupils at end of month = 54

Aug 30 1938

School re-opened No. on rolls = 54, two pupils having left, and two new pupils entered.

Sep 1 1938

Miss V. Eastman, our Pupil Teacher, has passed her examination, having done well in all subjects.

Sep 9 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 53.3 Percentage = 98.7

Sep 12 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Sep 15 1938

Mr Dawson, of Reading, called at school this afternoon.

Sep 16 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 51.8 Percentage = 95.9

The Vicar visited school today and spoke for some time to the senior pupils.

Sep 23 1938

School closed for Conference at Reading.

Average Attendance for the week = 52 Percentage = 96.3

Sep 30 1938

Mrs Roberts absent during the morning under the A.R.P. scheme for London School children.
Average Attendance for the week = 54.5 Percentage = 99.1

Form G.F.2 (Aug 1st to Sept 30)

No. of meetings = 46

Total attendances = 2423

Average No. on rolls = 54.2

No. on rolls at end of month = 55

Average attendance for the month = 52.6

Oct 3 1938

Mrs Roberts away owing to tonsillitis.

Oct 6 1938

The school dentist came to school today and examined the teeth of all the school children.

Nurse Webb also came to school.

The Vicar called in school today.

Oct 7 1938

Mr Saunders called

Average Attendance for the week = 48.7 Percentage = 90.2

Mrs Roberts has been away for the week.

Oct 10 1938

Miss Clinkard, of Oxford came to school today on supply for the week in place of Mrs E. Roberts who is still away suffering from tonsillitis.

Oct 14 1938

The Vicar called in school today.

Miss Clinkard leaves today as Mrs Roberts will be returning on Monday.

Average Attendance for the week = 53.8 Percentage 99.6

Oct 17 1938

Mrs Roberts returned to school today.

Oct 18 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Oct 21 1938

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 53.8 Percentage = 99.6

Oct 26 1938

We are going to read an operetta this afternoon instead of Needlework and Drawing.

Oct 27 1938

School will be closed tomorrow and Monday for half term.

Average Attendance for the week = 53.8 Percentage 99.6

Form G.F.2 (period Oct 3rd – Oct 28th Inclusive)

No of meetings = 38, Total no. of attendances = 1993
Average no. on rolls = 54
Percentage of average no. = 97.0
No. on rolls at end of month = 54

Oct 31 1938

Dental Clinic at school. Ten pupils were treated

Nov 1 1938

School re-opened

Nov 4 1938

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 51 Percentage = 94.4

Nov 8 1938

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Nov 11 1938 Armistice Day

Teachers and pupils marched to Church for the service and silence.

Average Attendance for the week = 53.1 Percentage = 98.3%

Nov 18 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 52.7 Percentage = 99.4

Nov 25 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 52.6 Percentage = 99.2

Form G.F.2 (31st Oct – 25th Nov)

No. of meetings = 38

Total attendances = 1992

Average No. on rolls = 53.5

Average attendance for the month = 52.6

Perc. Of average attendance on aver. No. on rolls – 97.9

No. on rolls at end of month = 53

Dec 2 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 50.2 Percentage = 93%

Dec 1 1938

Mr Wallis (Reading) visited school today.

Dec 9 1938

The Vicar visited school today. He suggested that we might have an extra electric light point in the big room.

Average Attendance for the week = 2.5 Percentage = 99.1

Dec 16 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 45.4 Percentage = 85.7#

Dec 23 1938

Average Attendance for the week = 33.4 Percentage = 63

The attendance has been poor this week owing to the severity of the week, and to the fact that many children are ill.

On Dec 22nd at 7 pm. the senior pupils gave a performance of an Operetta "Pearl The Fishermaiden", while the Infants and juniors performed a play called "Santa Claus gets busy". In spite of the severe weather there was a good attendance, and a sum of £3 was handed over to the Vicar, for the purpose of procuring a new Altar Cloth for Fernham Church. The general verdict was that the children all played their parts exceedingly well.

1939

Jan 9 1939

School re-opened after the Xmas holidays. The school has now been made into a Junior School, and all the senior pupils are attending Faringdon Senior School.

No. on books = 41

Jan 13 1939

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 38.1 Percentage = 92.9

Jan 20 1939

Average Attendance for the week = 23 Percentage = 54.8

The poor attendance for this week is due to the fact that many pupils are suffering from influenza colds.

Jan 27 1939

The Vicar visited school today.

The attendance has still been poor for this last week. Average Attendance for the week = 27.1 while the percentage = 64.5

Jan 17 1939

H.M.I. Mr Reynish visited school today and suggested a new Time Table suitable for a reorganised school.

Form G.F.2 (Jan 2nd – Jan 27th 1939)

Meetings and attendances for the week ending Jan 20th have been cancelled as the percentage for the week was below 60%.

Total attendances for the remaining two weeks = 652

No of meetings = 20

Average No. on rolls for the month = 41.5

Average attendance for the month = 32.6

Percentage of average attendance on av: No. on rolls = 78.6

Feb 2 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Feb 3 1939

Average Attendance for the week = 37.2 Percentage = 90.7

Feb 10 1939

Average Attendance for the week = 39.8 Percentage of attendance = 97.1%

Feb 15 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Feb 17 1939

Average Attendance for the week = 40.8 Percentage = 99.5

Feb 22 1939 Ash Wednesday

We all attended a church service at 9.15 a.m.

Feb 24 1939

Average Attendance for the week = 39.4 Percentage = 96.1

Form G.F.2 (30th Jan to Feb 24th inclusive)

Total number of attendances = 1572

Average No. on rolls for the month = 41

Average attendance for the month = 39.3

Perc. of Average attendance on Average no. on Rolls = 95.9

March 1 1939

Nurse visited school today.

Mr Saunders visited school today.

March 3 1939

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

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 38.9 Percentage = 94.9

March 10 1939

Average Attendance for the week = 38.8 Percentage = 94.6

The Vicar visited school today.

March 17 1939

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 40 Percentage = 97.6

March 22 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

March 24 1939

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 37.44 Percentage = 91.2

March 31 1939

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 38.2 Percentage = 93.2

Form G.F.2 (Feb 27th – March 31st 1939)

No. of meetings = 50

Total attendances = 1932

Average attendance for the month = 38.6

Percentage of average attendance on Average no. on rolls = 94.2

Apr 5 1939

Mr Dawson, of Reading, visited school today

Apr 6 1939

We close school today for the Easter holidays.

Average Attendance for the week = 38.4 Percentage = 93.7

Apr 18 1939

School re-opened today after the holidays. No. on books = 42

Apr 19 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Apr 21 1939

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 42 Percentage = 100%

Apr 28 1939

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 41.2 Percentage = 95.8

May 2 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

May 5 1939

Average Attendance for the week = 38.8 Percentage = 90.2

May 9 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

May 12 1939

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 40.8 Percentage = 94.9

May 15 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

May 16 1939

Nurse Webb visited school today and examined the hair etc. of the children. She made special note of children who should be having milk at school.

May 18 1939 Ascension Day

We all attended church in the morning – 9.15 – 9.45 a.m. In the afternoon the school was closed, at the Vicar's request. This holiday is to be regarded as one of the incidental holidays of the year.

May 19 1939

Average Attendance for the week = 39.4 Percentage = 89.5

The attendance has not been as good as usual, as some of the children are suffering form nettle-rash.

May 26 1939

Average Attendance for the week = 39.6 Percentage = 90%

Form G.F.2 (May 1st to May 26th)

No. of meetings = 39

Average No. on rolls = 43.5

Average attendance for the month = 37.7

Total attendances = 1547

School closed today, after afternoon school, for the Whitsun Holidays. June 5th re-opened.

June 7 1939

H.M.I. Mr Reynish visited school today.

June 9 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 42.4 Percentage = 98.6

June 12 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

June 16 1939

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 40.6 Percentage = 94.4

Rosie Mattingley has chickenpox. This is the first case of it here.

Report by H.M.I. Mr J. B. Reynish, on Longcot School, June 1939.

“The school was re-organised as a Junior Department in January 1939, the older children from the villages being conveyed to the Great Faringdon Senior School.

The Headmistress who is shortly going to another post in the County has done very useful work here and will leave the school in good order.

There are several dull and backward children among the younger juniors, but all have made definite progress in the last six months under the more favourable conditions afforded for them by the reorganisation.

The brighter children reach a satisfactory level of general attainment with near and careful work. The best subjects are English, Nature Study and Geography. An interesting start has been made with a village survey, which, it is hoped, will be pursued.

The Infant class is managed and taught capably, and well prepared in the groundwork of the primary subjects.

The premises are in a better condition than they have been for some time; attention has been given to the creation of an attractive environment but the teachers' efforts are largely discounted by the ugliness of the opaque window-panes”

June 23 1939

The Vicar visited school today.

Average Attendance for the week = 37.4 Percentage = 87.9

June 29 1939

Longcot Church Fete – School closed all day

June 30 1939

Average Attendance for the week = 33.25 Percentage = 77.3

The attendance has been poor this week owing to chickenpox, coughs and colds.

E.L.D. Blakiston resigned post of Head Teacher at Longcot & Fernham C.E. School today.

July 3 1939

The Vicar visited the school today. Diocesan Religious Inspection fixed for July 14th but cancelled owing to his absence and presence of supply headmistress.

D.E. Wentworth commenced duties as 'Supply' headmistress.

Mr Saunders visited.

Average Attendance for the week = 31.6 Percentage = 75.2

July 11 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

July 14 1939

Average Attendance for the week = 33.2 Percentage = 80.9

July 18 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

July 21 1939

Average Attendance for the week = 28.4 Percentage = 69.2

The attendance has been poor this week owing to another outbreak of chickenpox and also to colds and bad weather.

July 27 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Nurse Webb visited school today and examined hair etc.

Violet Berry excluded from school with Impetigo of the scalp until well.

Average Attendance for the week = 27.7 Percentage = 67.5

July 31 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today and told the children who were to go to Faringdon Senior School after the holidays. There are five.

Form G.F.2 (Period July 1st – July 30th inclusive)

No. of meetings = 40

Total no of attendances = 1209

Average No. on rolls = 41

Perc. of average No. on rolls = 73.6

No on rolls at end of month = 41

Aug 2 1939

Mrs Blakiston sent down from Bourton for the dozen 'Westminster Readers' in this school. I sent them back but asked for a receipt of their safe arrival.

Aug 3 1939

Mrs E. Roberts resigned post of Infant Teacher and D. E. Wentworth of Headmistress of Longcot & Fernham C of E School today.

Sep 12 1939

School re-opened today. Longcot children attending during the morning session 8.50-12.30 and London children from 1 pm. until 6.30 p.m.

Miss E.J. Perkins commenced duties as Headmistress and Miss E.E. Messenger as assistant mistress.

The Vicar visited school today.

Sep 13 1939

Mr Saunders came today.

Sep 14 1939

Capt Beesley came about Penny Savings Bank being opened in the school.

Sep 15 1939

Average Attendance for the week = 40.5 Percentage 98.8%

Sep 18 1939

The nurse inspected the children this morning and found them in quite good condition. There were no exclusions. Mr Saunders and the Vicar also visited school.

Sep 20 1939

The Doctor examined the children this morning.

Sep 22 1939

The Vicar visited school this morning and gave the infants a Scripture lesson.

No. on Roll 41. Average Attendance for the week = 38.8 % = 94.9

Sep 27 1939

Nurse Webb visited school today and examined the children. She found insects in heads of Mary Mattingley and Gordon Spooner. As she did not consider the condition was bad enough for exclusion from school, she gave the two children a note asking their mothers to comb through their heads and send them back again to school immediately. Gordon Spooner did not return and his attendance was cancelled.

Sep 29 1939

Number on Roll 40

Average Attendance = 36.6 Percentage = 91.5%

Oct 4 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Oct 6 1939

The Vicar visited school this morning and gave Class I a scripture lesson.

The School nurse also came.

Number on roll 40

Average Attendance 36.6

Percentage 91.5%

Oct 9 1939

Mr Saunders came

Oct 13 1939

Number on roll 41

Average Attendance 33.8

Percentage 82.4%

The Vicar came today to give the infants a scripture lesson.

Oct 17 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Oct 26 1939

The Vicar gave Class I a Scripture lesson this morning.

Number on roll 43

Average Attendance 37.75

Percentage 87.8%

Oct 31 1939

School; re-opened after the half term break.

Nov 3 1939

Mr Reynish and Mr Green visited school today. Mr Saunders came and The Vicar gave the Infants a Scripture lesson.

Nov 9 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Nov 10 1939

The Vicar gave Class I a Scripture lesson.

Nov 17 1939

Number on roll 41

Average Attendance 38.8

Percentage 94.6%

Nov 20 1939

The school session from 8.50 until 12.30 pm. was altered to a session lasting from 8.50 am. until 12 noon.

Nov 24 1939

The infants were given a Scripture lesson by the Vicar this morning.

Number on roll 40

Average Attendance 35.6

Percentage 89%

Nov 29 1939

Mr Saunders visited school today.

Nov 30 1939

The Vicar visited school

Dec 1 1939

Number on roll 40

Average Attendance 33

Percentage 82.5%

Dec 15 1939

Number on roll 40

Average Attendance 37.8

Percentage 94.5%

Dec 19 1939

Mr Kersley visited school today.

Dec 20 1939

The children's gas masks were inspected and they were given practice in putting them on. The fitting was checked.

Dec 22 1939

School closed today for the Christmas holidays.

Number on roll 39

Average Attendance 34.25

Percentage 87.6%

1940

Jan 3 1940

School re-opened today after the Christmas holidays – 5 days earlier than usual due to the present conditions.

Mr Saunders visited school today.

The 7 years age group came out from the Infant room today to work with the older group because as the new children come into the Infant Room, the number of groups becomes too many.

Jan 5 1940

The Vicar gave Class I a Scripture lesson.

Number on roll 40

Average Attendance 35.66

Percentage 89.3

Jan 12 1940

Number on roll 40

Average Attendance 37.26

Percentage 93

Jan 19 1940

The Vicar gave the Infants a Scripture lesson this morning.

Number on roll 40

Average Attendance 35.6

Percentage 89

Jan 26 1940

The Vicar visited school today

Number on roll 40

Average Attendance 30

Percentage 75

The lower attendance was due to a spell of extremely cold weather.

Jan 29 1940

Owing to very bad weather conditions – (heavy snow etc) and the fact that many roads are impassable because of fallen limbs and telegraphy wires, only 11 children attended school this morning and the registers were marked but the attendance cancelled. The ordinary school time-table was not followed.

Jan 30 1940

Weather conditions still bad – attendance 13 – below 60%. The meeting was abandoned and the ordinary time table not followed.

Jan 31 1940

Number present 17. Attendance cancelled, meeting abandoned.

Feb 1 1940

20 children attended school today i.e. 50% The attendances were again cancelled and the ordinary time table not followed.

Feb 2 1940

The attendances again were cancelled as they fell below 60%

Feb 5 1940

The attendance was better this morning, 31 being present. Mr Saunders visited school also the Vicar.

Feb 7 1940

The children were taken to church this morning at 9.15 am for an Ash Wednesday service. The window in the condemned room was repaired and the damaged stove examined by the workmen.

Feb 9 1940

The Vicar gave Class I a Scripture lesson this morning.

Number on roll 40

Average Attendance 30.8

Percentage 77

Feb 12 1940

I, (E.J. Perkins) was absent from duty owing to influenza. Mr Saunders visited school today.

Feb 13 1940

The Vicar came in this morning.

Feb 14 1940

Miss Score took Class I in my absence.

Feb 15 1940

Miss Score again took Class I.

Feb 16 1940

The Vicar gave Class I a Scripture lesson this morning.

Number on roll 40

Average Attendance 29.2

Percentage 73%

The low percentage for the week was due to colds and bad weather.

Feb 19 1940

I resumed duty this morning.

Dr Sargeant visited school in the afternoon in order to ascertain what arrangements could be made for "full time" attendance. Mr Saunders also visited.

Feb 21 1940

The attendance today is only 55% due to colds and influenza.

Marie Wilkins has chickenpox.

Feb 22 1940

The attendance still low owing to colds.

Feb 23 1940

The attendance for the week was below 60% - actually 58.5%. Several other children appear to be sickening for chickenpox.

Feb 26 1940

Mr Saunders called.

March 1 1940

The attendance has been a little better this week rising to 63.9%. Kenneth Jefferies and Richard Holcombe have chickenpox.

March 4 1940

The original double shift session in use during "summer time" was resumed this morning, so that the session in the morning is held from 8.50 a.m. until 12.30 pm. with the Longcot children in attendance. The Evacuees occupy the building in the afternoons from 1 pm to 4 pm.

March 5 1940

Dental Inspection was held this morning.

March 7 1940

Mr Saunders called. Edward and John Head are suffering from German Measles.

March 8 1940

Number on roll 41

Average Attendance 33

Percentage 80.49%

The Vicar visited school this morning.

March 11 1940

The attendances for the week ending Feb. 23rd were cancelled today according to Rule 23 Exception 2.

March 21 1940

School closed today for the Easter Holiday.

Apr 2 1940

School re-opened – 4 new infants were admitted. I was absent for an hour this morning with the Vicar's permission.

Apr 4 1940

The timetable was altered this morning as the children were preparing for the concert they are doing tonight to raise money for the Forces' Comforts.

Apr 5 1940

Number on roll 43

Average Attendance 35.5

Apr 12 1940

Number on roll 41

Average Attendance 37

Percentage 90.2

Apr 24 1940

The Vicar gave a scripture lesson to the infants.

Apr 26 1940

A dental clinic was held in the school this morning.

Number on roll 43

Average Attendance 41 Percentage 95.3

May 2 1940

The children attended church this morning as it is Ascension Day. Morning school closed at 11.45 am.

May 7 1940

Mr Saunders visited school today.

May 8 1940

H.M.I. Mr Reynish came this morning.

A dental clinic was held here in the afternoon.

The pianos were tuned this afternoon but the one in the Infant's Room was considered by the tuner to be beyond repair.

May 9 1940

Longcot Juniors and Cubitt Town School started a "full time" session with both schools using the building and the Cubitt Town Infants accommodated in "The Ark". The curtain used for the stage has been put up in the middle to divide the room into two parts, Longcot Juniors being one side and Cubitt Town the other.

May 10 1940

The Vicar gave Class I a Scripture lesson this morning.

School closed for the Whitsun Holidays.

May 14 1940

School re-opened today instead of May 20th owing to the invasion by Germany of Holland and Belgium.

May 17 1940

The Vicar gave the infants a Scripture lesson.

May 21 1940

The school doctor called

May 22 1940

The nurse brought Joan Liddiard's glasses.

May 23 1940

The sanitary inspector called for the dates of birth of the Private Evacuees Ernest & Jean Pell.

May 24 1940

The Vicar gave Class I a Scripture lesson.

May 28 1940

Dr R. Reed (H.M.I.) and Miss Saunders (H.M.I.) called this morning.

Mr Saunders came in the afternoon.

June 3 1940

Mr Saunders called.

June 6 1940

A member of the B.E.G's staff called to advise on A.R.P. in the school. It was decided to use the Infant's classroom and the two girls' cloakrooms, (with the windows protected by ½" mesh wire netting) in the event of an air raid.

June 7 1940

The Vicar gave the infants a Scripture lesson and signed the registers.

June 14 1940

The Vicar gave Class I a Scripture lesson

June 17 1940

The nursed examined the children's heads and found some of them dirty.

June 19 1940

The children's gas masks were inspected and fittings checked. They were given practice in moving to the prepared rooms in case of air raids.

June 21 1940

The Infants were given a scripture lesson by the Vicar.

June 28 1940

The Diocesan inspection took place in the morning. The Bishop's Prize was awarded to John Liddiard, & Joyce Cox and James Gorton received certificate. Registers were not marked and school closed for the day after the examinations.

July 2 1940

Mr Shead and Mr Webber called during the morning. Mr Kersley came in the afternoon.

July 5 1940

The Vicar gave Class I a Scripture lesson

July 8 1940

Mr Saunders called.

July 10 1940

The Medical Examination was held by Dr Brown of both Longcot children and Cubitt Town.

Report of Diocesan Inspection 1940 (Diocesan Inspector J.W. Griffiths)

I was very pleased with my visit. Both classes are in capable hands and the children are well taught and made a good response to their teaching. I was particularly pleased with the sympathy shown by the Head Mistress towards religious practice (in addition to the religious instruction which was quite satisfactory) practice, that is in carrying out the instruction into actuality, into prayer life and corporate attendance by the whole school at worship, into the linking up of the school with the Church. All this augurs well for the future: things are in a very encouraging condition: and the general tone and atmosphere of the school are excellent.

July 19 1940

Nurse Webb called with forms for obtaining milk at 2d per pint.

July 22 1940

Mr Hobbs and Mr Dawson visited school today.

July 25 1940

The nurse examined the children's heads today.

July 29 1940

The timetable was not followed strictly today as the end of year examinations are being held.

Aug 1 1940

Five children were transferred to Faringdon Senior School today and the new registers were started. The classes were also promoted. All this is on account of the summer holidays being postponed until Aug 15th.

Aug 2 1940

The Vicar gave Class I a Scripture lesson. The boys did gardening this afternoon instead of drawing.

Aug 5 1940

Mr Reynish came this morning. The Vicar also called. The boys again did gardening instead of drawing.

Aug 15 1940

School closed this afternoon for the summer holidays.

Sep 17 1940

School re-opened this morning after the summer holidays. The Vicar called this morning. The piano tuner attended to the pianos which are in very bad condition. The two iron stoves were also removed. Miss Saunders (H.M.I.) called and asked me if I would be willing to take the four Cubitt Town Infants. I said I would be willing. The children were given air raid drill this morning.

Sep 20 1940

The Vicar gave Class I a Scripture lesson

Sep 23 1940

Miss Messenger did not get to school until 10.10 am. as she is attending hospital for treatment.

Sep 25 1940

The Vicar and Mr Saunders called this morning. Miss Messenger took her infants for a walk after play this afternoon, to collect berries and fruits. The boys ie. 4 of them, weeded the garden during handwork period today.

Sep 27 1940

The Vicar gave the infants a scripture

Sep 30 1940

The nurse (L.C.C.) examined the children's heads. Some were found to be dirty. Miss Messenger did not arrive until 10.20 a.m. because of treatment at the hospital. After play in the afternoon the infants were taken for a nature walk along the lane by the Ark. The children were given air-raid drill this morning.

Oct 4 1940

Class I were given a Scripture lesson by the Vicar.

Oct 7 1940

Miss Messenger did not arrive until 10.20 a.m. as she is still continuing her treatment.

Oct 8 1940

The children were taken on a visit to the Parish Church from 9.10 until 9.40 a.m.

Oct 9 1940

The nurse again examined the children's heads – some were given notices on how to clean them.

Oct 10 1940

The Vicar came this morning with a notice from the Education Secretary to the effect that the L.C.C. infants now using "The Ark" were to be transferred to the Longcot School as Miss Whenn their teacher, is going to Ashbury on Monday.

Mr Stead called to measure the windows for adhesive anti-splinter net. He left a roll to be affixed to the windows

Oct 11 1940

The Vicar gave the Infants a scripture lesson.

Oct 14 1940

Eight infants were admitted from Cubitt Town School, (evacuated to London in September '39) into Longcot School. Two are under 5 years of age.

Oct 24 1940

The school closed for half term weekend.

Oct 29 1940

School re-opened after half term break.

Nov 2 1940

The attendance this morning was 62.5% owing to bad weather and colds. Mr Saunders came.

Nov 13 1940

Mr Reynish (H.M.I.) called

Nov 25 1940

As "Summer Time" is being continued throughout the winter new session times came into operation today to allow for cleaning school and lighting fires in the morning, and to allow the children to get home well before blackout. Morning school begins at 9.30 a.m. and continues until 12.10 pm. Religious instruction is taken from 9.40 until 10.10 a.m.. Secular instruction from 10.10 to 12.10 p.m. Afternoon school commences at 1.30 and ends at 3.30 p.m. for all children.

Nov 26 1940

Miss J. Whenn (C.A. L.C.C. teacher) returned to Longcot from Ashbury today. Since her transfer to Ashbury the seven L.C.C. children have been officially entered on the Longcot registers. As we do not know whether this return of Miss Whenn's is temporary or permanent, she is, for the present, taking the Lower Group of Infants while Miss Messenger has Std I, the top group of infants.

Nov 27 1940

Miss O'Connell the physical training organiser came this afternoon. She saw the junior group at work on a table and left 2 dozen small balls and 4 large rubber ones for use in P.T.

Nov 29 1940

The Vicar gave the infants a Scripture lesson this morning.

Dec 3 1940

Miss Whenn away today with a cold. This afternoon I went to a meeting at the Vicarage from 2.30 until 3.15 pm. The music period on Thursday was changed to this afternoon, Mrs Vickery (L.C.C.) took the singing in my absence.

Dec 6 1940

The Vicar gave Class I a Scripture lesson also he took prayers and signed registers.

Dec 9 1940

Haynes' man came to repair the fire in the infant room which smokes heavily. He put some putty along one side but said the other part needed cementing which would be done next time he was in Longcot.

Dec 10 1940

Miss Messenger left school at 2.10 p.m. to attend hospital in Swindon. Miss Whenn was in charge of the infants.

Dec 11 1940

Miss Messenger went home about 11 o'clock as she was feeling ill. Miss Whenn took charge again, of the infants.

Dec 12 1940

Miss Messenger returned this morning.

Dec 20 1940

School closed for Christmas holidays after morning school.

1941

Jan 6 1941

School re-opened after the holidays.

Jan 10 1941

The Vicar gave Class I a Scripture lesson

Jan 13 1941

The infants' Wednesday nature lesson was taken today (Monday) so that they could go for a nature walk down the lane.

Jan 14 1941

Miss Saunders L.C.C. inspector called this afternoon and arranged that Miss Whenn should be transferred to Faringdon Junior School to relieve them there for the time being. Miss Messenger left at 2 p.m. to attend Victoria Hospital. Miss Whenn was in charge of the infants.

Jan 15 1941

The school was extremely cold this morning as the fires had not time to warm it. The children sat round the fire most of the morning and the ordinary time table was not rigidly followed during morning session. The attendance was poor owing to the cold weather and snow.

Jan 16 1941

The thermometer in the main building registered 30°C this morning and the fire in the stove had not got alight. The children were taken out for a walk during the morning as conditions made it impossible to remain sitting in the buildings. They walked almost to Knighton and returned at 12 o'clock. The thermometer stood then at 43°. During the afternoon it rose to 48°. The infants' room was 33° C in the morning but the fire was going fairly well. The infants sat round this most of the morning. In the afternoon they went for a walk. The thermometer then registered 46° C. The attendance is again poor owing to the cold weather.

Jan 20 1941

Very cold weather again today with roads in bad condition. Both morning and afternoon meetings were abandoned as the attendance was only 43.7%. The timetable was not followed. The Vicar visited school this morning.

Jan 21 1941

Weather very bad again and the attendance was below 60% actually 45.5% in the morning and 50% in afternoon. The registers were marked but the meetings abandoned. A window was broken in the end of the building used by the London children.

Jan 22 1941

Attendances again cancelled 58% only, being present. The low attendance being due partly to prevalence of coughs and colds and partly flooded roads after the snowfalls of the last week. Mr Saunders called this afternoon.

Jan 23 1941

The attendance is slightly better today being 66% so they were not cancelled. The Vicar visited school this morning. During the afternoon at 3 o'clock the juniors were sent into the infant room so the main part of the building was being prepared for tonight's concert. Some of the boys fetched chairs from the Ark and Church Room.

Jan 24 1941

The Vicar came in this morning. During Scripture period the boys returned the chairs borrowed yesterday for the concert.

Jan 29 1941

The nurse examined the children's heads – some of them were verminous.

Jan 31 1941

The attendance was low this week 79.6% which was due to colds.

Feb 3 1941

This morning the session times went back to normal i.e. morning session 8.50 a.m; - 12 noon, afternoon 1.25 pm. – 3.45 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. for infants.

Feb 4 1941

Extremely cold this morning as the fires had not burnt up. The thermometer reading was 41 ° at 12 noon and 35 ° at 9 a.m. the children kept their coats on and sat round the fire. By the afternoon the school had reached a normal temperature of 55%.

Feb 5 1941

The Vicar came in this afternoon.

Feb 11 1941

I went to the Vicarage to a meeting at 2.30 p.m. and returned at 3 p.m. Miss Messenger then left in order to attend hospital for treatment in Swindon. The nurse attended this morning to examine the heads of the children who were found verminous on her previous visit on Jan 29th. All the children were now clean. She also looked at Kenneth Jefferies feet and Shiela Gerrings tonsils. The attendance this week has improved.

Feb 17 1941

The infants room was full of smoke and very cold so the desks were moved into the big room and the two classes taken together until playtime.

Feb 18 1941

Infant room still smoky, probably due to blocked chimney. Local chimney sweep to be sent for, but is able to come only on Saturday afternoon. Infants again took their lessons in the same room as the juniors.

Feb 19 1941

Infants again with juniors for lessons.

Feb 21 1941

After having lessons in big room all the morning which is far too crowded for satisfactory working conditions during the first part of the afternoon, which for once is bright and not unreasonably cold, they were taken for a walk.

Feb 24 1941

The chimney still smokes and the infants worked in the same room as juniors.

Feb 26 1941

The infants returned to their own room today as the chimney has been swept.

Feb 27 1941

The attendance this morning is very low actually below 60% which was due partly to colds and also to enemy activity in the district last night which kept the children up until a late hour. The attendance was cancelled. In the afternoon the percentage rose above 60%.

Feb 28 1941

The attendance on the whole this week has been low as many of the children have coughs and colds.

Mar 5 1941

The juniors attended Church this morning from 9.15 a.m. until 9.40 a.m. I attended a meeting at the Vicarage at 2.30 p.m. in connection with the children's effort for War Weapons Week.

Mar 14 1941

Dr Thompson assistant Medical Officer called this afternoon and forms for immunisation against diphtheria were distributed to the children.

Mar 17 1941

Miss Messenger was absent this afternoon owing to septic finger. She attended hospital.

Mar 18 1941

Miss Messenger returned this morning.

Mar 21 1941

I went to a War Weapons Meeting at the Vicarage at 3 p.m. this afternoon and returned at 3.30 p.m. Miss Messenger took charge of both groups. Doris Gladman evacuated from Essex last week had an epileptic fit this afternoon, at 3.30 p.m. she was taken back to her billet and the doctor sent for.

Mar 24 1941

Doris Gladman is now reported to be suffering from measles.

Mar 25 1941

A window was found broken when we arrived at school this morning. James Gorton says he was playing cricket on the green last night and hit a ball through it.

Apr 10 1941

The children attended a celebration of Holy Communion at 9 a.m. this morning. School closed for the Easter holidays after morning school.

Apr 22 1941

School re-opened after Easter Holidays. Two infants were admitted. Mr Saunders called this afternoon.

Apr 23 1941

The nurse looked at the children's heads this morning. On the whole they were quite clean.

Apr 25 1941

Dr Clarke came this morning at 9.30 a.m. to immunise the children against diphtheria.

Apr 29 1941

Nurse Bolton visited to clean the heads of some of the evacuees.

Apr 30 1941

The infants took advantage of some fine weather and went for a nature walk across the fields at 2.30 p.m. They were absent from school an hour. The Vicar came in this afternoon. I sent in the order for consumable stock.

May 1 1941

Mr Kersley visited at lunch hour.

May 2 1941

The attendance today was lower due to wet weather.

May 8 1941

Miss Saunders H.M.I. visited school to discuss merging the two school units into one.

May 9 1941

The Vicar took the juniors for a Scripture lesson this morning.

May 12 1941

Mr Saunders called.

May 13 1941

Miss Messenger left school at 2.45 p.m. to attend hospital.

May 16 1941

The Vicar took the infants for Scripture this morning. Four boys and three girls dug the garden this afternoon. The children were given practice in putting on and wearing their gas masks (5 mins) lesson

May 19 1941

The evacuees were merged with the local children today and the school somewhat re-organised. Mrs Vickery (L.C.C.) is taking the II + group which consists of 18 children (8 evacuees and 10 local). 28 I have the middle group (7 to 11 years) in which there are 28 children and Miss Messenger is thus left with 22 infants.

The groups for Scripture however remain as before.

May 21 1941

Mr Reynish H.M.I. visited.

May 22 1941

The children attended Church today (Ascension Day) after which they were given a holiday and the school closed. The children being immunised against dyptheria however are remaining behind until the doctor came.

May 24 1941

The Vicar gave the juniors a Scripture lesson. The attendance is lower today, due to wet weather and one or two children who are suffering from chickenpox. The children had gas mask drill lasting 10 minutes this afternoon.

May 26 1941

Mr Dallis visited school this afternoon.

May 27 1941

Mr Saunders called this morning.

May 29 1941

The juniors collected leaves of plants in the lane during Nature Study lesson this afternoon.

May 30 1941

The children were given gas mask drill this afternoon. School closed for Whitsun Holidays.

June 9 1941

School re-opened after Whitsun holidays. Mr Saunders called.

June 10 1941

I was absent from school from 9.15 to 11.45 a.m. as I took Margaret Hiscock into Faringdon for her viva voce examination at the County Girls' School.

June 11 1941

The boys broke a window in their cloakroom by kicking their football through it.

June 12 1941

The Vicar came this morning.

June 20 1941

The Vicar gave Class I (Juniors) a Scripture lesson and took prayers this morning.

June 26 1941

Nurse Bolton came to examine Cyril Vaughan's head. The infants had afternoon lessons under the trees in the lane.

July 3 1941

Nurse Bolton came to examine Cyril Vaughan's head again.

July 11 1941

The Vicar took the Juniors for Scripture this morning and also took prayers.

July 18 1941

The Vicar took Infants for their Scripture lesson this morning.

July 22 1941

The school was inspected this morning by a member of the F.D.C. as a likely building to be used for refugees in the event of a bad "Blitz". The Vicar came in this morning and Mr Saunders called.

July 25 1941

The juniors and L.C.C. children attended a celebration of Holy Communion during their scripture period this morning.

July 31 1941

The Diocesan Inspector of Schools The Rev. T. Knowles examined the children in Scripture. The school was closed after the examination. 8 children left school today as they are to attend the senior school.

Aug 1 1941

New registers were started today and the children promoted into higher standards. 3 Std I children are remaining with Miss Messenger until the holidays. Std.IV have been put with Mrs Vickery's group of Seniors. The Vicar too the Juniors for Scripture this morning.

Aug 4 1941

School was closed for Bank Holiday.

Aug 5 1941

School re-opened this morning

Aug 6 1941

Mr Wallis called this afternoon.

Aug 7 1941

Mr Saunders called.

Aug 14 1941

School closed for Summer holidays.

1941 Report of Diocesan Inspector of Schools. Rev. Tom Knowles.

The children have been very well instructed in all branches of the year's syllabus and very steady teaching seems to have been given throughout the year. Church Doctrine has received adequate attention and Bible stories were well known. The written work of the older group was most excellent for a junior school. It is most admirable that the children are taught real worship by the Vicar in Church at times. The infants have done noteworthy handwork and expression work. The Little Scripture play was good.

Infants & Std.I

Highly commended Bert Evans, Wreford Fielding, Joyce Prior, Elsie Jefferies, Rita Bull.

Top Group (Juniors)

Bishop's Prize Phyllis Gorton

Certificates Raymond Edwards and Joyce Cox

Highly Commended Margaret Hiscock, James Gorton, Mary Mattingley, Gordon Spooner and Nellie Lovegrove

Sep 16 1941

School re-opened this morning after the summer holidays. The L.C.C. seniors were transferred to Faringdon Council Senior School.

Sep 18 1941

Miss Saunders (L.C.C. H.M.I.) called this morning and suggested that Mrs Vickery (L.C.C.) should attend Coleshill for 2 days a week and remain here for the remaining three days viz. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Sep 19 1941

The Vicar gave the Juniors a Scripture lesson. Mrs Vickery went to Coleshill this afternoon to make arrangements with Miss Geddes.

Sep 23 1941

Nurse Bolton examined the children's heads. Mrs Vickery went to Coleshill for the day. I had Std. I & II with me.

Sep 25 1941

Mr Reynish called this afternoon.

Sep 26 1941

The Vicar gave the Infants I a Scripture lesson

Sep 31 1941

The Juniors went out this afternoon at 2 o'clock to pick hips.

Oct 1 1941

Mr Saunders called.

Oct 8 1941

The infants went for a nature walk after play this afternoon.

Oct 10 1941

The Vicar gave the juniors a Scripture lesson this morning.

Oct 16 1941

The infants went for a walk during nature period this afternoon.

Oct 17 1941

The medical examination was held by Dr Fidler today. This afternoon from 1.30 – 2.30 p.m. the juniors were taken out to gather hips for the war effort. Mrs Vickery took them. The Vicar took the infants for scripture this morning.

Oct 30 1941

School closed for half term weekend.

Nov 4 1941

School re-opened. Dental examination took place this afternoon.

Nov 6 1941

Mrs O'Connell called this afternoon and saw the infants P.T.

Nov 10 1941

"Winter Session" started this morning. The time for morning assembly is now 9.30 a.m. until 12.10 a.m. and afternoon 1.20 – 3.30 p.m.

Nov 13 1941

I left school at 2 p.m. in order to attend a meeting at Wantage Council School.

Nov 14 1941

The Vicar gave the juniors a scripture lesson.

Nov 21 1941

The Vicar gave the infants a scripture lesson.

Nov 25 1941

The infants went for a nature walk this afternoon as the weather was so fine which means that singing will be taken tomorrow instead of today.

10 L.C.C, geography books were transferred to Mr P.J. Smith at Little Coxwell. They were collected by Mr H.E Smith of Gt. Coxwell.

Nov 28 1941

The Vicar gave the infants for a scripture lesson.

Dec 2 1941

Mr Hobbs called to find out how much equipment we needed for the canteen meals.

Dec 4 1941

The equipment for school dinners arrived. 2½ doz soup plates, 2½ doz meat plates, 2½ dozen knives, 3 tablespoons, 1 soup ladle, 1 kettle and 1 bowl, but no forks or spoons.

Dec 5 1941

No milk has been delivered since Tuesday owing to petrol shortage on the part of the supplier.

Dec 8 1941

Milk delivery was continued today.

Dec 9 1941

Mr H.E.Smith called. I handed him some children's clothing coupons which had been addressed to Mrs Vickery.

Dec 16 1941

Mr H.E. Smith called.

Dec 18 1941

I attended a meeting in the village, regarding arrangements for the children's Christmas party.

Dec 19 1941

I acknowledged receipt of the clothing coupons of the Hart children. School closed for the Christmas holidays after morning school. The Vicar took the juniors for carol singing this morning.

1942

Jan 5 1942

School re-opened after Christmas holidays.

Jan 6 1942

The children attended church during scripture period this morning. Mr H.E. Smith Mr Saunders called.

Jan 12 1942

The school was very cold this morning, below freezing point so the children spent from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. sliding on a pond in the "dash".

Jan 13 1942

The attendance was low owing to a fall of snow. Mr H.E. Smith called.

Jan 14 1942

Nurse Bolton called to examine the children's heads. The attendance is still low.

Jan 15 1942

Miss Messenger took some of the children to slide on the pond during this afternoon's playtime.

Jan 16 1942

Attendance still low. The children were taken on the pond again during the morning playtime, by Miss Messenger.

Jan 19 1942

School extremely cold again. I took the Juniors for a walk until the school became warmer.

Jan 20 1942

Very heavy fall of snow, attendance nil, meetings abandoned.

Jan 21 1942

Meetings abandoned owing to the heavy snow and cold, 4 children attended.

Jan 22 1942

Meetings abandoned.

Jan 23 1942

Meetings abandoned.

Jan 26 1942

The attendance was back to normal this morning as the weather conditions had improved a lot.

Jan 27 1942

Mr H.E. Smith brought some boots for John Gladman and overcoats for other members of the Gladman family.

Jan 29 1942

Mr Saunders called.

Jan 30 1942

Attendance % for week 86.9%.

Feb 6 1942

The Vicar took the infants for Scripture.

Feb 13 1942

The Juniors were given a scripture lesson by the Vicar this morning.

Feb 18 1942

The Juniors attended church this morning during the Scripture period as today is Ash Wednesday.

Feb 23 1942

Morning session began at 8.50 a.m. and ended at 12 noon – afternoon session remains the same 1.20 pm. – 3.45 p.m.

Feb 26 1942

I went down to the Church during scripture period this morning.

Feb 27 1942

The Faringdon Sanitary Inspector called today and reported that the boy's lavatories were in need of repair.

Mar 2 1942

Miss Messenger was absent this morning on account of illness.

Mar 5 1942

The infants used the other half of the large classroom as the chimney in the infant room was smoking badly. Miss Messenger went home in the afternoon as she felt ill.

Mar 6 1942

I had both infants and juniors today. Raymond Edwards sat for the Metropolitan Evacuating Area's Special place examination. Miss Messenger absent.

Mar 9 1942

Miss Messenger returned this morning.

Mar 16 1942

"Canteen Dinners" started this morning. 25 children took advantage of the scheme.

Mar 17 1942

Mr H. E. Smith called.

Mar 25 1942

The juniors attended a celebration of Holy Communion in the Parish Church during Scripture period this morning.

Mar 27 1942

Children's gas masks inspected.

Mar 30 1942

The dinners were late this morning as the first lot was spilt in the van. 31 children stayed. One of the boys hit Tony Jackson's nose this afternoon. It bled profusely and as he went home at 2.50 p.m. his mark was cancelled for the afternoon.

Mar 31 1942

The medical examination by Doctor Fidler took place today. Margaret Harke was sent home as she was found to be suffering from scabies. Mr H. E. Smith called. I received the permit to buy 1½ lbs soap powder and ½ lb hard soap for use in connection with washing up after the canteen meals. The soap was purchased from The Stores Longcot.

Apr 2 1942

School closed after morning session for the Easter Holidays. The children attended church.

Apr 14 1942

School re-opened after Easter holidays. Three children were admitted into the infants class. Mr H. E. Smith called. Mr Shean called to discuss the method of heating the water in the summer. It was decided that a copper installed in the empty classroom would serve the purpose.

Apr 16 1942

The infants went for a walk during their nature lesson this afternoon.

Apr 17 1942

The Vicar gave the juniors scripture.

Apr 21 1942

A cinema show was given this afternoon. It was scheduled to begin at 1.30, but as the driver lost his way it commenced at 2 p.m. instead. The timetable of course, was not followed. H.E. Smith called.

May 8 1942

The Vicar gave the juniors a scripture lesson.

May 22 1942

The school was closed today (Ascension Day). The children went to Church in the morning, after which they went home.

May 22 1942

School closed for the Whitsun Holidays.

June 1 1942

School re-opened after Whitsun Holidays.

June 4 1942

Nurse Bolton inspected the children's heads.

June 5 1942

The Vicar and Mr Saunders called.

June 12 1942

The Vicar gave the infants a scripture lesson.

June 18 1942

Seven children were immunised against diphtheria this afternoon by Dr Clarke.

June 19 1942

The Vicar gave the juniors a scripture lesson.

June 22 1942

Dentist visited

June 24 1942

I took the juniors for rounders for the last hour this afternoon.

July 2 1942

Nurse Bolton called with names of children to attend the eye clinic.

July 3 1942

The Vicar gave the infants a scripture lesson.

July 16 1942

Some children were immunised again diphtheria for the second time.

July 17 1942

The Rev. Tom Knowles visited the school this morning for the annual diocesan inspection. The scripture lesson was put at the end of the morning session. The school was closed in the afternoon.

July 20 1942

The dentist visited school this morning to treat some of the children.

Aug 3 1942

The school is closed for Bank Holiday.

Aug 4 1942

The new term begins. 13 children are transferred to Faringdon, 12 to the Senior School and 1 to the County Girl's school. 4 children came up from the infants and the children were promoted to higher classes. There are now 40 children on roll.

Aug 6 1942

The children attended Church during the scripture period this morning as today is the feast of the Transfiguration.

Report of Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools – Diocesan Inspector Rev. Tom Knowles, B.A.

Solid steady work has been done and the full syllabus for the year taught with very good results. The Infants' handwork was a nice feature as well as their answering. The top group knew their Bible Lessons well and also the elements of the faith. School worship has been efficiently attended to.

Infants & Std.I

Commended

Bert, Evans, Rita Bull, Paul Strangwick & Doris Gladman

Top Group

Bishop's Prize

Joyce Cox

Certificates James Gorten, Rosie Mattingley and Lyn Morse
Highly Commended Vera Lovegrove, Patricia Strangwick, Peter Strangwick, Brian Rich.

Aug 13 1942

School closed for summer holidays after afternoon school.

Sep 15 1942

School re-opened after summer holidays.

4 infants were admitted. Mr H. E. Smith called in the afternoon.

Sep 16 1942

The infants went for a walk to collect fruits during their nature lessons this afternoon.

Sep 18 1942

The Vicar gave the juniors a scripture lesson.

Oct 8 1942

Dr Fidler examined the children this morning

Oct 15 1942

The dentist treated some of the children this afternoon. The infants went for a nature walk until play time, by which time the dentist had finished the treatments.

Oct 26 1942

A fire was lit this morning as the weather was cold and very wet.

Oct 28 1942

The children attended church this morning during the scripture period.

Oct 29 1942

School closed for half term after afternoon school.

Nov 3 1942

School re-opened after half term break

Nov 13 1942

The Vicar gave the juniors a scripture lesson.

Nov 16 1942

“Winter Session” times came into operation this morning. 9.30 a.m to 12.10 p.m. and 1.20 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. The scripture period is from 9.30 – 10 o’clock.

Nov 20 1942

The Vicar gave the juniors a scripture lesson.

Nov 24 1942

I was absent with sore throat.

Nov 26 1942

I returned to school today.

Nov 27 1942

The Vicar gave the juniors a scripture lesson.

Nov 30 1942

Miss Messenger was absent today.

Dec 2 1942

Miss Messenger returned this morning.

Dec 4 1942

The Vicar gave the infants a scripture lesson.

Dec 7 1942

Dr Fiddler examined 2 children this morning.

Dec 10 1942

The school nurse examined the children's heads. Cyril Vaughan was excluded until Monday 14th.

Dec 11 1942

The Vicar gave the juniors a scripture lesson.

Mr Saunders called.

Dec 14 1942

The school nurse came this afternoon and cleaned the heads of Rosie Mattingley, Cyril Vaughan.

Dec 22 1942

I resigned as Headteacher of Longcot & Fernham C.E. School. the school closed for Christmas holidays.

1943

Jan 6 1943

School re-opened after Xmas holidays.
Mrs I.M. Duckham commenced duties as Headmistress.

Jan 7 1943

Mr Herbert Education Secretary, visited school.

Jan 8 1943

Vicar called today.

Jan 11 1943

Mr Saunders called.

Jan 12 1943

Floor of schoolroom mended – broken pane of glass mended – other repairs done.

Jan 15 1943

The Vicars took Juniors for scripture.

Jan 18 1943

New boiler arrived.

Jan 19 1943

Mr Saunders called.

Jan 20 1943

The Vicar called

Jan 22 1943

School closed because Headmistress had no petrol.

Jan 25 1943

Vicar called.
Miss Messenger still away with Sciatica.

Jan 28 1943

Vicar called.

Feb 1 1943

Miss Messenger still absent

Feb 3 1943

Mrs W.M.Batt came on supply in infants.

Feb 8 1943

I was absent today owing to illness.
The nurse called today.

Feb 11 1943

I returned to school.

Feb 19 1943

The Vicar took the Juniors for scripture.

Feb 21 1943

The nurse called and said that all the children were clean.

Feb 23 1943

Miss Ellis the Needlework Inspectress visited the school.

Mar 5 1943

The Vicar took the Infants for scripture lesson.

Mar 8 1943

Miss Messenger returned.

Mar 10 1943

The children attended Church this morning (Ash Wednesday)

Mar 19 1943

The Vicar took the Juniors for scripture.

Mar 24 1943

A new boiler was fixed in the lobby today.

Apr 2 1943

A lavatory for the staff was fixed in the school today.

The Vicar took the Juniors for scripture.

Apr 8 1943

Mr Hobbs visited the school.

Apr 13 1943

Dr Fiddler examined children today (p.m) D. Gladman, D. Spooner excluded with impetigo.

Apr 16 1943

The Vicar took the Juniors for scripture.

The nurse visited the school.

Apr 19 1943

The nurse visited the school.

Apr 22 1943

Children attended church (Maundy Thursday) D. Gladman able to return

May 7 1943

The Vicar took the juniors for scripture.

The nurse visited the school.

May 10 1943

Children's gas masks inspected by A.R.P. wardens.

May 14 1943

Miss Cambell, social Worker from the Berkshire Child Guidance Clinic came to see me re Dudley Spooner.

May 19 1943

Mr Reynish H.M.I. visited the school today and said he was quite pleased with all he had seen. Margaret Liddiard who has passed the first part of the Special Place Examination went to Farindon Girls' County School for a "Viva Voce" examination today.

May 20 1943

Two boys scraped the paid off the windows in the hall today.
This afternoon Miss Messenger took the children to see some sheep shearing.

May 28 1943

The Vicar took the Juniors for scripture.

Jun 2 1943

The dentist visited the school today 10 a.m.
The nurse examined the children's heads this afternoon..

Jun 3 1943

We attended Church at 9.10 a.m. for Ascension Day Service. Holiday in afternoon.

Jun 11 1943

Started Whitsun Holiday. Nurse visited school.

Jun 21 1943

Returned to school.

July 2 1943

School closed (used for issuing new ration books)

July 12 1943

Mrs Campbell (C.G.C.) Called re Dudley Spooner.

July 13 1943

Miss Messenger away with mumps. Mrs Legg came to assist in school voluntarily during her absence.

July 29 1943

Miss Messenger returned.
The Rev. T. Knowles visited the school for Scripture Examination. The scripture was put at the end of the morning. School closed during afternoon.

July 30 1943

Vicar took the infants for scripture.
8 children left to go to Faringdon Senior School.

Aug 2 1943

The school closed for Bank Holiday.

Aug 3 1943

New school year started. 38 children now on roll. 8 children went to Faringdon Senior, 1 to County School Faringdon & 3 evacuees returned home to Woodford.

Aug 4 1943

The dentist visited the school.

Aug 6 1943

Children attended Church for Feast of the Transfiguration.

Aug 10 1943

Dr Fidler visited school.

Report of Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools – Inspector Rev. T. Knowles, B.A.

“The new Head Mistress has the children splendidly in hand and is tackling the Scripture and Church Teaching very well. The children were bright and answered well. The Infants were quite good in their expression and handwork and the Upper Group have been well instructed in the portion of the Diocesan Syllabus attempted. It is pleasing to know that the Vicar has given some instruction in the Sacraments”.

Bishop’s Prize

Patricia Strangwick

Certificates

Rita Bull, Vera Lovegrove and Brian Rich

Highly Commended

Margaret Liddiard, Gordon Spooner and Rose Mattingley.

Aug 12 1943

School closed after afternoon session for the Summer Holidays.

Sep 14 1943

School re-opened after holidays. Three new children were admitted. No. on roll 41.

Sep 17 1943

Mrs Campbell (C.G.C.) called re Dudley Spooner

Sep 24 1943

Vicar took children for Scripture

Nurse visited school, cleaned C. Vaughan’s head

14 children left. No. on roll 37.

Oct 1 1943

Vicar took scripture. 1 child admitted No. on roll 38

Oct 8 1943

Vicar took scripture

Oct 15 1943

Three children left No. on roll now 35

Oct 29 1943

School closed for half term holiday.

Nov 2 1943

School re-opened.

Mrs Campbell (C.G.C) called re Dudley Spooner.

Nov 5 1943

Vicar took Juniors for Scripture and brought some new scripture pictures and 2 new books.

Nov 18 1943

Dr Fidler visited school – she saw that the big hall was too cold for the children and advised me to move the Juniors into the empty classroom.

Nov 19 1943

The Vicar took the Infants for scripture.

Nov 22 1943

The Juniors started work in the classroom. Dudley Spooner removed from school register – now gone to Faringdon Junior School – 34 on roll.

Dec 17 1943

Cyril Vaughan went away to a Waifs and Strays Home at Handley Swan. Worcs. No. on roll 33.

Dec 23 1943

School closed for Xmas holidays.

1944

Jan 10 1944

School re-opened after holidays. I had an attack of flue and was absent from school. **Jan 14 1944**

Jan 14 1944

The Vicar gave a scripture lesson to Juniors and Infants.

Jan 17 1944

I returned to school. Two children from Fernham admitted. No. on roll 35.

Jan 21 1944

The Vicar gave a scripture lesson to Juniors. Juniors attendance 100%.

Feb 2 1944

The nurse visited the school. Patricia and Paul Strangwick excluded from school for afternoon while nurse cleaned their head.

Feb 14 1944

Morning session began at 8.50 a.m. today.

Feb 20 1944

The Dentist visited the school today and examined the teeth of all the children. 10 children's teeth need attention. A new scholar admitted No. on roll 37.

Feb 23 1944

Children went to Church for Ash Wednesday Service at 9.40 a.m. Arith. taken from 9-9.35 and from 10.35 to 10.45 instead of from 10 to 10.45.

Mar 3 1944

Three scholars admitted and one left. No. on roll 39.

Mar 10 1944

Vicar took Juniors for Scripture. Infants attendance 100%.

Mar 28 1944

Two new scholars admitted and one left. No. on roll 40.

Apr 6 1944

Mr Reynish H.M.I. visited the school today.

Apr 7 1944

The school closed at noon for the Easter holidays.

Apr 18 1944

School re-opened after holidays. Two scholars admitted and two left. No. on roll 40.

Apr 24 1944

One scholar admitted. No. on roll 41.

May 18 1944

Children went to Church for Ascension Day. The school was closed for the day.

May 23 1944

The Dentist visited the school to extract teeth from four children (1.30 pm)#

May 24 1944

Doctor Fidler examined children all day.

May 26 1944

School closed for Whitsun Holiday p.m.

June 5 1944

School re-opened. 4 children admitted. No. on roll 45.
Nurse visited school and examined children's heads p.m.

June 16 1944

1 child admitted No on roll 46

June 23 1944

3 children left. No. on roll 43

June 30 1944

1 child admitted No. on roll 44

July 3 1944

4 Evacuees admitted No. on roll 48

July 10 1944

2 admitted. No. on roll 50

July 11 1944

2 admitted. No. on roll 52.

July 14 1944

Nurse called and examined heads of evacuees. One dirty head. Ann Birch.

July 16 1944

Nurse called and found Ann Birch's head clean.
1 child admitted. No. on books 53

July 28 1944

1 child left. No. on books 52.

July 31 1944

Scripture Exam conducted by Rev T. Knowles. Children had holiday for remainder of day.
Six children left to attend Faringdon Senior School.

Aug 1 1944

No on roll 46. New year started. Seven children came into Juniors from Infants.

Aug 10 1944

School finished for Summer Holidays 3.40 p.m.

Sep 12 1944

School re-opened. Seven left. 3 admitted. No. on roll 42. Junior and Infant room distempered and painted and a sink and draining board put into South Lobby during the holidays.

Sep 13 1944

1 child admitted No. on roll 43.

Sep 28 1944

Report of Oxford Diocesan Inspector of Schools – Inspector Rev. T. Knowles, B.A.

“The school is now highly efficient and scripture is taught intelligently and with success. The opening worship base chiefly on the Prayer Book was very reverent and the singing quite good. The expression work of the Infants was ingenious and interesting. They also knew their simple lessons very well. The Upper children had done most excellent notebooks etc. and had a good idea of worship and the catechism. Discipline seemed very good indeed and the answering general and correct.

Bishop’s Prize

Rose Mattingley

Certificates

Richard Holcombe, Joyce Prior, Rita Bull & Elsie Jefferies.

Highly Commended

Ralph Stevens, Elizabeth Scabrook and Margaret Clarke

Commended Infants

Esme Bailey, Henry Lovegrove, Dennis Gerring, Rosemary Daniel, James Larking and Patricia Daniel.

Oct 6 1944

Nurse visited school. Three children with dirty heads Pamela and Christine Bridgwater, Ann Birch. 4 children left. No. on roll 39

Oct 26 1944

School closed for half term holiday.

Oct 31 1944

School re-opened

Nov 1 1944

Children attended church at 10 a.m. for All Saints Day. Timetable altered. Arithmetic taken in usual Scripture Period.

Nov 3 1944

1 child left No. on roll 38.

Nov 6 1944

School opened at 9.20 instead of 8.50 a.m. This time continues until Feb 9th 1945.

Mornings 9.20 to 12.10 pm.

Afternoons 1.20 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Nov 14 1944

Dr Fidler visited the school.

Dec 19 1944

Children’s Xmas Party started at 4 p.m.

Dec 21 1944

School closed for Xmas Holidays. During afternoon Infants and Juniors performed plays.

1945

Jan 8 1945

School re-opened. 3 new children admitted and 2 left. No. on roll 39.

Jan 19 1945

2 new children. No. on roll 41.

Jan 24 1945

I (Mrs Duckham) did not attend school owing to bad condition of roads.

Jan 25 1945

I was still absent from school. No dinners arrived – children sent home at 12 o'clock and Managers agreed to close school for afternoon.

Jan 26 1945

Temperature of school 30°. 23 children present out of 42. Managers agreed to close school for the day. I did not attend school.

Jan 29 1945

I returned to school. Temp. still very low – too cold for children to do lessons. They read round fire and played games.

Jan 30 1945

Heavy fall of snow. I did not attend school. Attendance low and school very cold. Managers decided to close school.

Jan 31 1945

School resumed as usual. Snow cleared away.

Feb 12 1945

Morning school started at 8.50 a.m.

Feb 13 1945

Nurse visited school – every child clean.

Feb 14 1945

The Vicar (Rev B. Hawes) passed away today.

Feb 26 1945

Mr (*blank*) from the Education Office visited school to see where the new electric boiler and oven were to be placed.

Mar 2 1945

Beryl Mitcham and Eliz Seabrook took Metropolitan Scholarship Exam a.m.
The Rev E.G. Mortimer of Ashbury who is going to take over the Services in Longcot Church visited the school this afternoon.

Mar 6 1945

The Rev. Morcom Harneis of Shellingford visited the school this afternoon

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Mar 8 1945

The new electric boiler and oven have been fixed in the school today.

Mar 9 1945

No. on roll 39

Mar 13 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis gave a scripture lesson to the infants today.

Mar 19 1945

A new child admitted. No. on roll 40

Mar 20 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis gave a scripture lesson to the Infants.

Mar 23 1945

Two children left. No. on roll 38

Mar 27 1945

Joyce Prior took the Berkshire Scholarship Exam.

The Rev Morcom Harneis gave Infants a scripture lesson.

Mar 29 1945

School closed at noon for Easter holidays.

Apr 10 1945

School re-opened after Easter holidays.

3 new children admitted. No. on roll 41.

Apr 12 1945

1 child admitted. No. on roll 42.

Apr 16 1945

Miss Messenger absent from school today as her mother is in hospital. Mrs Legg came to take the Infants.

Apr 17 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis took Infants for scripture lesson

Apr 18 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis took Juniors for scripture lesson

Apr 23 1945

Mrs Legg away ill today. Only 6 children in Infants and 12 in Juniors. Outbreak of measles. Children from Fernham arrived 9.25 a.m. bus late.

Apr 24 1945

16 children present today

Apr 25 1945

14 children present today

Apr 26 1945

12 children present today

Apr 27 1945

13 children present today – The marks for this week have been cancelled. % for week = No. on roll 41. Owing to bus breakdown, Fernham junior children have been late every morning.

Apr 30 1945

Mrs Legg still away. 15 children in school. Twenty six children with masles or contacts. Fernham junior children arrived 9.20 a.m.

May 1 1945

Mrs Legg returned.

May 4 1945

14 children present. Percentage for week 35.1. The marks for this week have been cancelled. No. on roll 41.

May 8 1945

School closed for VE Day

May 9 1945

School closed for VJ Day

May 10 1945

School closed for Ascension Day

May 11 1945

10 children present today. ;No. on roll 40. Fernham children arrived at 9.20 a.m. Percentage for week 30%. Marks cancelled.

May 14 1945

Mrs Messenger returned today. 15 children present. Fernham children arrived at 9.15 a.m. Brig. Gen. Marcham called about a defect in the new electric hot closet.

May 15 1945

Wessex Electricity Representative called, but found electric installations all in good order.

May 17 1945

Rev E.G. Mortimer visited school. No. on roll 39

May 18 1945

School closed at 3.40 p.m. for Whitsun Holiday.
Marks cancelled for week. Percentage 37.9.

May 28 1945

School re-opened after Whitsun holiday. Fernham children arrived at 9.15 a.m. 2 children left. No. on roll 37. Beryl Mitcham has passed the Metropolitan Scholarship exam.

May 29 1945

Men came to fetch 1 sewing machine, 24 metal rulers and 6 zinc cutting sheets belonging to L.C.C.

June 5 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis took Infants for scripture.

June 8 1945

The dentist visited the school and inspected the teeth of all children. She was particularly pleased with their clean condition.

June 12 1945

Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

June 15 1945

1 child admitted this week. 38 on roll.

June 19 1945

Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

June 26 1945

Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

June 28 1945

Joyce Prior went to The Elms Faringdon for an interview.

July 3 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis visited the School for Scripture Examination. After the examination the children went home for the remainder of the day.

Alice Bint absent with Scarlet Fever – removed to Abingdon Hospital.

July 5 1945

School used as Polling Station – children had holiday for the day.

July 13 1945

1 child left. 34 on roll.

July 24 1945

Dr Fidler visited school and examined children.

July 26 1945

Joyce Prior received notice that she had passed the scholarship exam for entrance into the Faringdon County School for Girls.

July 30 1945**Report of Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools – Inspector Rev Morcom Harneis**

The school prayers were conducted in an atmosphere of easy reverence which comes from established habit, and which cannot be assumed for an occasion.

Both classes showed a good deal of bible knowledge, and the juniors were particularly ready with intelligent answers to most of the questions put to them. Written work included the putting to paper of well selected extracts from the Bible and Book of Common Prayer.

The Infants also have a good knowledge of their subject for their years and produced some good expression work.

Bishop's Prize
Certificates

Joyce Prior
Rita Bull, Wendy Jackson, Phyllis Lovegrove.

Infants

Highly Commended

Kathleen Smith, Christopher Jefferies, James Larkin & Patricia Daniel

Aug 2 1945

Rev Morcom Harneis took children for prayers.
The school closed for the summer holidays.

Sept 11 1945

School re-opened after holidays. Three girls have gone to Faringdon Senior School and one to The Elms. 8 children admitted. No. on roll 37. Miss Messenger met with an accident during the holidays and has not returned to school.

Sept 12 1945

Mrs Legg came to help with the Infants.

Sept 13 1945

The Rev E.G. Mortimer visited the school this afternoon.

Sept 20 1945

The Rev. E.G. Mortimer took the Juniors for Scripture this afternoon.

Sept 24 1945

School closed for 3rd V.E. day holiday.

Sept 25 1945

Miss Messenger returned to school today.

Oct 2 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Oct 4 1945

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Oct 11 1945

Nurse Visited school
Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Oct 16 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Oct 18 1945

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Oct 23 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Oct 30 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis took school for morning prayers.

Nov 1 1945

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Nov 6 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Nov 8 1945

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Nov 12 1945

2 children admitted No. on roll 40

Nov 13 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Nov 15 1945

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Nov 19 1945

1 boy admitted. No. on roll 41.

Nov 20 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Nov 27 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Nov 29 1945

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Nov 30 1945

2 children left. No. on roll 39.

Dec 4 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Dec 7 1945

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Miss O'Connell and Miss Myland visited the school today. Miss Myland saw the physical training in Junior and Infants.

Dec 11 1945

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Dec 13 1945

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Dec 21 1945

School closed for Xmas holidays.

1946

Jan 9 1946

School opened after holidays – one more admission. No. on roll 40.

Jan 15 1946

Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Nurse visited school – examined children's heads and gave lotion to children who were to visit Eye Clinic.

Jan 17 1946

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Jan 21 1946

Weather and school very cold. Children spent most of morning playing games in Hall to keep warm.

Jan 22 1946

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Jan 24 1946

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Jan 25 1946

No. on roll 41. One admission this week.

Feb 5 1946

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Feb 7 1946

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Feb 11 1946

The school was closed today as both Miss Messenger and I were away ill.

Feb 12 1946

Miss Messenger returned to school.

Feb 14 1946

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

In the Junior Room only 7 children were present all the week, the rest having the 'flu.

Feb 15 1946

Children inoculated against diphtheria (1st time)

Feb 18 1946

I returned to school.

Feb 19 1946

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Feb 21 1946

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Mar 4 & 5 1946

School closed for half term holiday.

Mar 6 1946

Children went to church at 3.15 p.m. for Ash Wednesday.

Mar 7 1946

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Mar 12 1946

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Mar 15 1946

The children were inoculated for diphtheria the 2nd time. R. Jackson, Roger Jackson, Betty Bafckson, G. Harvey. P. Thomas.

Mar 19 1946

The Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

Mar 25 1946

The nurse brought glasses for Pamela Bridgwater.

Mar 26 1946

Rev M. Harneis took prayers and Infants for Scripture. The Infants went for a Nature Walk this afternoon.

Mar 27 1946

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture at 3.25 p.m. Time table altered.

Apr 2 1946

The nurse visited the school to examine V. Lovegrove.

Apr 4 1946

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture at 3.15 p.m..

Apr 9 1946

The Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

Apr 10 1946

School closed for Easter Holidays.

May 1 1946

School opened after Easter Holidays.

Four new children admitted one left. No. on roll 44

Mr Kersley visited school.

May 6 1946

Mr Toombs H.M.I. visited school a.m.

May 13 1946

Rev E.G. Mortimer visited school 3.15 p.m.

May 14 1946

New tables and forms for Canteen arrived.

May 15 1946

Mr Reynish H.M.I. and Miss Miller visited school 12.20 p.m. to inspect Canteen.

May 21 1946

The Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture.

May 23 1946

Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

May 28 1946

The Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

May 29 1946

Children attended church at 3.10 p.m. for service for Ascension Day.

May 30 1946

School closed for Ascension Day.

Jun 4 1946

Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

Jun 7 1946

School closed for Whitsun Holiday. New scholar admitted. No. on roll 45.

Jun 13 1946

School re-opened after Whitsun Holiday.

Jun 18 1946

Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

Jun 20 1946

The Rev E.G. Mortimer took Juniors for scripture.

Jun 21 1946

Nurse visited school and examined the children's heads. Only one dirty (K.Smith)

Doctor immunised some children against diphtheria N. Brittain (2) Jud Brittain (2) K. Smith(1) and F. Brittain (2)

July 12 1946

Scripture exam conducted by Rev T. Knowles – school closed for remainder of day.

Two children left. No. on roll 43.

July 19 1946

Doctor immunised some children against diphtheria for 2nd time K. Smith and Josephine Brittain.

July 25 1946

Report of Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools – Inspector Rev. T. Knowles B.A.

“There were manifest evidences of most careful and regular instruction having been given in Religious Knowledge. The singing and prayers were admirable and the children were quite knowledgeable in Bible stories and their Church Doctrine. Expression work in both Infant and the Top Group had been given due and correct stress. A very good school.”

Juniors

Bishops Prize Joan Whitman

Certificates Nicholas Brittain, Dennis Gerring, Keith Nanyard, rosemary Daniels

Highly Commended Michael Tomlinson, Judith Brittain

Infants

Highly Commended Duncan McIntosh, Mary Dabney, Christine Bridgwater, Angela Wilson, Paytricia Daniels, Pamela Bridgwater, Ruth Habgood, Christopher Jefferies.

July 30 1946

School closed at 12 noon for summer holidays.

Sep 11 1946

School re-opened after holidays. Two boys went to Faringdon Senior School. two children left and one admitted. No. on roll 41

Sep 16 1946

One boy admitted No. on roll 41

Sep 24 1946

Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

Oct 1 1946

Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

Oct 8 1946

Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

Oct 14 1946

Boy admitted No. on roll 42

Oct 22 1946

Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers

Nurse Bolton visited school and inspected children's head.

Oct 29 1946

Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

Oct 31 1946

School closed at 3.40 p.m. for half term.

Nov 1 1946

School re-opened after half term. Another scholar admitted No. on roll 43.

Nov 12 1946

Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

Nov 19 1946

Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

Nov 25 1946

Doctor Fraser inspected certain children.

Nov 26 1946

Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture at 2.30 pm.

Sergeant Sawyer of Shrivenham Police gave children a talk on "Safety First" and inspected bicycles.

Dec 9 1946

I was absent from school with Colitis.

Dec 10 1946

Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and children for scripture

Dec 17 1946

Children had Xmas party in school at 4 p.m.

Dec 19 1946

I returned to school.

Dec 20 1946

School closed at 12 noon for Xmas holidays.

1947

Jan 7 1947

School re-opened after Xmas holidays No. on roll 43.

Jan 14 1947

Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

Jan 27 1947

Miss Messenger away. Doctor visited school and examined Better and Ronald Jackson (Defective speech)

Jan 28 1947

Miss Messenger returned.

Jan 29 1947

I was away with laryngitis. School very cold – closed for afternoon and also for 30th and 31st.

Feb 3 1947

School re-opened. Weather very cold. 23 children present. Miss Messenger away. Time table not adhered to as children had to be kept warm. I returned to school.

Feb 4 1947

23 children present. School very cold.

Feb 5 1947

21 children present. School very cold.

Feb 6 1947

18 children present. School very cold.

Feb 7 1947

19 children present. School very cold.

Feb 10 to 14 1947

Still very cold weather

Feb 17 1947

Miss Messenger returned to school

Feb 18 1947

Dentist visited school p.m.

Mar 21 1947

Dentist visited school for whole day.

Mar 28 1947

School closed for Easter Holidays

Apr 22 1947

School re-opened after Easter. 7 new children. No. on books 51. Rev M. Harneis visited school.

Apr 23 1947

School started at 9.30 a.m. and closed at 4.10 pm. because of double summer time.

Apr 24 1947

Scholarship examination held in school.

Exam taken by Joan Whitman and Rosemary Daniel.

Apr 29 1947

Dental Inspection – all day.

May 6 1947

Rev Morcom Harneis took children for prayers

May 13 1947

Rev Morcom Harneis took children for prayers

May 14 1947

Visitor from Office of Works to inspect hall.

May 15 1947

School closed for Ascension Day.

May 20 1947

Rev Morcom Harneis took infants for scripture

May 23 1947

A.M. Nurse visited school. All children clean.

School closed for Whitsun

May 28 1947

School re-opened after Whitsun Holiday.

Jun 7 1947

Heard from Reading that J. Whitman and R. Daniel had both passed the first part of Scholarship Exam and were to be interviewed.

Jun 13 1947

Rosemary and Patricia Daniel removed to Bracknell. No. on roll 48

Jun 17 1947

Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

Jun 23 1947

Joan Whitman went off to The Elms, Faringdon to be interviewed for scholarship.

Jun 24 194

The Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

July 1 1947

The Rev Morcom Harneis took prayers and infants for scripture

July 8 1947

H.M.I. Mr Toombs visited school all day. At 11.30 a.m. Miss West examined Juniors and Infants in Physical Training.

July 11 1947

Dr Hicks examined children all day.

July 18 1947

Scripture Examination until 11 a.m. School closed for remainder of day.

July 30 1947

School closed for Summer Holidays.

Sep 10 1947

School re-opened after holidays. Three children left to go to Faringdon Senior. One to The Elms. Seven children admitted. No. on roll 51.

Report of Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools – Examiner Rev. A O'Neill Drew

During my visit to this school I was impressed with the essentially religious atmosphere. The opening act of worship was reverently shared in by the children. I was particularly struck with the idea of singing a birthday hymn at the close for a child whose birthday it happened to be. The infants were obviously happy and interested, four or five of them answering the questions with refreshing keenness, their repetition was good and their notebooks were neatly kept. The expression work I saw was very good.

Among the infants whose work was worthy of mention were Mary Dabney, Jean Whitman, Pamela Thomas, Timothy Cox, David Horlick and John Holcombe. Altogether the class reflects great credit on Miss Messenger.

I spent an hour with the top class and asked them questions on the O. Testament and the catechism which they answered intelligently. Most of them appeared to have a good working knowledge of the O.T. stories. They appeared to understand the idea of the gradual revelation of God in the O.T.

I awarded the Bishop's Prayer Book to Nicholas Brittain and certificates to Kathleen Smith, Henry Lovegrove, Graham Harvey, Judith Brittain and Michael Tomlinson.

Sep 11 1947

I was away ill.

Sep 22 1947

I returned to school.

Nov 19 1947

Nurse visited school, every child clean.

Nov 20 1947

School closed for wedding of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Nov 26 1947

Miss Cameron visited school and examined children's needlework.

Dec 19 1947

School closed for Xmas Holidays at noon today.

1948

Jan 7 1948

School re-opened after holidays. 1 child left 55 on roll.

Jan 12 1948

3 children left. 52 on roll.

Copy of H.M. Inspector's report on Longcot & Fernham School 24 December 1948

There are 48 children in this two class school and the number seems likely to increase. The premises provide two small classrooms and a hall of fair size. The classrooms with the present numbers are crowded and are likely to become more so, but good use is made of the hall for activities, fining and other purposes and it would be as well to retain the hall for this work so long as the classrooms do not become unduly crowded.

Class I contains 22 children of from eight to eleven years of age under the Head Mistress. In most instances the work in English Language and Arithmetic reaches a good standard. The work is rather too formal in character, but there is evidence of interest and effort on the part of the children and the written exercises are well supervised by the Head Mistress.

More use might well be made of local studies connected with the Courses in Nature Study and Geography and in these subjects and in History – there should be more opportunities for individual and co-operative practical work.

The children carry out neat formal pattern work in colour, but the scope of art work generally needs widening. The course in handwork is restricted by a shortage of materials.

The singing was tuneful and pleasant and the children all enjoyed the Country Dancing.

Class II contains a group of children who are well advanced in their basic studies. There is a marked difference between these children and the remainder of the class, and it would be well to transfer the whole group to the junior class next term, although this will give the Head Mistress rather a large class to handle.

The work in number of the children of this group is good, and their ability in reading is used in connection with the written calculations. The reading of most is very fluent, but rather too rapid, and in consequence somewhat lacking in expression. The approach to written English should be made less formal, in some of its aspects and should provide more opportunities for individual expression.

The class enjoys a good range of activities the hall or playground should be used for this – and other work as much as possible.

In essentials the work in both classes is sound and the children are friendly, alert, and responsive.

Jan 29 1948

The County Entrance Exam was held today – taken by 10 children.

Feb 23 1948

Headmistress (Mrs I.M. Duckham) away ill with influenza.

Mar 8 1948

Mrs Duckham returned to school.

Mar 24 1948

School closed for Easter Holidays.

Apr 13 1948

School opened after holidays. 3 children admitted and one left. No. on roll 52

Apr 19 1948

Another child admitted. No. on roll 53.

Apr 26 1948

School closed p.m. for Silver Wedding of King and Queen.

May 6 1948

School closed for Ascension Day

May 14 1948

School closed for Whitsun Holiday

May 24 1948

School opened after Whitsun Holiday. One child admitted. No. on roll 54.

Kathleen Smith and Charmaine Morris went to Faringdon County School for an interview for Scholarship (p.m.)

May 25 1948

Judith Britain went for an interview to Faringdon County School (a.m.)

May 26 1948

Nurse brought glasses for Margaret Head.

May 27 1948

Nicholas Brittain and Clifford Vaisey went for an interview for scholarship to King Alfred's School, Wantage (p.m.)

June 21 1948

Children examined in Scripture by Rev. Bond.

Holiday for remainder of day.

June 22 1948

Miss West came to see children do their physical exercises.

June 30 1948

Dr Kickson inspected children today.

July 2 1948

School closed. Children went for outing to Weston Super Mare.

July 5 1948

Graham Harvey went for interview for Scholarship to King Alfred's School Wantage (p.m.)

July 7 1948

Nurse visited school – all clean except one.

Nicholas Brittain, Clifford Vaisey, Graham Harvey, Judith Brittain, Charmaine Morris and Kathleen Smith heard today that they had been awarded scholarships.

July 19 1948

School closed for days holiday.

Report of Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools – Examiner. Rev G.G.C. Bond

This is an excellent school and grand work is being done by the Head Teacher and her Assistant. Prayers taken by the Head were a delight, and there was a spirit of devotion throughout, which was shared by all the children.

Models of incidents in the Life of Our Lord were remarkably well done by the Infants and included subjects not often attempted: while their answers to questions were eager, general and to the point. In the Senior section some of the large class had done a model of their Parish Church which was remarkably realistic, and showed that they had been there, and taken careful note of many of its features. Later questions on the interior of the Church gave ample proof that they understood all its various appointments.

Both the written and oral work of this class gave proof of the steady and efficient teaching that had been given over the whole range of the syllabus. My visit was, for me, a most happy one, and I shall hope to return at some future date.

Bishops Prize
Certificates

Henry Lovegrove
Charmaine Morris, Elizabeth Prior

July 29 1948

School closed for the Summer Holiday.

Sep 8 1948

School opened after holiday. Ten children left for Senior Schools. One child admitted. No. on roll 46. The school has been redecorated outside and inside.

Sep 24 1948

School closed for teachers to attend the Teachers' Conference at Reading

Sep 2 1948**Oct 29 1948**

School closed for half term holiday

Nov 1 1948

School closed for half term holiday

Nov 2 1948

School resumed after half term.

Nov 9 1948

Dr Hickson visited school to obtain certain particulars re sanitation accommodation etc.

Nov 18 1948

Children took first part of scholarship examination.

Dec 22 1948

School closed for Xmas Holidays.

1949

Jan 11 1949

School re-opened after Xmas. 3 children admitted. No. on roll 49

Jan 25 1949

Nurse visited school – every child clean.

Men came to repair playground.

Jan 27 1949

Dentist visited school and examined every child's teeth.

Feb 12 1949

Received notice from Reading that Colin Mowatt was to take the second part of the Scholarship Examination on Feb. 24th.

Feb 18 1949

School closed for half term holiday.

Feb 21 1949

School closed for half term holiday.

Feb 22 1949

School resumed after half term holiday.

Feb 23 1949

Dentist visited school

Feb 24 1949

Colin Mowatt took 2nd part of Scholarship Exam.

Feb 28 1949

I resigned as Headmistress of Longcot School.

Apr 4 1949

Took over duties of Headmaster in succession to Mrs I.M. Duckham. Miss Messenger having been in charge since Mrs Duckham Resigned. *D.G. Reeves*

Apr 13 1949

School closed for Easter Holidays.

May 3 1949

School reopened. 5 children admitted. No. on roll 54

May 4 1949

Visit of photographer

May 9 1949

1 boy admitted.

May 13 1949

School visited by School Nurse. All clean save one.

May 26 1949

School closed (Ascension Day)

June 3 1949

School closed for Whitsun holiday (1 week)

June 13 1949

School reopened after Whitsun Holiday.

June 14 1949

Two children admitted. No. on roll now 56.

June 30 1949

Miss E. E. Messenger left today for Bedford Emergency training College.

July 5 1949

Mrs Perkins (Swindon) took up her duties as Infant Teacher in absence of Miss Messenger.

July 11 1949

Scripture Examination: Examiner Rev. H. Mansbridge. The Bishop's Prize was awarded to June Lawrence and certificates were gained by Colin Mowatt and Betty Jackson. The school was closed for a half holiday.

July 28 1949

School closed for summer holidays. 8 children transferred to Faringdon Secondary Modern School.

Sep 2 1949

School reopened after summer holidays. Four new entrants. No. on roll now 52.

Sep 9 1949**Report of Diocesan Inspector**

"My visit to this school was a most happy one. The Assembly and Prayers were carried out with an air of devotion by staff and children alike. The year's work was hard to access as both Mr Reeves and his Assistant, Mrs Perkins, are new to the school. The infants on the whole were keen to answer, and showed a good knowledge of Our lord's Life for children so young. The Juniors showed a very keen interest in religious knowledge. They have a model of the Parish Church and showed that they go inside and know about its furnishings and past. With regard to the Church Catechism, they knew what they had covered with Mr Reeves and one or two children gave very good explanations. Altogether I was very impressed and came away with the certain knowledge that in this school the Religious Teaching is being carried out sincerely, and that the children enjoy every minute of it"

Rev H Mansbridge

Sep 26 1949

Visit of school doctor.

Sep 30 1949

School closed – staff attending Conference at Reading.

Oct 12 1949

Visit of School nurse.

Oct 24 1949

Visit of Film Unit of National Savings Movement.

Oct 28 1949

School closed for half term holiday.

Nov 2 1949

School reopened after half term.

Nov 7 1949

Mrs Perkins absent from duty owing to illness.

Nov 28 1949

Mrs Perkins resigned owing to ill-health.

Nov 29 1949

My wife helping in the mornings until supply teacher can be obtained. Director of Education informed.

Dec 1 1949

By arrangement with Mr White (Faringdon Modern (Sec) School) my wife will teach here until end of term.

Dec 14 1949

Reported Dudley Spooner (Faringdon Mod. Sec. School) to his headmaster for firing pellets at children during break.

Dec 21 1949

School closed for Christmas holidays

1950

Jan 10 1950

School reopened after Christmas holidays. One new entrant No. on roll 53.

Jan 16 1950

Mr J. S. Westcott (Trainee Teacher) joined staff. Mrs Reeves continuing in mornings.

Feb 21 1950

Results of Preliminary Examination. Angela Wilson, Ruth Habgood, Timothy Cox, James Larkin, David Aston 'passed' Victor Lovegrove failed.

Feb 22 1950

Children attended Ash Wednesday Service in Longcot Church.

Feb 23 1950

School closed as it is being used as polling centre for General Election.

Feb 24 1950

School closed for half term holiday.

Feb 28 1950

School reopened after half term holiday.

March 2 1950

Angela Wilson, Timothy Cox, David Aston and James Larkin took second part of County Entrance Examination. Ruth Habgood absent owing to mumps.

March 24 1950

Jean Whitman left. No. on roll now 51.

March 31 1950

Tony Curtis left. No. on roll now 50

Apr 5 1950

School closed for Easter holidays. Reopening April 25th.

Apr 25 1950

School reopened after Easter holidays. 5 admitted. No. on roll now 55.

May 1 1950

Michael Wallis admitted. David Brooks left. No. on roll 56.

May 9 1950

Visit by school nurse.

May 12 1950

Results of second part of examination. Angela Wilson, James Larkin, Timothy Cox selected for interview. David Aston failed. Ruth Habgood .

May 18 1950 Ascension Day

Children attended special service conducted by Rev. H. Mansbridge in the village church. School closed for the day.

May 19 1950

12 children visited mark garden belonging to Mr Carter of Faringdon.

May 25 1950

School closed for Whitsun holidays.

May 30 1950

School reopened after Whitsun holidays

June 5 1950

Miss Messenger returned to this school as Infants Teacher after 12 months absence at Emergency Training College.

Visit of School Medical Officer. Elsan lavatories recommended for children.

Mrs Reeves ceased to teach "part-time".

July 3 1950

Shirley Lovegrove left. No. on roll 54.

July 5 1950

Scripture Examination Rev. W.R. North. Half holiday.

Bishop's Prize awarded to Ruth Habgood: Certificates to David Aston and Timothy Cox.

July 22 1950

School closed for Summer holidays.

James Larkin, Timothy Cox left for King Alfred's Grammar School, Wantage. Angela Wilson left County Grammar School for Girls, Faringdon. Ruth Habgood, David Aston, Victor Lovegrove left for modern Secondary School, Faringdon.

Sept 7 1950

School reopened after holidays.

Miss J. V. Howse assumed duties as Assistant Mistress. Two children admitted – Pamela Stanley and Bruce Lovegrove. 49 on roll.

Sept 11 1950

Admitted John Weir and Margaret Wilson No. on roll 51.

Sept 18 1950

Michael Wallis left. No. on roll now 50.

Sept 29 1950

School closed. Staff attending Reading Teachers Conference.

Miss E.E. Messenger resigned her post as Infants Mistress.

Oct 4 1950

Owing to staff illnesses I was obliged to close the school for the afternoon at 2 p.m.

Oct 9 1950

Admitted Christine Mitchell. No. on roll 51.

Visit of School Medical Nurse. One girl verminous, parents informed.

Oct 10 1950

Mrs Cripps began duties as supply teacher until permanent appointment can be made.

Oct 20 1950

Margaret Weedon left. No. on roll 50

Oct 26 1950

School closed for half term holiday.

Oct 31 1950

School reopened after half term holiday.

Nov 1 1950

Ronald and David Newbury left. 48 on roll.

Nov 2 1950

Was obliged to send John Weir home by Mr Brittain on account of illness. Boy returned in afternoon.

Nov 3 1950

Was obliged to send John Weir home again this time with letter to mother suggesting that he should be kept home until better.

Nov 6 1950

Admitted Terence Perry and Anthony Gingell. No. on roll 50.

Nov 15 1950

Dr Hickson (School Medical Officer) and School Health Nurse visited school.

Nov 24 1950

Pamela Stanley left. No. on roll 49.

Dec 7 1950

Mr Brewerton (H.M.I.) paid in informal visit.

Dec 19 1950

School closed for Christmas holidays.

1951

Jan 9 1951

School reopened after Xmas holidays. Number on roll 49.

Jan 12 1951

Miss Whittart Assistant P.T. Organiser visited school – saw Juniors (8-11) doing Physical Training.

Jan 19 1951

Christine Mitchell left. No. on roll now 48.

March 7 1951

Mr Hutchins visited school.

March 9 1951

Terence Perry and Anthony Gingell left. No. on roll 46.

March 15 1951

Mary Dabney, Duncan McIntosh and Una Muir took second part of County Entrance Examination.

March 21 1951

School closed for Easter holidays.

Apr 12 1951

School reopened after Easter holidays.

Gillian Webster, Susan Horlick, John Cuss admitted. No. on roll 49.

Apr 15 1951

Monica Brittain No. on roll 50.

May 3 1951

Ascension Day service held in Longcot Church. Half holiday.

May 4 1951

Sheila Rosemary Davis admitted. ;No. on roll 51.

May 12-16 1951

School closed for Whitsun and half term holiday.

May 22 1951

Informed Medical office of Measles epidemic now prevalent.

June 1 1951

Mary Betterlin left. No. on roll now 50.

June 14 1951

8 children took intelligence test.

July 2 1951

Admitted Evelyn Pantine, aged 5. No. on roll now 51.

July 24 1951

School closed for summer holidays. 7 children left.

Sep 4 1951

School reopened. Three children admitted. No. on roll 46.

Oct 1 1951

John Cuss left No. on roll 45.

Oct 2 1951

Admitted Joan Witchell aged 5 years. No. on roll 46.

Oct 11 1951

Mr John Morley county Drama Organiser visited school in the afternoon.

Oct 25 1951

School closed for General Election.

Oct 26 1951

School closed for half term holiday.

Nov 5 1951

School reopened following half term holiday.

Nov 8 1951

Miss Trichell, Needlework Organiser visited school.

Nov 15 1951

Betty Jones, Graham Goddard, Joyce Burden, Frances Brittain took first part of County Entrance Examination. Frank Lovegrove absent.

Nov 19 1951

Betty & Anthony Jones left. No. on roll 44.

Nov 26 1951

Glynis Davies admitted. No. on roll now 45.

Dec 18 1951

I was obliged to be absent from school owing to house moving. Permission was obtained from Reading and Correspondent informed.

Dec 21 1951

School closed for Christmas holidays.

1952

Jan 8 1952

School reopened after Christmas holidays.

Jan 9 1952

Admitted Jennifer Lawrence. No. on roll now 46.

Jan 18 1952

Miss J V. Howse absent today through illness.

Jan 21 1952

Miss J.V. Howse returned to duty.

Jan 24 1952

Mrs Cripps absent today as she was attending an interview.

Jan 25 1952

Mrs Cripps returned.

Jan 31 1952

Mrs Cripps ceased to be employed part-time (regularly), Mrs Howse taking over Infants class.

Feb 4 1952

Admitted Susan and Gillian Hilton. No. on roll 48.

Feb 7 1952

(H.M. King George VI died)

Feb 15 1952

(Funeral of H.M. King George VI)
School closed for half term holiday.

Feb 22 1952

School reopened after half term holiday.

March 21 1952

Miss Cooling H.M.I. Needlework visited the school.

Mar 31 1952

Admitted April Jefferies No. on roll 50.

Apr 8 1952

April Jefferies left. No. on roll 49.
School closed for Easter Holidays.

Apr 22 1952

School reopened.
Admitted Raymond Burden, Sylvia Lovegrove, Pamela Holcombe, Kathleen Diccox, Kenneth Diccox.
No. on roll now 54.
Jean Blatchley left. No. on roll 53.

July 29 1952

School closed for summer holidays.

Sept 2 1952

School reopened.

Admitted Judith Larkin, Ann Luker, Martin Jackson and Sheila Reynolds.

Monica Brittain, Joan Witchell, Frances Brittain, Graham Goddard, Frank Lovegrove, Joyce Burden, Kathleen Diccox and Kenneth Diccox left.

No. on roll now 49.

Sept 5 1952

Robert and Gillian Webster left. No. on roll now 47.

Sept 6 1952

Visit by school nurse.

Sept 26 1952

Pamela and Ronald Holcombe left. No. on roll 45.

Sept 29 1952

Admitted David Elbrow. No. on roll 46.

Sept 30 1952

Admitted Alan Blyth. No. on roll 47.

Oct 10 1952

Sheila and Glynis Davies left. No. on roll 45.

Oct 23 1952

Miss Whittard P.T. Organiser visited school.

Oct 24 1952

School closed for half term.

Nov 3 1952

School reopened after half term.

Nov 5 1952

Re-admitted Pamela Stanley and admitted Geoffrey Stanley. No. on roll 48.

Dec 10 1952

Medical inspection by School Medical Officer.

Dec 11 1952

Medical inspection by School Medical Officer.

Dec 18 1952

School closed for Christmas holidays.

1953

Jan 6 1953

School reopened after Christmas holidays.

Poor attendance in infant department owing to epidemic of mumps in the village. Miss J.V. Howse was unable to return to duty owing to illness. Miss M. Morris has taken over her duties for this week.

Director informed.

Jan 12 1953

School without an infant teacher. Miss Howse being still away and Miss Morris having returned to College.

Admitted Desmond Elbrow No. on roll 49.

Jan 14 1953

Miss Howse returned duties.

Feb 13 1953

School closed for half term holiday.

Feb 23 1953

School opened after holiday. Admitted Janet West. No. on roll 50.

March 31 1953

School closed for Easter Holiday.

Apr 14 1953

First day of Summer Term.

Admitted Betty & Albert Chaney (no. on roll 52). And Malcolm Goddard No. on roll 53.

Apr 20 1953

Admitted Christopher Harris. No. on roll 54.

May 4 1953

Visit of School Nurse. Jennifer Lawrence sent home with suspected chickenpox.

May 9 1953

Pamela and Geoffrey Stanley left. No. on roll 52.

May 14 1953

School closed for Ascension Day.

May 15 1953

School reopened

May 22 1953

School closed for 3 days Whitsun holiday.

May 27 1953

School reopened

May 29 1953

School closed for week's half term holiday coinciding with Queen Elizabeth's Coronation. Children were given Coronation beakers by Berkshire Education Committee.

June 8 1953

School reopened

July 31 1953

School closed for Summer holidays. Miss J V Howse left. 7 pupils left for Faringdon Modern School.

Sept 1 1953

School reopened with Miss M. B. Morris succeeding Miss Howse as Infants Teacher. Admitted Teresa Vaughan, Brian Chaney, and Edward Hilton. Number on roll 48.

Sept 14 1953

Admitted Belinda Taylor (on holiday) No. on roll 49.

Sept 25 1953

B. Chaney, Betty Chaney & Brian Chaney left. 46 on roll.

Sept 29 1953

Admitted Carol Ann Lamb. No. on roll 47.

Dec 18 1953

School closed for Christmas holidays.

1954

Jan 7 1954

School reopened

Jan 15 1954

Visit of school doctor.

Jan 28 1954

Took 10 children to Swindon to see film of 'The Conquest of Everest'.

Feb 1 1954

Admitted John Hever. No. on roll 47.

Feb 18 1954

Pricilla West took second part of C.E.E. Margaret Daisy absent.

Feb 19 1954

School closed for half term holiday.

March 1 1954

School reopened

March 16 1954

Dr Haskitt (School Medical Service) visited school in order to examine David Gerring.

March 22 1954

I was obliged to cane eight boys for climbing on school coal house roof during period when Miss Morris was in charge. Large stones had also been thrown by them and trees broken.

March 23 1954

Received medical report on David Gerring (I.Q.89).

Mr and Mrs Head stopped me outside school re caning of Michael. Apparently I had produced a weal on the boy's hand which kept him awake all night. There is slight mark on the boys hand which I examined before he left school last night. Accused in no uncertain fashion of cruelty and threatened by the Heads if it should occur again! There have been no complaints from other parents!

March 30 1954

Miss Morris absent through illness. Phoned Reading for replacement.

Apr 5 1954

Miss Morris returned.

Apr 13 1954

School closed for Easter holiday.

Apr 27 1954

School reopened 2 children admitted. 48 on roll. School kitchen redecorated and new ceiling made.

June 1 1954

School closed: County Council Elections

Jun 4 1954

Half term – school closed.

July 14 1954

School reopened after half term holiday.

July 15 1954

School was closed during this morning for completion of repairs to school floor.

July 28 1954

School closed for summer holiday. 11 children left.

Aug 31 1954

School reopened after Summer holidays. No new entrants. Number on roll 37 – the lowest for a very long time.

Oct 22 1954

School closed for half term holiday.

Nov 1 1954

Reopened after half term holiday.

Dec 17 1954

Closed for Christmas holidays. John Iver left.

1955

Jan 4 1955

Reopened. Admitted Stephen Hinder & Michael West. No. on roll 40.

Jan 7 1955

Poor attendance all week owing to very cold weather.

Despite repairs to doors and the erection of two larger stoves this school is still uncomfortably cold 45⁰ being the average temperature during the cold spell.

Feb 4 1955

Helen Hockley left. No. on roll 39

Feb 11 1955

School closed for half term holiday.

Feb 23 1955

Reopened after half term

March 4 1955

School nurse visited school and inspected children.

Apr 6 1955

School closed for Easter Holidays.

Apr 19 1955

School reopened. 39 on roll

Apr 20 1955

Admitted Kathleen Crosbie. No. on roll 40

May 19 1955

Admitted Patricia Ann Taylor (U.S.A.) – 41

May 24 1955

Medical inspection: 28 children examined by Doctor.

May 26 1955

School closed for use as Polling Station General Election.

May 27 1955

School closed for mid term holiday until reassembles on June 6th.

June 6 1955

School reopened

June 13 1955

Admitted Pamela Stanley & Geoffrey Stanley. Number on roll 43.

July 22 1955

School closed: Summer holidays.

Sep 6 1955

School reopened 34 only on roll

Oct 3 1955

Admitted Belinda Taylor. 35 on roll.

Oct 5 1955

Assistant School Medical Officer examined 'specials'.

Oct 24 1955

Admitted Dennis McMaster No. 35.

Dec 20 1955

School closed for Christmas holiday.

1956

Jan 10 1956

School reopened 33 on roll.

Jan 23 1956

Admitted Valerie Margaret Carter. No. on roll 34

Mar 28 1956

School closed for Easter holiday.

Apr 18 1956

School reopened Admitted Olive Lovegrove, Stewart Lawrence & Patrick Crosbie. No. on roll 36.

Apr 23 1956

Admitted Paul Taylor. Number on roll 37.

May 18 1956

School closed for half term holiday.

May 22 1956

School reopened

July 16 1956

School took part in Folk Dance Festival at Faringdon.

July 20 1956

School closed for Summer holidays. 7 children left. Denis McMaster for American School. Stuart Roberts for king Alfred's Grammar School, Wantage. Victor Harris, Ross Muir, Monty West, David Gerring and Carolann Lamb for Faringdon Modern Secondary School.

Sept 5 1956

School reopened Admitted Jacqueline Jackson. Number on roll 31.

Sept 6 1956

Visit paid by H.M.I. Mr Brewerton and Mr Atkins inspected school building.

Sept 13 & 14 1956

Took class in 2 halves to visit White Horse Hill, Waylands Smith and The Ridgeway in connection with present History lessons.

Sept 24 1956

Miss Cooling H.M.I. visited school.

Sept 28 1956

Miss Trickett, Housecraft Organiser visited school.

Oct 1 1956

Admitted Pamela, Geoffrey and Michael Stanley. No. on roll 34.

Dec 20 1956

School closed for Christmas holidays.

1957

Jan 8 1957

Admitted Steve Ackrill. No. on roll 35

Jan 9 1957

Visited Deputy Director and members of County Education Committee.

4.2.57 Admitted Arario Castalrife (Ital) 36.

4.2.58 11.6.57 Admitted June & Rosemary Bint 38

Apr 5 1957

School closed for Easter

Apr 30 1957

School reopened Admitted George Tinney, Susan Elbrow, Judith Davies. No. on roll 41.

May 17 1957

Mrs Cooling H.M.I. visited the school and informed me of full inspection on May 24th.

May 24 1957

Mrs Cooling inspected the school.

Pamela, Geoffrey & Michael Stanley left. No. on roll now 38.

May 31 1957

School closed. Miss Morris took 28 older children to Bath West Show at Swindon.

June 4 1957

Mrs Henry School Nurse visited school and inspected the children.

June 17 1957

Medical inspection.

June 25 1957

Miss McConnell visited school in connection with Folk Dance Festival to be held on July 17 at Faringdon County Primary School.

June 26 1957

Mr Trueman visited the school.

June 22 1957

End of term. One boy leaving for King Alfred's Grammar School. 2 boys and 2 girls for Faringdon Sec. Mod.

Miss Morris left.

Sept 11 1957

School reopened No assistant. 3 children admitted. 35 on roll.

Sept 13 1957

School nurse visited.

Sept 17 1957

Admitted Jeffrey and Clayton Shepherd. No. on roll 37.

H.M.I. Report 24 May 1957

The school is situated in pleasant surroundings near the centre of Longcot village, and at the time of the inspection there were 39 children on roll. The children are divided into two classes, a top class of 23 juniors, and one of 16 infants and first year juniors.

There are one large and two small classrooms, one of which provides an over-crowded home for the infants class. The other is at present used as a store. The heating, though improved since the rooms were ceilinged, is still inadequate. The general state of decoration is poor. The two blocks of sanitary offices are primitive in design and are in a poor state of repair. The boys' offices in particular are dirty and unhygienic. Washing facilities are inadequate. The small playground is separated from a field by a dangerous barbed wire fence.

Furniture of a suitable size is required for the older children in the infant class, and so are bookshelves in both rooms. There is a serious shortage of apparatus and play material for the infants, and more reading and reference books are required. There is no climbing apparatus in the playground. The School Meal for which about ten children stay, is supplied from a central kitchen. Rather more children bring sandwiches.

The Headmaster has been here eight years. The Assistant Mistress came straight from College three years ago. Teachers and children work hard and cheerfully together in the rather depressing and uncomfortable surroundings.

Because of the lack of space the work in the infants class is more formal than the Mistress would like, but in general progress is satisfactory in reading, writing and number. There is however a group of slower children who require a good deal of attention. In the junior class too there is a group of slower children. In this class the children are friendly; but they do not have many opportunities of meeting other people or of visiting other places and this suggests the need for greater stress on clear and correct speech and on an extension of their vocabulary by means of poetry and drama. They might, too, be given many more opportunities of free writing in all subjects. The standard of written work is at present very variable and some of the books are untidy. The children are grouped for arithmetic according to ability, and the mechanical processes they learn are sensibly applied to the solution of practical problems. Most of the children read well and show a good understanding of what they have read. They are keenly interested in Nature Study and art and craft have an important place in the daily work. Singing is good.

In spite of the conditions this is a sound and happy school.

Oct 3 1957

Informed medical officer of 65% absence due to 'flu and was advised to close the school for a week.

Nov 6 1957

Although attendance was better there are still 33% away in junior and 35% in infant. Medical Dept. advised closing for a further week.

1958

Jan 7 1958

School reopened after Christmas Holidays.

Number on roll 36.

I commenced duties as Acting Headmaster in succession to Mr W.G.Reeves who resigned on December 31st 1957, having closed the school on December 20th 1957. *C.H. Wells*

Mrs Taylor continuing as unqualified Temporary Supply Teacher with the Infants Class.

Jan 8 1958

Mr Saunders visited school.

Jan 10 1958

Mr Noble, County Music Organiser, called at School regarding a complaint by Mr W.G. Reeves about the effect of damp on the piano.

Jan 13 1958

The Clerk of Works (county Architects Dept) called to inspect work done on drains, floor and roof gutters.

Jan 14 1958

Visit of school nurse.

Jan 15 1958

Mrs Taylor absent from duty.

Jan 16 1958

Secondary School Selection, verbal reasoning test for 10+ age group. Eleven children sat, with one 11+ child absent from previous test.

Feb 4 1958

Mrs Taylor absent from duty.

Feb 14 1958

Mrs Taylor returned to school.

Feb 19 1958

School reopened after the half term holiday.

Feb 20 1958

Secondary School Selection; the second part of the examination was taken by Susan Hilton and sylvia Lovegrove.

Mar 14 1958

Miss Cooling H.M.I. visited the school during the morning and remained about 1 hour.

Mar 24 1958

Mr Truman, Deputy Director of Education, visited the school at 3.40 p.m. and discussed the future of the school.

Mar 28 1958

Mrs Taylor absent from duty.

Mar 31 1958

Mr Brook, Director of School Broadcasting for the Southern Area visited the school to see the children's work in connection with three B.B.C. programmes on "clothes" in the series "People, Places and Things". He took samples of the children's work books, and requested photographs of three models made by the children. (an Australian Sheep Farm, A Cotton Plantation, and A Rubber Plantation.)

Apr 2 1958

School closed at 3.45 pm. for the Easter Holidays. Number on roll 36.

Apr 23 1958

School reopened after the Easter Holidays. Admitted Stella Shepherd and Jane McIntosh. Number on roll 38.

May 23 1958

School closed at 3.45 p.m. for half term holiday.
Judith Davis left for London. Number on roll 37.

May 28 1958

School reopened after half term holiday.

May 29 1958

Mrs Taylor absent from duty during afternoon due to a medical appointment.

June 2 1958

Admitted David and Anne Richards. Number on roll 39

June 6 1958

Mario Castabile left the school. Address unknown. Number on roll 38.

June 12 1958

School closed during afternoon on the occasion of the first Faringdon Area Primary School sports. 22 children accompanied by C.H. Wells travelled to Faringdon by coach and a team was entered from the school. Five children were chosen to represent the Faringdon Area at the North Berks Athletics Championships at Buckland on July 4th.

June 13 1958

School used during morning session for second Polio immunisation for Longcot and Fernham; the first being on May 16th. This disrupted the normal work.

July 3 1958

Alan Blyth, Raymond Burden, Edward Hilton, Desmond Elbrow, and Mavis Jackson were absent from school during the afternoon as they were competing in the North Berks Athletics Championships at Buckland.

June 24-30 1958

The school was completely rewired by the Southern Electricity Board which school was in progress. Considerable disruption of school work was caused.

July 8 1958

School closed. 23 Junior children travelled by coach in charge of Mrs Taylor and Mr C.H. Wells to London. The Tower of London was visited and a trip from Westminster to Greenwich and return was taken by board. Many places of interest were seen during a circular tour of the city by coach.

July 22 1958

An open afternoon was held at which about 30 parents and friends were present. Songs were sung by the Juniors accompanied by Mrs Burden on the piano. The infants recited nursery rhymes. A play written and produced by Judith Larkin entitled the "Wishing Cat" was performed. Prizes were presented by the Vicar, Rev. H. Mansbridge to the following children:-

Infants:	Class Prizes	Patrick Crosbie, Margaret Fitchett
	Progress Prizes	Stephen Luker, Stewart Lawrence
Junior	4 th Year	Sylvia Lovegrove, Susan Hilton
	3 rd Year	Kathleen Crosbie, Judith Larkin
	2 nd Year	Teresa Vaughan, Edward Hilton
	Special Prize	Martin Jackson

The Reliance Cup presented by Mr and Mrs Wilson for reliability and leadership shown by a 3rd year child was awarded to Judith Larkin.

Samples of the children's work in Art and Needlework were displayed and all the children's books were available for inspection.

July 23 1958

School was closed at 3.45 pm. for the Summer Holiday.

Gillian Hilton, Susan Hilton, Jennifer Lawrence, Sylvia Lovegrove, Raymond Burden and Martin Jackson left for Faringdon Secondary Modern School.

Sept 9 1958

School reopened after Summer Holiday. During the holiday the school has been renovated thoroughly. The large room has been panelled and redecorated and extensively repaired, as have the cloakroom and kitchen. The Infant's room is not yet completed and the men are still working in the school. New Racasan toilets have also been installed.

Sheila Daloney and Martin Dalby were admitted. Jeffery, Clayton and Stella Shepherd did not return to school having left the district. Number on roll now 31.

Sept 15 1958

Admitted Michael Pitts. Number on roll now 32.

Sept 11 1958

School nurse visited the school and found all children clean.

Sept 17 1958

20 children, comprising the Junior Class, visited Shrivenham during the afternoon for a performance of "Moon Magic" by the London Children's Theatre Company, sponsored by the Education Committee.

Sept 22 1958

Admitted Susan McRann from Gibraltar. Number on roll 33.

Sept 26 1958

School closed. Staff attending Reading Teacher's Conference.

Sept 23 1958

Admitted Malvina Chilcott from Wooton Bassett. Number on roll 34.

Oct 24 1958

School closed for half term holiday.

Oct 29 1958

School reopened after half term holiday.

Nov 7 1958

Malvina Chilcott left for an unknown destination. Number on roll 33.

Nov 11 1958

School closed during afternoon in order that I could attend the Director's meeting in Reading.

Nov 13 1958

C.H. Wells absent from school, after conducting Assembly, for attendance at Day Course at Oxford University Institute of Education, entitled "English in the Primary School".

Nov 18 1958

Mr Trueman visited the school.

Nov 24-28 1958

A new fence erected to replace the dangerous barbed wire fence forming the boundary of the school playground and Mr Magg's field.

Dec 5 1958

Susan McRann left school, removed to Blackpool. Number on roll 32.

Dec 10 1958

School medical officer examined 10 children.

Dec 11 1958

A carol concert comprising a film strip entitled "The First Christmas" lent by the Vicar of st. Marks Leamington Spa; A Nativity Play and Carols sung by Junior and Infant classes was held in school at 6.30 p.m. A large company of parents and friends completely filled the school. The collection taken up in aid of the Christmas Party Fund including donations, totalled £10.1.9.

Nov 20 1958

Ten children took first part of selection test. Judith Larkin was sent home unwell.

Dec 18 1958

The Christmas Party was held from 4.p.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec 19 1958

School closed at 3.45 p.m. for the Christmas holidays.

1959

Jan 6 1959

School reopened after the Christmas holiday.

I commenced duties as acting Headmaster, owing to Mr Well's absence for a nasal operation.

G. Davies

Admitted Graham Elbrow and Celia Taylor. Number on roll 34.

Jan 9 1959

Mr Saunders visited school.

Jan 26 1959

Mr Wells returned, so after a short discussion with him, I left. *G. Davies*

Jan 29 1959

Mr G Davies took over duties as Acting Headmaster owing to illness of C.H. Wells.

Feb 9 1959

C.H. Wells returned to school and commenced duties as Acting Headmaster.

Mr G Davies returned to Faringdon Modern School.

Feb 13 1959

School closed at 3.45 pm. for half term holiday.

Attendance this week 65% owing to influenza and measles.

Feb 18 1959

School reopened after half term holiday. Mrs Taylor absent from duty.

March 4 1959

Mrs Taylor returned to school.

March 5 1959

June Bint, Kathleen Crosbie and Judith Larkin sat the Secondary School Selection Examination.

March 18 1959

The school attended Longcot Church for Lenten service.

C.H. Wells attended a day course at Oxford University Institute of education on "Music in the Primary School" after opening the school.

March 25 1959

The School closed at 3.45 pm. for the Easter holiday.

School floor treated with Bourne Floor Seal.

Apr 15 1959

School reopened for the Summer Term.

Admitted Rosemary West, Luiza Scudlarz, and James Crosbie. Number on roll 37.

Apr 27 1959

Admitted Guiseppinna and Tonino Giorno. Number on roll 39

Apr 28 1959

School Nurse visited school and inspected the children. All found to be satisfactory.

May 12 1959

School used during afternoon session for polio inoculation.

May 15 1959

School closed at 3.45 pm. for half term holiday.

May 20 1959

School reopened after half term holiday.

May 22 1959

Guisseppina and Tonino Giorno removed from the register Mr Saunders having ascertained that they had left the district and were in a hostel at Bristol.

May 7 1959

All the children of the school attended church for an Ascension Day Service.

June 2 1959

Guisseppina and Tonino Giorno re-admitted to school. N.O.R. 39

June 4 1959

24 children of the Junior class travelled to Faringdon during the afternoon to take part in the Faringdon Area Primary School sports. Alan Blyth won the Boy's high jump, Judith Larkin the Girl's high jump, Mavis Jackson the girl's long jump and 80 yds under 11, and Edward Hilton was 2nd in boys 80 yds under 11 and 3rd in boys long jump. The school team was 3rd in the mixed relay.

June 8 1959

Six girls travelled to Oxford with Miss Rayboald, Headmistress of Shellingford C.E.School to attend the Schools Orchestral Concert sponsored by the Oxfordshire and Berkshire L.E.A.s.

June 16 1959

A mixed cricket team travelled to Faringdon C.P. School to play what is probably the first cricked match ever played by the school. Despite the lack of facilities at Longcot the children acquitted themselves well.

June 18 1959

School closed. Headmaster attended day course at Oxford on Primary School art and craft.

June 29 1959

The whole school attended church for a service at 10.15 a.m.

June 30 1959

School closed all day on the occasion of the school visit to Portsmouth and Southampton.

21 children accompanied by The Vicar, Mrs Luker, Mrs Taylor and Mr Wells, visited Nelson's Flagship "Victory" in Portsmouth Dockyard and enjoyed a three hour cruise in Southampton Water and the Solent to view R.M.S. Queen Elizabeth and the shipping in Southampton Docks. The party left Longcot at 8.30 a.m. and arrived back at 10.0 pm.

July 2 1959

Four children, Judith Larkin, Ann Luker, Alan Blyth and Edward Hilton travelled to Abingdon to compete in the N.Berks Primary School Athletics Championships as members of the Faringdon Area Team. Mavis Jackson was also chosen but was unable to travel owing to illness.

July 20 1959

An open afternoon and prize giving was held which was well supported by parents and friends. Songs were sung by the Junior children and the Infants recited number rhymes. A play written by Judith Larkin and Kathleen Crosbie entitled "St Genevieve of Paris" was performed.

Prizes were presented by the Vicar (rev. H. Mansbridge) to the following.

Special Prize for Sportsmanship:	Mavis Jackson
<u>Infants</u>	Margaret Fitchett, Maria Scudlarz, Ronald Lovegrove
<u>Juniors</u>	Patrick Crosbie, Anne Richards
1 st Year	Stephen Luker, Michael West
2 nd Year progress	David Richards, Edward Hilton
3 rd Year	Judith Larkin, Kathleen Crosbie
4 th Year	June Bint, Sheila Deloney.
progress	

The 'Reliance Cup' presented by Mr & Mrs Wilson was awarded to Edward Hilton.

The children's work was available for inspection. Coloured slides of the School Sports and Visit to Portsmouth were shown to parents.

July 21/22 1959

The chimneys of the school were rebuilt by Messrs Russell Spinage of Faringdon.

July 21 1959

A cricket match was played at Faringdon County Primary School. Longcot lost by 3 runs.

July 22 1959

School closed for the summer holiday at 3.45 pm.

Eleven children left for Secondary Schools. Kathleen Crosbie and Judith Larkin for Faringdon County Grammar School for Girls.

Alan Blyth, Desmond Elbrow, Malcolm Goddard, Christopher Harris, Albert Panting, June Bint, Rosemary Bint, Ann Luker, Janet West to Faringdon Secondary Modern School.

I concluded my duties as Acting Headteacher of Longcot and Fernham School. *C.H. Wells.*

July 30 1959

School used for Polio immunisation for Longcot District.

Sept 8 1959

School reopened after summer holiday.

Two children admitted making 30 on roll.

I Miss H.M. Knight commenced duties as Acting Head of this School.

Mr Saunders, Attendance Officer, visited school.

The Rev. Mansbridge, Chairman of the Managers, visited the school.

A police Sergeant visited the school to advise the Headmistress to warn children not to talk to, or go with strangers, as there had been several cases during the holidays of children being accosted and assaulted by a person unknown.

Sept 15 1959

Mr Saunders visited school.

Sept 22 1959

Mr Saunders visited school.

Sept 25 1959

Mrs Taylor (Infants Teacher) was in charge while Headmistress attended the Teachers' Conference at Reading.

Sept 29 1959

The Headmistress left school for a few hours on personal business, leaving Mrs Taylor in charge.
Mr Saunders visited school.

Oct 6 1959

Mr Saunders visited school.

Oct 8 1959

School closed for General Election.
An electrician was called in because the lights had failed.

Oct 12 1959

The Rev. Mansbridge visited the school at the Headmistress's request to discuss proposed wedding reception to be held in school on Sat. Oct 17th.

Oct 13 1959

Mr Saunders visited school.

Oct 16 1959

A Sergeant of the Shrivenham Police visited the school following a disturbing telephone call from a person unknown.

Oct 17 1959 (Saturday)

A wedding reception was held on the school premises, by arrangement with Mrs Maggs (School Correspondent) and the Berkshire County Council. The Headmistress was not officially notified of the arrangements.

The work of the school was very much disorganised by the clearing away of desks etc. on Friday afternoon and re-arranging these on the following Monday morning.

The Elsan closets were emptied by the Southern Counties Cleaning Service on the Saturday morning, but were again used by the wedding guests, and not emptied again for the use of the children on Monday.

The school key was held by the people concerned from Friday evening until Sunday, thus not giving the school cleaner sufficient time to clean the school in readiness for the children on Monday morning.

Oct 19 1959

Mr Saunders visited school.

Oct 20 1959

A photographer visited the school and photographed the children.

Mr Saunders visited school with regard to a deaf child who is to attend this school until Christmas.

Oct 22 1959

A short Harvest Festival Service was held in school in the morning.

Produce was sold to parents and friends at 3.30 p.m. A sum of £2 was raised – Proceeds, half to school fund and half to Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

Oct 23 1959

Mrs Thomas (school nurse) and Miss Hancock (speech therapist) visited the school to inspect the children. Report on cleanliness was satisfactory. A note was made of two children, Steve Ackrill and Jaqueline Jackson for special therapy.

School closed for half term holiday.

Oct 28 1959

School reopened after half term

A deaf child, Kenneth Blatchley of Watchfield is attending this school but is not on the register. This is by arrangement with the Berkshire Education Authority, and the child will attend until a special school for deaf children is opened in Swindon.

Nov 3 1959

Mr Saunders visited school.

A Mrs Johnson, who gives special tuition for the deaf child on Wednesdays and Fridays at his home, visited the school today to discuss the child and his work with the Headmistress and Infant Teacher. A person from the village brought in a tray of poppies to be sold in the school. The English lesson was interrupted.

Nov 5 1959

Mr White, Clerk of the Works visited the school.

Nov 6 1959

Miss Knight (Headmistress) was absent in the afternoon following teeth extraction. Mrs Taylor was in charge.

Nov 10 1959

Mr Firth H.M.I. visited the school in the afternoon and inspected the school and the children's work.

Mr Saunders visited school.

Nov 11 1959

Mr Bennet – assistant Director of Education visited the school in the lunch hour.

Nov 17 1959

Mr Saunders visited school.

Nov 24 1959

Mr Saunders visited school.

The Headmistress was absent on account of illness. Mrs Taylor, Infants teacher was in charge.

Nov 25 1959

Mr White, Clerk of the Works visited the school to inspect repair to stove.

Dec 1 1959

Mr Saunders visited school.

Dec 8 1959

Mr Chattel visited the school to inspect the playground prior to surfacing.

Dec 10 1959

Mr Saunders visited school.

Dec 15 1959

Mr Saunders visited school.

The children entertained parents and friends in the afternoon with songs, carols, plays and recitation.

Dec 17 1959

A party was held in the afternoon for the children. The Rev. Mansbridge visited the school during the party.

Dec 18 1959

A man called to fill the fire-extinguisher which was delivered to the school during the term.
School closed for the Christmas holiday.

1960

Jan 6 1960

School re-opened after Christmas holiday. Three more children admitted and one left before Xmas making 32 on roll.

Representatives of contractors for surfacing school playground called to examine the playground during the dinner hour.

Jan 11 1960

Mrs Taylor, Infants teacher was absent from school today as her little girl is ill. Mr Saunders visited school.

Another representative of contractors visited the school to inspect the playground.

Jan 12 1960

Mrs Taylor returned to duty.

A representative of the National Savings Movement visited the school.

Jan 14 1960

Only 15 children were present today out of 32 owing to inclement weather. The tai which usually brings children from Knighton did not arrive – nine school meals had to be cancelled.

Mrs Taylor, Infants teacher was absent.

Two children Stephen Luker and Michael West who should have taken the 10+ verbal reasoning test were also absent.

Jan 15 1960

School was closed today on account of heavy snowfall preventing Headmistress getting to school. The Infants teacher was also unable to come as her little girl was ill, also all school meals were cancelled from Wantage as the vans were unable to get out to the school.

Jan 18 1960

School re-opened. The headmistress and Infants teacher both returned to duties.

Jan 19 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

Jan 20 1960

Mr Webber visited the school.

Jan 27 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

Feb 2 1960

Received 1 ton coke from Messrs Indge & Sons

Mr Saunders visited school.

Feb 5 1960

Miss Jennings of the school meals department visited the school.

Feb 8 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

Feb 16 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

Feb 18 1960

Selection Test – 4 children.

Feb 19 1960

School closed for half term holiday.

Feb 24 1960

School reopened after half term holiday.

Feb 26 1960

The school Nurse visited school visited in the afternoon and weighed and measured the children prior to the medical examination fixed for wed. 2nd March.

Feb 29 1960

Miss McConnell visited the school to inspect site for bar for P.E.

N.B. The official Number of this School is now 120. See March Bulletin 1960

March 1 1960**March 2 1960**

Dr Harcourt Norris visited the school and examined 18 children.

March 3 1960

Mrs Taylor Infant Teacher was absent on account of illness.

March 10 1960

Mrs Taylor Infant Teacher was absent owing to illness of her child, Celia.

March 11 1960

Mrs Taylor absent.

Attendance very poor – only 16 children present out of 33 owing to coughs and sore throats.
One child left leaving 32 on roll.

March 14 1960

Mrs Taylor still absent on account of her child's illness.

March 15 1960

Two more children admitted making 34 on roll.

Attendance better – 28 present.

Mr Saunders visited school.

March 16 1960

Mrs Taylor returned to duty today.

March 18 1960

Mrs Luker, School meals helper was unable to serve dinner today. Mrs J. Elbrow was asked to help out, and was very satisfactory.

March 22 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

March 23 1960

Miss Jennings, School Meals Organiser visited the school.

March 28 1960

Two more children admitted today – 36 on roll.

March 30 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

Apr 6 1960

School closed for Easter holiday.

Apr 28 1960

School reopened after Easter Holiday – 40 on roll.

May 2 1960

Mr Bennett, Assistant Director of Education visited the school.

May 3 1960

Mr White, Clerk of the Works visited the school to inspect the building for repairs and measure the playground which has been surfaced during the Easter Holiday.

May 6 1960

School was closed today. A holiday was given to all schools in celebration of the Royal Wedding of Princess Margaret to Mr Anthony Armstrong-Jones.

May 10 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

May 17 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

May 24 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

A Mr Lisles visited and turned the piano in the afternoon.

May 25 1960

Representative of the contractors visited the school and examined the exterior to get estimate for redecoration of building.

May 30 1960

A Managers' meeting was held in the school at 7 p.m.

May 31 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

June 1 1960

Mr Chattel from the Architects Dept. Reading visited the school to inspect the playground which is rather sticky in hot weather following resurfacing.

June 2 1960

School closed for half term holiday. An extra day – Friday 3rd June has been granted in lieu of Ascension Day.

June 8 1960

School reopened after the half term holiday.

June 14 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

June 20 1960

A Managers' Meeting was held in the school at 6 p.m. Mr Bennet, Assistant Director attended.

June 21 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

June 23 1960

The school Nurse visited school and examined the children. Her report was satisfactory. Parents visited the school in the afternoon to see the children's work, and the children entertained them with songs and dances. It should have been a combined sports and Open Day but the sports were cancelled as the ground was too wet following a thunderstorm.

June 27 1960

The school sports were held this afternoon on the paddock of the Old Vicarage. Permission to use the field was granted by the Trustees of Barclays Bank.

Two children admitted from Coleshill making 42 on Roll.

June 28 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

July 5 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

July 7 1960

A representative of Brooke Bond Tea Ltd visited the school with a sound film projector and showed two very good films to the children. "Around East Africa" and "To the Four Corners of the British Isles".

July 8 1960

The headmistress was absent for the first part of the morning session owing to illness. Mrs Taylor was in charge. The Headmistress arrived during morning break 10.40 a.m.

July 12 1960

School was closed to day for Annual Outing – 22 Juniors and 2 staff to Ashmolean Museum Oxford, the park and colleges by steamer to Sandford to visit Messrs. Cannon & Clapperton Paper Mill.

July 15 1960

Two tons of coke received from Messrs. Indge & Sons.

July 17 1960

(Sunday) A climbing bar was fixed in the playground.

July 18 1960

Sand delivered by Messrs. R. Spinage for sanding the playground. This was ordered in the hot weather when the tar was still sticky.

July 19 1960

Mr Saunders visited school.

July 22 1960

School closed for the summer holiday.

Miss Knight resigned her post as acting Head of this School.

Sep 7 1960

School reopened after Summer Holidays.

Mr G Davies commenced duty as Acting Head.

Four new children admitted – 3 five year olds and one temporary.

Richard Doore; Wendy Rachael; Barbara Akrill, Peter Unsworth – temporary admission.

35 now on roll.

Sep 12 1960

Admitted two new children from Ogbourne St. George = Lynda Still 8.10.53 & Paul Still 21.4.55 – 37 on roll.

Sep 13 1960

Mr Trueman called, while in Longcot for selection of a new Headmistress.

Sep 15 1960

The Junior Department attended a performance of a play by the London Children's Theatre Co. at Shrivensham Memorial Hall in the afternoon.

Sep 20 1960

Mrs Taylor absent in the afternoon, child ill.

Sep 23 1960

Informed by Mr Saunders that Irvin and Wendy Rachael have removed to Cricklade and are now taken off the register. Number on roll is now 35.

Sep 29 1960

Closed school in order to visit Reading Teachers' Conference.

Oct 11 1960

Admitted one new boy – George Bull. No. on roll is now 36.

Oct 14 1960

Mr Firth, H.M.I. called today. He promised to get us some new infant furniture.

Oct 21 1960

Mr Webber, Administrative Officer, called to check on the size of infant tables needed. He also promised a Wendy House and two staff chairs.

Oct 26 1960

The county auditor came to check our records, found them satisfactory.

Oct 27 1960

The Vicar called to make arrangements for his weekly visit to teach the children their catechism. Thursday was the day we agreed on.

Oct 28 1960

Half term closure is Monday and Tuesday the 31st October and 1st November.

Nov 4 1960

Had a sale of toys for Christmas fund, raised 36/-

Nov 7 1960

Miss Jennings, of the School Meals Service, called to inspect the meals and the service. She was quite satisfied that all was being done that conditions would allow.

Nov 11 1960

Mrs Taylor absent today through illness.

Nov 15 1960

Mrs Taylor returned to duty this morning.

Nov 24 1960

Held Preliminary Part of the County Entrance Examination this morning. The Vicar acted as an invigilator and three children took part – Rosaline Doore, Stephen Luker and Michael West.

Dec 12 1960

34 now on roll as Lynda and Paul Still have removed to Frome, Somerset.

1961

Jan 10 1961

Commenced new term. No new admissions. Number on roll still 34.

Jan 19 1961

Held the 10+ Verbal Reasoning Test. Five children took the test.

Feb 6 1961

Have sent off the 3/- Affiliation Fee to the North Berks. Primary Schools Athletic Association.

Feb 10 1961

Closed the school for two days, the 8th & 9th as I had 'flu. Reopened today the 10th February 1961.

Feb 17 1961

School closed at 3.45 pm. for half term holiday.

Feb 22 1961

Asked the Shrivenham Police to check on a broken window in the store room.

Feb 23 1961

School Nurse came to check on cleanliness. Found everything satisfactory.

Feb 24 1961

Mr Feron, Physical Education, called in for a few moments to check on equipment.

Feb 27 1961

The school Medical Dept. rang up to try to arrange a Medical Inspection for 10th March, but postponed it to a later date owing to our prior arrangement of a Religious Education Inspection on the same day.

March 8 1961

We played a football match at Uffington School, and lost 1-0. A very creditable result as we had three girls in our team.

March 9 1961

Mrs Taylor absent as her child Celia has measles.

March 10 1961

Had our Diocesan Inspection this morning, and the children were granted a half day holiday.

March 13 1961

Mrs Taylor returned to duty this morning.

March 17 1961

Mrs Taylor was absent today.

March 22 1961

Owing to measles and coughs and colds, attendance is down to 44% today. I have informed the County Medical Officer.

March 29 1961

Closed the school this afternoon for Easter Holidays.

Apr 20 1961

Reopened for the Summer Term. Mrs Taylor back on duty. No new entrants. One child Peter Unsworth, returned to London. Moved up five infants into the Junior Section. Number on roll is now 33.

Apr 26 1961

Mrs Taylor at a course in Oxford. This is for one day a week and lasts eight weeks.

Apr 28 1961

Had a visit from the speech therapist of Faringdon Health Centre. She was trying to arrange treatment for Jacqueline Jackson and Steve Ackrill.

May 3 1961

Mrs Taylor at course for the day.

May 4 1961

School nurse called in to talk about the coming Medical Inspection.

May 5 1961

Medical Inspection held today. 18 examined.

May 10 1961

Mrs Taylor at course for the day.

May 11 1961

Went to church for Ascension Day service, then dismissed school for the day.

May 17 1961

Mrs Taylor at course for the day.

May 19 1961

Closed after afternoon school for the Whitsun week.

May 24 1961

Reopened after Whitsun.

May 25 1961

I went to Marcham today for an interview for the post of Headteacher.

May 31 1961

Mrs Taylor at course for the day.

June 7 1961

Mrs Taylor at course for the day.

Took the Juniors to Faringdon after school, to the District Sports. They all, team of 12, performed quite well.

June 14 1961

Mrs Taylor at course for the day.

With the Director's approval I have arranged the transfer of five of our infant tables and ten infant chairs to Shrivenham Primary School. I took them over in my car today.

June 19 1961

Miss A J Hearne visited the school this afternoon and talked to the children on the Welfare of Animals.

June 20 1961

All children over 7 went on the school trip today. We went to Berkeley Castle and the Wild Fowl Trust at Slimbridge. We had a fine day and everyone enjoyed the visit. Mrs Taylor, the Rev. Harman and myself were with the children.

June 21 1961

Mrs Taylor at course for the day.

June 28 1961

Mrs Taylor at course for the day.

July 4 1961

Mr Saunders tells me that the deaf child, Kenneth Blatchley, who has been at this school since October 1959, will be attending a school for the partially deaf in Swindon, next term.

July 6 1961

A meeting was held in the school yesterday evening to explain to parents the plans for the future of this school. The Rev. Harman was chairman and there were representatives from the Diocese and the Education Committee. There was some opposition to the scheme for joining with Shellingford in the building of a new school.

July 11 1961

Received 10 cwt of coke today. The first of this year's allowance.

July 12 1961

I took the children to Uffington School this afternoon to see a puppet show, which was organised for us by Mr Morley, the County Drama Organiser.

July 13 1961

Received 5 cwt of chopped wood today.

July 17 1961

Went with two children to the N.Berks. District Sports this afternoon, at Wantage.

July 20 1961

Had our prize-giving this afternoon, and the Vicar presented the Bishop's Prize and two certificates. About twenty parents attended.

Lower Juniors	Steve Ackrill, Margaret Fitchett
Upper Juniors	Patrick Crosbie, Susan Hodgkinson, Anne Richards
Leavers	Michael West, Stephen Luker, Rosaline Doore
Sport	Jacqueline Jackson, Graham Elbrow
The Bishop's Prize	Steve Ackrill
Certificates	Rosaline Doore, Stewart Lawrence.

July 24 1961

Took a Shinty Team to Shrivenham School this afternoon. We lost the game, 8-3.

There was a Manager's Meeting in the school at 3.30 pm. this afternoon. The Primary Schools' Advisor, Mrs Dean, brought the prospective Head for next term, Mrs Irvine.

July 26 1961

Closed school for the summer holidays this afternoon.

Three children leaving for Faringdon County Modern:- Rosaline Doore, Michael West, Stephen Luker.

I concluded my duties as Acting Head Master at this school. *G. Davies*

Sep 6 1961

I, Elizabeth Irvine, began duties here as head teacher today.

Rev. Harman called this morning.

Mr Saunders, attendance officer called.

No new pupils enrolled except Peter Unsworth, readmitted from Streatham.

Sep 7 1961

Nurse called today and examined the children's hair and teeth. Several cases of bad teeth reported.

Sep 12 1961

Mr Saunders Welfare Officer called today.

Sep 19 1961

Mr Saunders called

Sep 21 1961

Rev Harman took religious instruction this morning.

Oct 3 1961

Mrs Irvine attended Crisis in Mathematics Course at Ministry of Education Oxford. Mr Saunders introduced his successor.

Oct 5 1961

Rev. Harman took the religious instruction.

Oct 10 1961

Mr Saunders called with Mr Smith, the new Welfare Officer. Mrs Dean called.

Oct 16 1961

Mr Firth, H.M.I. called. Rev. Harman called and borrowed the daylight screen and projector. Mr Smith called.

Oct 13 1961

Mrs Pennington was present as clerical assistant.

Oct 19 1961

Piano was tuned by Mr Lear. Vicar called.

Oct 20 1961

Mrs Pennington present.

Oct 25 1961

Christine Massingham enrolled from Uffington School.

Oct 26 1961

The Vicar took religious ed.

Oct 27 1961

Mrs Pennington, clerical assistant, present for the last time. School closed for mid term.

Nov 1 1961

School reopened.

Nov 7 1961

Mr Smith Welfare Officer called.

Nov 9 1961

Rev. Harman took religious instruction.

Nov 14 1961

Headmistress attended Maths Course at Ministry of Education Oxford. Mr Smith Attendance Officer called.

Nov 16 1961

Vicar called and took religious instruction.

Nov 21 1961

Mr Smith Welfare Officer called.

Nov 23 1961

Six pupils sat Verbal Reasoning Test.

Rev. L. Harman invigilated.

The County Architect called.

Nov 28 1961

Mr Smith Welfare Officer called.

Dec 1 1961

Rev. Harman took religious instruction.

Dec 5 1961

Mr Smith Welfare Officer called.

Dec 7 1961

Rev. Harman took service.

Dec 11 1961

Meeting of Managers and Education Com.

Dec 13 1961

Mr Smith called. Rev. Harman called and reported school was not to be closed meantime.

Dec 14 1961

Rev Harman took Morning Service.

Dec 15 1961

Mrs Bromley supply headmistress for next term visited the school.
School party from 3-6 pm. Rev & Mrs Harman present.

Dec 19 1961

School closed today for Christmas Holidays.
I concluded my duties as headmistress – *E.H.G. Irvine*

1962

Jan 10 1962

Started duties as Supply Head. *E.M. Bromley*

Jan 11 1962

Severe gale rendered existing stoves impossible. Health visitor or routine inspection reported condition of school to office. Vicar took Junior scripture. Phone out of order.

Jan 12 1962

Stoves lit but dangerous. Tel. Call received from Office re stoves and permission to order ton of coal direct from Simpsons of Oxford by phone. 5 cwt of kindling wood delivered. Phone now working. Dr Norris visited for reinspection of 4 children.

Jan 15 1962

Vicar called to state that no second invigilator was necessary for the 10+ selection tests.

Jan 16 1962

5 children sat for 10+ selection tests in infant room at 10 a.m. Head sole invigilator. E.W.O. visited.

Jan 17 1962

Mrs Taylor absent sick.

Jan 18 1962

Mrs Taylor absent sick. Vicar took prayers and scripture. Ton coal delivered.

Jan 19 1962

Mrs Taylor still absent.

Jan 22 1962

Mrs Taylor returned to duty.

Jan 23 1962

E.W.O. visited

Jan 26 1962

Rector took prayers and junior scripture.

Jan 30 1962

E.W.O. visited

Jan 31 1962

Permission from Director of Education to dispose of 5 tables and 11 chairs to Mrs Luker and Mrs Taylor for £1.16.6 and 5/-. Requisition orders complete for 1961-62.

Feb 1 1962

Rector took prayers and junior scripture.

Feb 6 1962

E.W.O. visited

Feb 7 1962

Central Stores delivered goods ordered a few days ago. Order completed at cost of £

Feb 8 1962

Rector took prayers and Junior scripture.

Feb 12 1962

Another gale made stoves impossible. Main room unusable. Invited a manager in to see state of school. Some children went home early to lunch. Children staying, crowded into infant room to eat lunch. Boiler returned.

Feb 13 1962

E.W.O. visited

Feb 15 1962

Rector took prayers and Junior Scripture.
28lbs of Orvus (?) delivered.

Feb 21 1962

Arnold's delivery completed requisition for apparatus 1961-2. Canteen requisitions arrived.

Feb 22 1962

Rector took prayers and Junior scripture and was present for a short time at the 11+ tests being taken by 2 children.

Mrs Luker informed that she must not have children in the kitchen washing up for her.

Feb 23 1962

County Architect collected information about school. School closed for half term 26th & 27th.

Feb 28 1962

School reassembled. Mrs Taylor came but left again 9.15 am. because both her children were ill. Part text book requisition delivered.

Mar 1 1962

Mrs Taylor absent. Mr Harman took prayers and Junior Scripture.

Mar 2 1962

Mrs Taylor absent.

Mar 5 1962

Mrs Taylor returned to duty.

Mar 6 1962

E.W.O. visited

Mar 8 1962

Rector took prayers and Junior scripture.

Mar 13 1962

E.W.O. visited

Mar 15 1962

Rector took prayers and Junior scripture.

Mar 16 1962

Mrs Dean visited (Primary Schools Adviser)

Mar 20 1962

E.W.O. visited

Mar 22 1962

I had to leave the school all morning in charge of Mrs Taylor, whilst I made an emergency visit to the dentist.

Mar 27 1962

E.W.O. visited. Ton coke delivered.

Mar 28 1962

Fire extinguisher serviced.

Mar 29 1962

Rector took prayers and Junior scripture.

Apr 3 1962

E.W.O. visited

Apr 4 1962

2 juniors admitted – 34 on roll. (no desk or chairs for them)

Apr 5 1962

Miss Jennings, meals organiser visited. Mrs Taylor was on duty. Miss Jennings telephoned me 3.30 p.m. to express dissatisfaction at state of school meals service here and to suggest improvements.

Apr 11 1962

E.W.O. visited

Health inspector from County Council inspected school sanitation.

Apr 12 1962

Miss Jennings visited with Mr Webb to examine kitchen for improvements. School closed for Easter vacation.

May 1 1962

E.W.O. visited. Mr Webber delivered table & 2 chairs. Summer term commenced. 2 juniors admitted (Canadian-military) 36 on roll.

May 2 1962

Two old locker desks delivered by master from Sec.mod. school.

May 3 1962

Rector took prayers and Junior scripture.

Mr Buckley architect's office visited to inspect school for estimating cost of sanitation in school and revaluation for rating.

May 8 1962

E.W.O. visited

May 10 1962

Rector took prayers and Junior scripture.

May 11 1962

Mrs Taylor absent sick.

May 14 1962

3 ton coal delivered.

May 15 1962

E.W.O. visited. Visitor from architect's office visited again to estimate cost of sanitation for school. Jenny Lovelace fell off climbing frame and cut chin. Wound dressed. I took child home after school and mother took her to doctor.

May 16 1962

Infant (Canadian) removed to attend private school. Some requisitions delivered. 35 on roll.

May 17 1962

One child (Canadian) sat supplementary 11+ tests.

May 22 1962

E.W.O. visited

May 24 1962

Rector took prayers and Junior scripture.

May 25 1962

Mrs Taylor absent pm

May 29 1962

E.W.O. visited

May 30 1962

Assembly in church in order to test voices for Ascension Day Service.

May 31 1962

School closed for Ascension Day service in church 10 am. Compton Manor at 2.40 p.m.

June 1 1962

I took 6 Juniors to Area Sports H.J. & L.J. at Faringdon, leaving Mrs Taylor in charge of school at 2.30 pm.

June 5 1962

E.W.O. visited. Requisition (Arnolds) delivered. Juniors to Shrivenham for Area Sports.

June 6 1962

Asst. Director of Education visited school 2.30 pm re modernising of school.

June 7 1962

Rector took prayers and Junior scripture.
School closed for half term.

June 14 1962

School reassembled.
Architect visited re change in plans for improvements to school.

June 19 1962

E.W.O. visited

June 21 1962

Mrs Taylor in sole charge of school. Head attended conference at Abingdon.

June 25 1962

E.W.O. visited

June 26 1962

E.W.O. visited. 1 Junior and 1 Infant admitted. 37 on roll. Rang office for 2 desks and 4 chairs.

July 3 1962

P.E. Organiser visited. 10 cwt. Wood delivered. E.W.O. visited
3 children escorted p.m. to Faringdon for N. County Sports. 5 spectators allowed to travel by bus.

July 5 1962

Rector took prayers and Junior scripture.

July 6 1962

Mrs Taylor, Mrs Luker and I took 28 children to Bristol Zoo – school closed.

July 9 1962

S.E.B. came to repair fault in electrical system.
2 juniors admitted – 39 on roll.

July 10 1962

Electricity still faulty 11th Electrician took boiler away as it appeared the cause of trouble and installed one kindly lent by Mrs Luker.

E.W.O. visited

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July 11 1962

Mrs O'Brien newly appointed head of this school visited us pm.
Rector came too.

July 12 1962

Rector took prayers and Junior scripture.

July 13 1962

Judith Patterson interviewed at "The Elms" 10.30 am.

July 17 1962

E.W.O. visited

July 20 1962

J.Lovegrove taken home after fall on face.

My duties as Acting Head cease. School closed for Summer vacation.

Sept 11 1962

I commenced duty as Headteacher of the school. There are 39 children on roll. I am responsible for the education of the 8-11 year old group. The standard of the 9-11s is very low and work is very untidy.

Sept 12 1962

I rang the office to ask for direction and assistance with clerical work, which is in chaos.

Sept 13 1962

Mr Kirkpatrick rang and advised appointment of clerical assistant.

Sept 24 1962

Admitted Timothy Beattie and Idris Jenkins.

Oct 12 1962

Harvest Festival held in school. Parents attended. The proceeds were divided and £2.12.6 sent to Dr. Barnardo's Home at Frilford.

Mrs Smith commenced clerical duties.

Oct 22 1962

Mrs Taylor absent, death of parents.

I am taking both classes and working 9-12 and 1-3.15.

Two desks delivered to school.

Oct 24 1962

Mr Firth H.M.I. called.

Oct 25 1962

Mr Harman took all children for scripture.

Nov 5 1962

Mrs Taylor returned to school.

Nov 7 1962

School nurse inspected the children, will visit Mrs West, Mrs Vaughan re overweight children, & Mrs Pitts re rash on Michael's face.

Nov 12 1962

Mrs Taylor absent in afternoon due to illness of daughter.

Nov 14 1962

Mr Tollman, Health Inspector from County Council called – re sanitation.

Nov 15 1962

Rev. Harman took Junior Scripture.

Clock returned from stores.

Nov 22 1962

Rev Harman took Junior Scripture

Five children took Verbal Reasoning test.

There was a meeting at 3.30 pm. between the Director of Education and the Managers about the future development of the school.

Nov 23 1962

Put up the stage ready for Christmas activities.

Nov 28 1962

I was absent today to take my daughter to see the ENT specialist at Oxford. Mrs Taylor had charge of the school.

Nov 29 1962

Mr Harman took Junior Scripture.

Dec 17 1962

Children attended church and gave a service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Dec 18 1962

This afternoon there was a dress rehearsal, and preparation for the entertainment given to parents at 6 pm. this evening.

I was delighted with the great effort made by all children.

Dec 19 1962

School party.

Dec 20 1962

School cleared. Mrs Taylor ceases duty as assistant teacher.

Break up for Christmas vacation.

1963

Jan 8 1963

Spring term commenced. Mrs Alexander took up duties as Infant Teacher. 16 children only present due to snow. The electricity is fused and S.E.B. notified. Buckets not emptied since christmas. Enrolled one new boy Peter Jones.

Jan 9 1963

Still only Longcot children present. No dinners ordered.

Jan 10 1963

Rev Harman took whole school for scripture.

Jan 14 1963

Longcot children only present.

Jan 17 1963

Mrs Smith came in afternoon.

Jan 21 1963

Closed due to condition of roads blocked by snow.

Jan 23 1963

Opened at 9.30 school late opening due to frozen fog and accidents on the road. Still only Longcot children in school – no meals.

Jan 24 1963

School closed until Jan 28th because of weather and small number of children. 3.

Jan 28 1963

School reopened 20 children present.

Jan 29 1963

Fernham children present in school.

Feb 1 1963

Ordered Beacon reading scheme.

Nurse inspected children for cleanliness. Took list of children for special Medical exam.

Feb 4 1963

Ordered coal and coke

Feb 5 1963

Mr Smith (W.O) visited Mrs Britton re taxi service for Knighton children and reported that the road conditions though still bad it was possible to make the journey.

Feb 6 1963

Blizzard conditions. School meals service unable to deliver meals. Sent home all children from Fernham at lunchtime and all dinner children.

Feb 13 1963

Steve Ackrill & Anne Richards sat the extra Arithmetic and English papers.

Feb 14 1963

Mr Harman took scripture with the Junior class.

Feb 15 1963

1 ton coke delivered. The school is now all present.

Feb 22 1963

Beacon cards delivered.

Half term holiday

Feb 27 1963

School reopened. Three top infants transferred to Junior room to work.

1 ton coal delivered. Rest of Beacon Infant Readers delivered.

Feb 28 1963

Anne Richards and Steve Ackrill took the final 11+ examination.

Mar 7 1963

Visited by parent new to area re conditions of school building.

Mar 8 1963

School nurse tested eye-sight of all children due for medical examination on March 14th.

Mar 14 1963

Doctor attended for full Medical Inspection. Twenty two children were examined, most parents attended.

Mar 19 1963

Absent due to moving house. Admitted Susan Cook.

Mar 20 1963

Admitted Malcolm, Susan and Jennifer Bentley. Now 35 on roll.

Mar 22 1963

Rang the Education Office about accommodation after Easter.

Mar 29 1963

After conversation with Mr Bennett sent in expected numbers of pupil for Easter, Summer and Autumn terms.

Apr 5 1963

Broke up for Easter Holiday.

Apr 23 1963

School re-assembled Admitted 4 children. Now 39 on roll.

Apr 24 1963

Mr Line, student from Culham College visited school.

Apr 29 1963

Mr Line commenced school practice.

May 3 1963

Nurse inspected cleanliness of children.

May 6 1963

Mr Williams called (Culham)

May 9 1963

Mr Williams called (Culham)

May 10 1963

Left school at 3 pm. to keep opticians appointment.

May 16 1963

Mr Beacham & Mr Purvis spent an hour in school discussing development repairs sanitation etc.

May 17 1963

Member of County Treasurer's Staff completed audit.

May 20 1963

Mr Williams visited.

May 22 1963

County Architect, Mr Harvey (Reading) and two overseas educational officers visited and inspected school buildings.

Mr Williams visited.

The County Architect, Mr Harvey, Institute of Education, Reading and two commonwealth education officers spent 45 minutes in the school inspecting the buildings.

May 23 1963

Ascension Day all attended church and had the rest of the day holiday.

May 24 1963

Miss McConnel, P.E. Organiser visited.

May 25 1963

Jumble Sale proceeds for school outing £15

May 27 1963

Representative of ESA visited school.

May 30 1963

Lights in all classrooms lowered to regulation height.

May 31 1963

Mr Line finished School Practice.

June 10 1963

Returned to school after Whitsuntide holiday. Mrs Alexander went to Culham College for a one day course on French in Primary Schools.

June 11 1963

Mrs Alexander took charge of school while I attended a Head Teacher's Conference at Culham College.

June 17 1963

Mrs Alexander absent ill with infection.

June 18 1963

Took 14 children to Faringdon for Sports. School closed for afternoon.

June 19 1963

Library books changed. Left at 2.30 to attend funeral.

June 20 1963

Mr Smith visited Lovegrove family re photographs from magazine of salacious nature.

June 21 1963

Sent off 63lb woollens to factory.

July 9 1963

Admitted Don Berridge aged 6 now 40 on roll.

July 11 1963

Sent electric boiler to be repaired.

July 14 1963

Boiler returned but still blowing fuse. Sent back for testing.

July 19 1963

Had duplicate letter from Director laying out plans for improvement of general sanitation etc.

July 22 1963

Took 33 school children to London. 5 parents accompanied Mrs Luker, Mrs Alexander and self. We visited Tower of London and London Airport. Cost of bus and tea met from school fund. Arrived back at 8.40.

July 23 1963

Started school at 9.30 because of late and very heavy previous day.

July 24 1963

Open Day. School was open to friends and parents. Work was on display and the infants entertained with poems and the juniors with choral speaking and songs. The afternoon went very smoothly.

July 25 1963

School broke up for Summer Vacation. Five children leave for Faringdon Secondary Modern School.

Sept 10 1963

School re-assembled. There are 35 children on roll. School was very nicely cleaned. Two parents sent notes congratulating us on good behaviour of boys during holiday period. Admitted robin Beattie.

Sept 16 1963

Left Mrs Alexander in charge while I took daughter for X-ray, injured arm.

Sept 17 1963

Mr Smith attendance officer called.

Sept 18 1963

Mr Firth came pm. and stayed the afternoon. Coal and coke delivered.

Sept 19 1963

Dr re-inspected children for observation. Nurse accompanied her.

Oct 1 1963

Buildings inspected re modernisation, work to begin as soon as possible.
Mr Peck called, new Vicar of Shellingford.

Oct 2 1963

Moved Infants out of small room because of lack of activity space divided big room by cupboards and used half for bottom Juniors, and half for Infants. Top juniors in small room now used as Library.

Oct 18 1963

Whist Drive held £4 made for school funds. Prizes given by Managers.

Oct 25 1963

Half Term holiday until Oct 30th.

Oct 30 1963

Returned to school. Akers children have left to go to Calne.

Oct 31 1963

Knapp's builders of Shrivenham came into school to estimate cost of alterations.
During half term, Spinage of Faringdon were given an order to reline two stoves, repair a broken pane of glass and repair the gate and post, but only one stove was relined.

Nov 1 1963

Men from County Architects office came to measure up field.

Nov 8 1963

Whist Drive in aid of School funds £4.29. profit. Prizes given mainly by parents.

Nov 11 1963

Have made efforts to contact School Nurse re odiferous condition of M. Pitts, this has become objectionable and I have warned children repeatedly this term.

Nov 12 1963

School again full of smoke this is the fifth day in the last two weeks. Rang Mr Beacham and he put things into motion for fitting of cowls by Russell Spinage. These should be fixed by tomorrow.
Borrowed an electric fire and used the small classroom and store room as the large room was completely useless. Sent Infants home at 1.30 as there is no room for any kind of activity.

Nov 13 1963

A cowl fitted to one chimney by Russell Spinage.

Nov 14 1963

Mr White came. I reported cracked plate on stove in small room.

Nov 18 1963

All stoves smoking, school untenable. No electricity. Sent children in village home as there was so little space, on instructions from Deputy Director.

Nov 19 1963

School again full of smoke – fires in main room let out, we are teaching 33 children in the small room 18' x 15'. There are tiles off the back roof and daylight may be seen through spare classroom roof. The window in the small room leaks badly. Mrs Rollo Walker the School Manager is taking the matter in hand. Mr Beacham visited.

Nov 20 1963

Mr Spinage came re stoves new pots ordered. No fires in main room.

Nov 21 1963

One stove repaired, bricks out of stack other stove now draws due to removal of the sealing bricks in the storeroom fireplace.

Five children took I.Q test for 11+.

I sent the Infants home because there was no room to teach them the main room being occupied by workmen. They returned in the afternoon.

Nov 22 1963

The Managers met in the school at 3.45.

Nov 28 1963

Miss Jennings, School Meals Organiser came re alterations to kitchen. Accompanied by Mr Drake. SEB called to fused lights.

Dec 16 1963

Carol Service in church. Children read the nine lessons and sang carols. Parents attended.

Dec 18 1963

School Play in the evening. School full and a very successful evening.

Dec 19 1963

School party.

Ton of Gas Coke delivered.

Dec 20 1963

Closed for Christmas holiday.

1964

Jan 7 1964

School re-opened admitted three children. Number on roll 37.
Using large room only due to alterations. Sanitation much improved but waiting installation of water.

Jan 9 1964

Mr Firth H.M.I. called hoping to see alterations was not pleased at slow progress. Now four cases of mumps.

Jan 14 1964

Numbers down due to snow and fog the taxi did not bring three children to school. I sent children home early because of fog.

Jan 15 1964

Playhouse delivered from Goosey School.

Jan 16 1964

Six children too 10+ examination. 3 absent with mumps. Burtwell & Drew delivered new wash boiler.

Jan 17 1964

Attendance percentage 78. Due to mumps and bad chest colds.

Jan 20 1964

Mrs Alexander returned to school.

Jan 27 1964

Percentage 75% due to mumps epidemic.

Feb 4 1964

Three girls took extra Arithmetic and English Tests.

Feb 7 1964

SEB connected water heater. Sanitation and water for wash bowls now completed.
Percentage 74.5.

Feb 12 1964

Applied for two days occasional holiday extension to half term to enable completion of redecoration.

Feb 13 1964

Two girls took Final 11+ papers. M. Fitchett absent with mumps. Gas coke delivered – 1 ton.

Feb 21 1964

Returned after 4 days. Half Term holiday. 18 children 50% absent with mumps and chickenpox. Large room decoration almost finished. Colour now pale blue.

Feb 24 1964

Attendance much better.

Feb 25 1964

Visit from RSPCA lecturer.

Mar 5 1964

Library books changed.

Mar 10 1964

Infant class 50%. Mumps and chickenpox.

Mar 12 1964

Left school in charge of Mrs Alexander. Went home ill.

Mar 17 1964

Managers meeting.

Mar 18 1964

Road Safety talk by Police Officer from Shrivenham.

Mar 21 1964

Saturday Jumble Sale. Proceeds £14.3.6.

Mar 25 1964

Mrs Smith cleared clerical work for term ending instead of attending Friday.
1 ton Gas coke delivered.

Apr 14 1964

Admitted 9 children now 40 on roll.
Electric kettle and art easel delivered.

Apr 16 1964

School Doctor inspected 20 children, she was in school until 12.15.

Apr 17 1964

Mrs Smith (clerk) came in for morning session.

Apr 21 1964

Miss Egerton played the piano for Music Festival rehearsal.

Apr 30 1964

Miss Egerton again visited.

May 15 1964

Break up for Whitsun holiday.

May 25 1964

Returned to school. Mrs Alexander visited Ashbury school t 11 to see Programmed Reading Kit. Mr Pollock student from Culham started School Practice.

May 26 1964

The field was mowed.

May 27 1964

Mr Webber called re gate barrier.

May 28 1964

Head Teachers Conference at Didcot. School in charge of Mrs Alexander.

May 29 1964

Mr Pollock and I took 18 children to Swindon Railway Museum in the morning.

June 1 1964

Attended Secondary Selection Board at King Alfred's Wantage re J. Warren.

June 3 1964

Took Junior children to Music Festival at Shrivenham Memorial Hall.

June 10 1964

New desks delivered.

June 15 1964

Margaret Fitchett. A pass to grammar School at Faringdon.

June 16 1964

Inter School Sports at Faringdon Secondary Modern School

1st High Jump

2nd Throwing Cricket Ball

Two 3rd in Flat races

Two dividing screens delivered. One filing cabinet delivered.

June 23 1964

Fetches stakes for Sports Day from Stanford in the Vale.

June 24 1964

Field rough cut.

June 27 1964

Fete and Sports Day £44 made and banked.

July 3 1964

Judith Warren granted place at Cirencester School on 11+ results.

July 7 1964

M. Fitchett and G. Elbrow went to Area Sports. M. Fitchett 3rd High Jump G. Elbrow in Relay Team 1st.

July 8 1964

Gang mower on field. Miss Mitchell came to relieve congestion. 49 children for 2 teachers.

July 9 1964

Police called re children riding bicycles which are too large.

July 10 1964

Miss Ibbotson came in great distress alleged that bullying by 3 boys had caused Philip to try to run away from home. Mr Smith and I talked to her and questioned the boys concerned. The bullying seems

to have taken the form of pushing and hitting and name calling. I wrote to each boys parents and punished by stopping play and games. Boys concerned R. Lovegrove, M. Pitts, J. Crosbie and M. Dolby.

July 13 1964

Note of protest from Mr Pitts thinking the punishment is too harsh.

July 15 1964

Edna Miles fell from bars at 10.50 and split her chin. No other child involved. Mrs Alexander took her to Health Centre for stitches, and thence to Princess Margaret Hospital Swindon Xray and stitches. Child taken home.

July 16 1964

Edna Miles back at school.

July 20 1964

Took Margaret Fitchett home ill.

July 22 1964

School outing to Windsor. All school went to Maidenhead by coach and thence to Windsor on river, the afternoon spent in Windsor Castle – tea at Eton and home by 8.15.

July 23 1964

Mrs Alexander absent due to Lucy's fall from car.

July 24 1964

School broke up. M. Fitchett to Grammar School. J. Warren to Cirencester Grammar School.

Sept 8 1964

School re-opened admitted four 5 year olds. Leo Witchell physically handicapped. 42 children on roll. Floors repaired.

Sept 15 1964

Head teachers meeting at Kingston Lisle.

Sept 16 1964

Paper towel representative called.

Sept 21 1964

Wrote to Shire Hall re Leo Witchell.

Sept 22 1964

Nurse examined children.

Sept 25 1964

Parish Council Meeting – notified at 12.30.

Sept 30 1964

Harvest Festival held in school. A number of villagers came and joined in hymns. Miss Egerton came and played piano. £4 raised from sale of produce sent to RSPCA children's choice of charity.

Oct 5 1964

Went home at lunchtime left Mrs Alexander in charge – bronchitis, under Dr.

Oct 7 1964

Returned to school.

Oct 9 1964

School hired for Whist Drive.

Oct 14 1964

9 children took 11+ Verbal Reasoning Test.

Oct 15 1964

School closed used as Polling Station for General Election.

Oct 26 & 27 1964

Half Term holiday.

Nov 10 1964

Given permission to order tape recorder by Parochial Church Council – a gift from educational fund.

Nov 17 & 18 1964

Mrs Alexander absent – gastritis

5 children sat second part of 11+

Nov 19 1964

Mrs Alexander returned to school.

Nov 24 1964

Head Teachers Small Schools Group Meeting.

Managers Meeting.

Nov 30 1964

Mr West called at 10 a.m.

Dec 14 1964

Carol service held in school.

Dec 15 1964

Christmas plays and concert given by the children to parents and friends. This was an evening performance.

Dec 17 1964

In the afternoon the school party was held, all children received sweets and a present.

Dec 18 1964

Broke up for Christmas Vacation.

1965

Jan 7 1965

School re-opened. Admitted 2 reception class. 42 on roll.
Drainage pipe repaired during holiday and asbestos backing fitted to fireplaces.

Jan 15 1965

Mr King, Culham student visited.

Jan 19 1965

Nurse visited but because of absences did not inspect. Mrs Alexander absent.

Jan 25 1965

Mrs Alexander returned to school.

Feb 1 1965

Mr King started teaching practice taking the 12 older children. It has been organised so that he has complete use of the two small rooms.

Feb 11 1965

Mr Evans visited Mr King.

Feb 22 & 23 1965

Half Term holiday

Feb 25 1965

Mr Reed R.D.C. visited and talked about the use the Rates are put to.

Mar 1 1965

26 Junior children visited Bristol Zoo.

Mar 4 1965

Attendance very bad due to bad snow drifts on roads.

Mar 5 1965

Cancelled school dinners because of small number of children & state of roads.

Mar 9 1965

Mr Evans visited Mr King.

Mar 15 1965

Mr Cockroft visited Mr King

Mar 16 1965

School kitchen floor and sinks removed and replaced with new ones.

Mar 20 1965

School jumble realised £14

Mar 18 1965

Managers Meeting at 6.30 pm

Asked for bicycle shed and consideration for terrapin building.

Mar 23 1965

Mr Barnett Principal visited Mr King.

Mar 25 1965

Moderator for Teaching Practice Mr Loukes visited Mr King.

Mar 26 1965

Mr King finished School Practice.

Mar 29 1965

Draining board fitted in kitchen.

Apr 5 1965

Peter Jones fell from bars and split his chin. I have written asking removal of bars be considered.

Apr 6 1965

Mrs Dean called about the lack of space in school.

Apr 7 1965

New Berkshire furniture unit delivered disposed of 2 wormeaten cupboards.

Apr 8 1965

School meals organiser called and sanctioned new kitchen table and forms. Water heater in kitchen still not delivered.

Apr 10 1965

Prizes from Brooke Bond delivered.

Apr 13 1965

School broke up for Easter Vacation. George Bull and Gillian Hodgkinson direct entry to grammar School.

May 3 1965

School re-assembled. 42 children on roll.

May 4 1965

Nurse visited and made arrangements for Medical Examination.

May 6 1965

Nurse examined eyes of children due for examination.

May 7 1965

Dr Parfitt examined 22 children.

May 10 1965

The Junior class took part in a Sports Meeting at Uffington- organised by The Small School Group (5 schools) to get a team to Faringdon Sports.

May 14 1965

School Meals Organiser called re water heater in kitchen – still not delivered.
Mr White called and examined floor of main room.

May 21 1965

Marked all Cuisenaire rods as despite repeated warnings, and careful checking by both Mrs Alexander and self, there is a constant loss of this apparatus, some being found out in the field today. All children warned about removing any apparatus from school.

May 24 1965

Caned Andrew Tilling for direct disobedience after repeated warnings.

May 26 1965

Junior class taken to Shrivenham to school Music Festival. Infant class closed.

May 28 1965

Had trouble with Michael Pitts thumping younger boys in the stomach. Had a very saucy verbal message from Father re any punishment he might have. I have stopped all play on Friday for him. I was too cross to punish otherwise.

June 4 1965

Broke up for Whitsuntide Holiday.

June 14 1965

Returned to school, took 4 children to Shrivenham to take part in jumps for Area Sports. M. Pitts won boys high jump.

June 16 1965

Too Juniors to Shrivenham for track events of Area Sports.

June 18 1965

Miss McDonegall PE Organiser called re bars. Suggested hanging ropes. Also suggested jumping pit.

June 21 1965

16 Infants school outing to Bourton on the Water accompanied by Mrs Alexander, Mrs Luker and Miss O'Brien.

June 22 1965

10+ V.R. test

June 23 1965

Nurse Harris test hearing (mechanically) of all 6 year olds.

June 24 1965

Nurse Harris inspected hygiene.

July 2 1965

Mr White clerk of works called.

July 3 1965

Held School Fete proceeds to school funds.

July 6 1965

Absent all day at Head Teachers' Conference at Abingdon.

July 9 1965

Closed school to honour Magna Carta 750 yrs.

July 13 1965

Visited Culham College for lunch: school left in charge of Mrs Alexander.

July 14 1965

County Council health visitor called for report on Catherine Carr (foster child)

July 15 1965

Mr Purvis (architect) inspected re outside painting, removal of old toilets and re-flooring of main room.

July 16 1965

Managers meeting – only 2 managers attended so meeting was void.

July 21 1965

SEB replaced switch in main class room.

July 22 1965

Junior children visited London. Houses of Parliament, St. James's Park, Westminster Abney and had tea at London Airport. This was paid for from School Funds. A successful and very enjoyable day.

July 23 1965

End of term. 9 children leave. Three to Grammar School and 6 to Secondary Modern.

St Alfred's Wantage – George Bull

Faringdon Girls High School : Gillian Hodgkinson, Jean McIntosh.

Sept 7 1965

New school year started.

Admitted eight children. Still 42 on roll.

New floor in large room completed. Kitchen finished and old toilet block in yard demolished. Grass in field cut today. Mr Smith visited.

Sept 14 1965

Water trough delivered.

Sept 17 1965

Mrs Crosbie called, and after causing dissension re booking of school for Parish Meeting acknowledged that it was only courtesy to ask if school was available before advertising a Public Meeting to be held in the school.

Sept 21 1965

Dr Singer Educational Psychologist called re testing number of children (5). Mr R.C. West Diocesan Inspector called (social visit)

Sept 22 1965

Sent notes to parents re assessment of children by Dr Singer.

Sept 29 1965

Dr Singer tested G. Bailey, J. Hinder and J. Jackson. Mothers were present for consultation.

Oct 13 1965

7 children took 11+ Verbal Reasoning Test.

Oct 20 1965

Punished P. Drew and S. Jopson for fighting and bullying (smacked).

Oct 22 1965

Broke up for half term.

Oct 27 1965

Returned to school.

Had a serious talk to Infants about bullying 5 year olds.

Oct 29 1965

Photographs taken.

Nov 3 1965

Punished P. Drew and S. Jopson for punching A Coomnbes – a visitor t the village for 3 months (extra work)

Nov 9 1965

Spoke to school about playing in churchyard and climbing on new church wall. Mr Edwards also warned two infants P. Drew and N. Rendell.

Nov 10 1965

Mrs Lane assistant to Mrs Dean called

Edna Miles fell from top bar at home time while waiting for transport. No other child involved. This was after repeated warnings not to use the bars in wet and damp weather.

Nov 17 1965

English and Arithmetic tests for 11+. The whole day was devoted to the 7 children who took these tests.

Nov 19 1965

Nurse called re impetigo and facial infections. She covered spots and distributed ointment. ESA representative called re woodworm in furniture.

Nov 26 1965

Managers meeting at 6.30.

Nov 30 1965

Mr White called re woodwork and siting of drain in school field, claimed by builder of new bungalow.

Dec 1 1965

Sent off money for photographs.

Dec 2 1965

Difficult of I. Ralph loosing 10/- note (change from photograph money) on way home from school. Allegedly found by Mark Frankham, snatched by Paul Drew. Visited by two parents Ralph and Drew at home. I protested against invasion of privacy as this is a matter outside school jurisdiction. I have told all children that parents must visit me in school if they have any school business to discuss.

Dec 17 1965

Carol service in school 6.30. Lessons read by children and carols sung by whole school. Followed by Community Carol Singing £2.5.0d raised for NSPCC.

Dec 20 1965

Children's party 2-4.30.

Dec 21 1965

Break up. All main room cupboards cleared so that 'Cuprinol' treatment can be undertaken. Mr White and Mr Russell Spinage visited.

1966

Jan 6 1966

Return to school. Attendance 50% due to incidence of chickenpox.

The cupboard were only treated on 4th and all furniture was still damp. Mrs Luker had been unable to clean school. It took all this day to put main classroom back in order.

Jan 13 1966

Nurse called and made appointment to visit wed Jan 19th. Rang Mr R Spinage re stoves in big room. One should have been replaced during the holiday. The other has now cracked. He promised to inspect but has not arrived.

Jan 14 1966

Attendance still very low chicken pox and stomach pains.

Jan 17 1966

New stove fitted

Jan 19 1966

Nurse visited pm. to make appointment.

Jan 20 1966

Second new stove fitted in large room.

Jan 24 1966

Mr Russell Spinage checked stoves.

Jan 25 1966

Mrs Alexander absent – influenza. Attendance very poor 70% chicken pox and influenza.

Jan 27 1966

Burst pipe in boys toilet repaired.

Monthly % 74.

Feb 2 1966

School nurse visited tested hearing of two Dawson boys. Eyesight of 8+ children.
Miss Clarke H.M.I. visited.

Feb 4 1966

Mr Pollock student from Culham started School Practice.

Feb 7 1966

Mr Evans tutor visited.

Feb 14 1966

100% attendance.

Feb 15 1966

Cuisenaire rods missing from infants table – the position regards petty pilfering of small items of apparatus is becoming serious. A letter will be sent to all parents asking them to return all items taken.

Feb 23 1966

12 children attended Ash Wednesday service.

March 3 1966

Four children took 10+ test. 1 absent.

March 4 1966

Dentist Mr Crampton examined children's teeth. 17 children needed treatment.

March 5 1966

Mr Evans visited.

March 9 1966

Junior class visited Avebury stone circle in conjunction with work they are doing with Mr Pollock.

March 15 1966

Mr Evans visited.

March 21 1966

Mr Rowe internal moderator visited.

March 23 1966

Junior class visited Blowing Stone, Uffington White Horse, and Castle and Wayland's Smithy walked along Ridgeway.

March 31 1966

School closed General Election Day.

Apr 15 1966

Mr Pollock finished Teaching Practice.

School closed for Easter Holiday. Banked £16.10.0d proceeds of school jumble sale.

Apr 25 1966

School opened for Summer Term.

Admitted 4 children. No. on roll 46.

May 4 1966

Attended opening of Shellingford School. Mrs Alexander in charge of school.

May 10 1966

Nurse Harris attended and inspected hair etc.

Tested hearing of Hunt family and Stephen Jobson.

Rev. Pratt from Ashbury attended re Music Festival.

May 17 1966

Carol Alexander took 10+ exam.

May 18 1966

Junior school attended schools Musical Festival at Shrivenham at 9 pm. Mr Hunt rang requesting that Peter Hunt (age 8) should be excused from church attendance on the morrow as the child did not wish to attend. Two other children of the family to attend. I asked for a written request.

May 19 1966

All children except R.Cs and Peter Hunt attended church at 9 a.m. Canon Harmon took service.

May 18 1966

Mr Purvis – County Architect's Office called re condition of Playing Field.

May 27 1966

Half Term holiday returned to school June 2nd.

June 10 1966

Mrs Price from Uffington visited school with view to coming to take Infant Class in September. Appointed Mrs Price. Mrs Alexander applying for promotion nearer Oxford. Carol Alexander awarded 10+ place also 1st Junior Art Prize for Berkshire Brooke Bond Competition.

June 24 1966

School outing (Juniors) to royal Counties Show at Kingsclear.

June 29 1966

Field mown. 1st time this year.

July 2 1966

Village Fete held in school field. Proceeds split 3 ways 1/3 to church, 1/3 WI and 1/3 to school. School share £26.2.6d.

July 4 1966

Field again mowed.

Dr Parfitt medically examined 26 children, whole day visit.

July 11 1966

Infant outing to Coate Water Swindon in the afternoon.

July 15 1966

School broke up for Summer Holiday.

Mrs Alexander finalised her duties here. 9 children left. 1 to Grammar School, 1 to Oxford High School, 7 to S.M.

Sep 6 1966

Term commenced. 44 on roll

Mrs Price commenced duties in Infant room. Mrs Bayley part time in lower Junior class – mornings only.

Sep 9 1966

100% attendance this week.

Sep 20 1966

Mr Russell Spinage called re small repairs.

Sep 30 1966

Harvest Festival Mr Oddie and Mrs Harmon came. Produce sold. £4.7 for NSPCC

Oct 3 1966

Nurse called test sight of David Croucher.

Oct 4 1966

I visited Swindon Hospital ie. Eyesight. Nicolas Pitts fell in Infant room and cut eyebrow, sent to Swindon Hospital father took him.

Oct 11 1966

Mr White visited re state of wall behind chimney in big room.

Oct 12 1966

Police constable talked to children re road safety. Mr Whitfield called re state of school and nos. of children.

Oct 21-25 1966

Half term holiday.

Oct 28 1966

Mr White called re repairs to wall in coal store.

Nov 5 1966

Again reported boys' toilet

Nov 11 1966

Attendance down due to bad coughs and throats.

Nov 15 1966

Mf Baxter – student from Culham attended – full day.

Nov 18 1966

British Railways gave film and lecture to parents and children re working of new half barrier at Knight Crossing. Jonathan Bennett a new pupil – rather unsettled removed my chair as I was sitting on it, with resultant spinal shock – reported to office.

Dec 14 1966

School concert. A good turn out of parents.

Dec 15 1966

Carol service, parents invited.

Dec 16 1966

School broke up for Christmas holidays following Christmas party. All children had a gift.

1967

Jan 4 1967

School re-opened 54 children on roll.

Jan 16 1967

Nurse visited

Feb 8 1967

Ash Wednesday Service held in school. Parents invited.

March 4 1967

School Jumble Sale.

March 22 1967

Easter Holiday.

Apr 10 1967

Summer term commenced. 58 children on roll

Apr 13 1967

School closed for Rural District Elections, school used as Polling Station.

May 5 1967

Started 9 week course at Thatcham on New Mathematics. Friday afternoon school in charge of Mrs Price.

May 16 1967

Day absence due to burial of father.

May 17 1967

Peter Jones took English papers of 10+

May 26- June 3 1967

Spring Holiday

June 6 1967

Head Teachers conference at Shrivenham.

May 24- June 30 1967

Mr Levis student from Culham College on 1st Teaching Practice.

June 21 1967

June 23 1967

There was a minor accident in boys toilet. L. Witchall had his finger trapped slightly. He and 2 other young boys were playing in the boys toilet. 2 boys making fun of him, when told by an older boy to keep toilet door shut. No action taken.

Sat July 1 1967

School Fete. £100 raised. £70 put to Swimming Pool Fund. £30 to current account for outings. Mr Levis completed school practice.

July 7 1967

Took 30 infants to Hinksey Park Oxford for Infant Outing.

July 12 1967

28 children and 3 staff went to Natural History Museum and Science Museum and had tea at London Airport. Highly successful outing left at 8 a.m. returned at 8.30 p.m.

July 13 1967

Mr Hew delivered new radio, an addition to present stock.

July 14 1967

School closed for Summer Vacation.

4 girls left to Tollington School. 1 boy to Roysse Abingdon 10+

Sept 5 1967

School re-opened. 58 children on roll. Mrs Price in charge of Infants. Mrs Bayley Class 2.

Sept 12 1967

Mrs Price ill, heavy cold.

Sept 13 1967

Mrs Boon came at lunchtime to complain about buttons missing from Sally's dress. These were missing before playtime as I tried to fasten the dress. Mother believed child who said they were pulled off at playtime.

Since Easter there has been difficulty getting this child into school and Mother has been allowed to settle the child in class both morning and afternoon;. Mr and Mrs Boon have been unpleasant to all members of staff on various occasions, constantly finding fault, so I told her in future to bring the child to the gate but not into the school. She removed Sally.

I recorded the matter to the Director and spoke to Mr Bennett by telephone.

Sept 14 1967

Mr Smith E.W.O called and reported that he had visited Boons and they were letting the matter rest.

Sept 15 1967

Mr Peacock (Weights & Measures Dept.) visited re fuel.

Sept 14 1967

Mrs Phillips speech therapist called and examined 6 children. She discharged all but N. Rendell and J. Jones. She will re-examine these two at a later date.

Sept 15 1967

Mr King Educational Psychologist examined Matthew Akers referred for difficulty in learning.

Sept 19 1967

Mr Pallister accompanied Mr Smith E.W.O. on his visit.

Sept 29 1967

Harvest Festival Service, proceeds of following sale sent to Spastic Society.

Dr Harcourt Norris examined Paul Cooper and Colin Bailey re suitability for school.

Nov 1967

Two 1st year students Mr Ellery and Mr Gee to visit two days each week to observe and gain knowledge of children – for 1 month.

Dec 5 1967

Mr King re-examined Matthew Akers and found progress made.

Dec 11 1967

Carol service in evening the school was full, most parents attended a full Lesson & Carol Service. Lessons ready by children, carols sung unaccompanied.

Dec 12 1967

Infant party Mrs Price's & Mrs Bailey's class.

Dec 13 1967

Christmas Evening Concert. There was an excellent attendance. The school very full for two plays and singing and recitation by infant class. A most satisfactory and enjoyable evening.

Dec 14 1967

Junior Party in evening for 4-6 p.m.

Dec 15 1967

School broke up for Christmas Holiday. Mrs Bayley finished duty as teacher as she is leaving the area.

1968

Jan 1968

School re-opened – admitted 4 children. Mrs Preece commenced duty as temporary teacher in charge of class II.

Mrs Smith commenced duty as Infant Helper because of 2 epileptic and 1 physically-mentally retarded child in infant class. Mrs Smith is directly responsible to Mrs Price.

Canon Harmon will once more visit each Friday during term. No. on roll 58.

Feb 16 1968

Attendance poor. Influenza.

Feb 19 1968

Started Backing Britain and Saving Campaign.

Feb 26 & 27 1968

Half Term holiday.

Feb 28 1968

Ash Wednesday Service held in school. Parents invited. Canon Harmon officiated.

Mar 6 1968

Noon. Mr Boon presented Sally for school explaining Sally's morning absence saying she had been frightened by Jane Hunt. I asked Jane what had happened, she was very upset because Mr Boon had shouted at her and she re-iterated she wanted Sally to play. I accepted explanation.

Mar 13 1968

Mrs Smith took Sally Boon into my classroom for duration of prayers because she was causing a noisy disturbance during prayers. Letter from DofE re advertising.

Mar 14 1968

Mrs Price in charge of school. I was attending Head Teacher's Conference at Culham College,

Mar 15 1968

Mr Boon visited school and demanded interview with self and Canon Harmon. He accused me of shutting Sally in a room on her own. This I told him was untrue. I reasoned with him and he decided to apply for Sarah 5 in June to be admitted immediately to help Sally settle, because of the effect on his health. He talked to Canon Harmon about his mental health and hospitalisation.

Mar 19 1968

Mrs Price absent E.N.T. infection.

Mar 20 1968

Sally Boon taken home by mother after small sister had marched into school while prayers was in progress and demanded why I shut Sally up in a room. Father stormed into school belligerently and said Sally had been worked too hard previous day. 2 pages of reading too much. I told him to make an appointment to see me either before or after school. He was very unpleasant and made many wild accusations. Sally presented at school at 10 a.m. Letter received from Director – copy of one sent to Mr Boon.

Mar 13 1968

Sally Boon taken home by mother following scene at school gate because Canon Harmon came to take prayers.

Sitge meeting builders and architects.

Mar 25 1968

Sally Boon presented by father he told Mrs Price she was afraid of being shut in room along and Dr said she only need sympathetic handling in school!

School nurse examined children's eyes. Workmen started removing fence prior to starting new school.

Mar 26 1968

Audiology Nurse visited and tested hearing of Paul Hunt, Paul Cooper, Nicky Pitts & Peter Holcombe.

Mar 27 1968

Miss Lancaster called and discussed furniture for dining in new school.

Mar 28 1968

Mr James visited school and attended extraordinary Managers meeting to discuss Boon accusation re advertising. He gave legal advice and visited Boon family, the Meeting decided to take no action as the family had other problems which may have caused this upset. The matter was left as it was.

Mar 29 1968

Broke up for Easter holiday. Mrs Preece left to go to Charney Bassett school.

Apr 15 1968

School re-opened. Mrs Filleul took up temporary duties. Mr Pollock has been appointed to take up permanent duties in September.

May 23 1968

Canon Harmon took Ascension Day service in church – no holiday.

May 31 1968

Spring Holiday school closed for full week.

July 8 1968

School Fete – a luck day – good weather, we made £120. Banked at Barclay Bank Faringdon.

July 18 1968

Took 30 children to London, Tower of London, and London Airport cost from School Funds.

July 1968

School closed for Summer holidays.

Trudie Welham – Faringdon High School

Don Berridge – King Alfred Grammar School

Ian Ralph – Tollington

Matthew Akers – removed to Somerset.

Sept 10 1968

School re-opened. 68 on roll. Mr Pollock took up duties in this school.

Sept 27 1968

Mr King re-examined Paul Cooper and decided Special Education was necessary.
Harvest Festival Service £8 sent to Shaftesbury Society proceeds of sale.

Oct 12 1968

Mrs Lane visited re furniture.

Oct 18 1968

Dr Harcourt Norris tested Colin Bailey – uneducable.

Oct 23 1968

Visited Wallingford Fir Trees School to see furniture.

Oct 31 1968

Wrote to Mr Bennett re Jonathan's shoes. Feet wet – holes in shoes. Mr Smith visited and advised.

Nov 1 1968

Rev Doble called re Teaching Practice. Mr Bond Culham College County Councillor inspected old building.

Nov 5 1968

3 student started 1st teaching practice. Miss Evans, Miss Roper, Mr Le Getti.

Nov 8 1968

Mr Grant (NSPCC) WAS IN CONTACT WITH Mr Smith re Jonathan Bennett and requested him to contact parents and then take Jonathan to Swindon and purchase new shoes on NSPCC account. Parents co-operative and very pleased, they have applied for free meals.

Dec 5 1968

Students completed teaching practice.

Dec 8 1968

Completion date of new building January 17th
Carol Service held in school parents and friends attended.

Dec 10 1968

Infant Party held in school.

Dec 11 1968

Junior party held in school.

1969

Jan 7 1969

Returned to school in old building. 70 on roll.

Jan 10 1969

Interview for appointment of Cleaner in Charge. Mr Brittain appointed on probation from beginning of occupation of new building.

Jan 14 1969

Mrs Price and I visited Crowthorne Infant School to see open plan school in action.
All furniture and books packed ready for move.

Jan 20 1969

Arrived at school 8.30. All prepared to move, squad of older children and I aided by Beard's building contractors moved infant furniture and belongings before 9.15 so that Infant class could settle in under fairly normal conditions.

Mrs Luker fell into hole in playground at approximately 8.30 lifted out by contractors Accident reported to office. Letter attached.

Mr Gibbs called re caretaker's supplies.

Mr Brittain commenced duties.

Working all day we had transferred all portable goods into the new building. There are still carpenters and other workmen in the school. There is no hope of playground for at least a month.

It rained heavily all day.

Letter dated 21st January 1969

To Director of Education
Shire Hall
Reading Berks.

Dear Sir,

I would like to report that I had an accident on Monday 20th January at 8.30 a.m. when still employed at the above school, termination of employment taking effect at the end of this week.

I left the old school building in the dark to check the outside toilets (boys) because the workmen had been using them over the weekend. The men had dug a large hole near the toilets, which had been covered with boards, and I bent down to put these straight so the children would not trip over them should they use these toilets, and slipped myself, falling into the hold, and having to be helped out by four men. I was taken to the Doctor, and then to the hospital, where I was told that I had chipped a bone in my shoulder and I had also banged y head.

Yours faithfully

Jan 21 1969

Mr Neruth Architect called.

Miss Lancaster visited re kitchen equipment.

Jan 24 1969

Miss Lancaster called and the kitchen will provide meals from Monday.

Jan 29 1969

Representatives of The Wiltshire Gazette and Herald interviewed staff and photographed school in action.

Fire in the old school building at 9 pm. This was caused by demolition contractors.

Feb 6 1969

Mr Beecham called early pm. to see school in full working day.

Feb 13 1969

Mr Pullen H.M.I. spent full day in school. He expressed an opinion that the older children had settled into new working conditions and methods of organisation very well.

Feb 14 1969

Mrs Norton School Nurse called re suspected eye infection.

Feb 18 1969

Mrs Lane, Assistant Primary Schools Advisor, County Architect and Mr Davies Head of Harwell Primary School visited, to gain ideas for extensions to Harwell School.

Feb 20 1969

Half term holiday.

Feb 25 1969

All cleaning equipment now in school. Mr Brittain instructed to apply policy to floors during half term. School uncleaned, floors untouched. I applied floor seal myself and warned Mr Brittain re unsatisfactory cleaning.

Feb 27 1969

Contacted Mr Holt re unsatisfactory cleaning, he advised I contact school Managers, and notice of termination of employment was sent from Education Office.

March 3 1969

Asked Mr Brittain not to work out notice. Mr Nelson (parent) came in on voluntary basis until a new cleaner could be appointed.

March 7 1969

Miss Kershaw visited as a result of urgent request for advice about playground which is to be patched instead of fully re-surfaced.

March 18 1969

Group Meeting at Longcot School, Bourton, Uffington and Longcot Schools represented.

March 19 1969

Rev Doble, and three students visited to see new school buildings.

March 20 1969

Dr inspected 10 children.

March 24 1969

Mrs Frankham commenced duty as school cleaner.

March 28 1969

School is obviously much cleaner. Everyone comments on difference.

April 1 1969

Easter holiday commenced.

April 15 1969

Summer term started, admitted 5 children. 75 on roll.

All windows cleaned by contractors. School is beautifully clean.

April 18 1969

Final inspection by Beard's Building contractors.

April 24 1969

All P.E. equipment in Hall complete, all minor fixtures completed.

Mr Perkins, Mr Neruth and two other architects inspected and this is the final visit. Sand in sand pits still to be changed. Contacted Mr Phillips about completion of school surrounds and playing fields.

April 28 1969

School nurse called re Roy Prior, visited mother.

School Log Ends

Letter dated 25 March 1970.

The Manse
Fernham
Faringdon, Berks.

Dear Mrs O'Brien

My husband and I were delighted with the way Paul has got on at school, and would like to say thank you for all your hard work. We appreciate it very much.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Tilling.