

YARDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

1909 - 2009

What was happening in your School over the last 100 years during

JANUARY & FEBRUARY



During our Centenary Year we thought you might be interested in reading snippets from the old Leather Bound 'LOG BOOKS' that the Head teachers of that time completed

Events during January and February



YARDLEY VILLAGE 1905

11th January 1909 Took charge of this school this morning - signed Isabel Halley (Headmistress). This school opened today for the first time.

18th January 1909 A temporary timetable has been supplied to each teacher. The babies have not had a set timetable. Their teacher has varied the work - Singing, finger-plays, games and free play.

18th February 1909 As it was very wet, the children were allowed to come into the hall at 1.40 pm. At 1.55 pm just as the bell was being rung one boy pushed another against the door of one of the classrooms and one of the panes was broken.

19th February 1909 Mr Banks, Attendance Officer visited the school this morning. The attendance this week has been very unsatisfactory. The children are suffering from measles and influenza.

26th January 1909 Visited school - Checked registers and found same to be correct. J M Marriott

22nd February 1909 It is found necessary to extend the time allowed for assembling and prayers and undressing in Classes IV and V. This is necessary as the teachers require rather a long time to undress the children and the cloakrooms are small.

27th February 1911 School closed this morning until March 20th owing to the prevalence of measles.

18th January 1912 No improvement in the weather. Snow very deep and still falling. Only 31 children present, so school closed for the day.

29th February 1916 Coal supply not yet arrived, so school closed for the day.

18th January 1918 Owing to the very bad conditions of the roads only 116 children present, so registers were not marked. As many of the children had very wet feet school was closed for the afternoon.

28th February 1922 School closed for the day, in compliance with the desire expressed by His Majesty the King, on the occasion of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Mary.

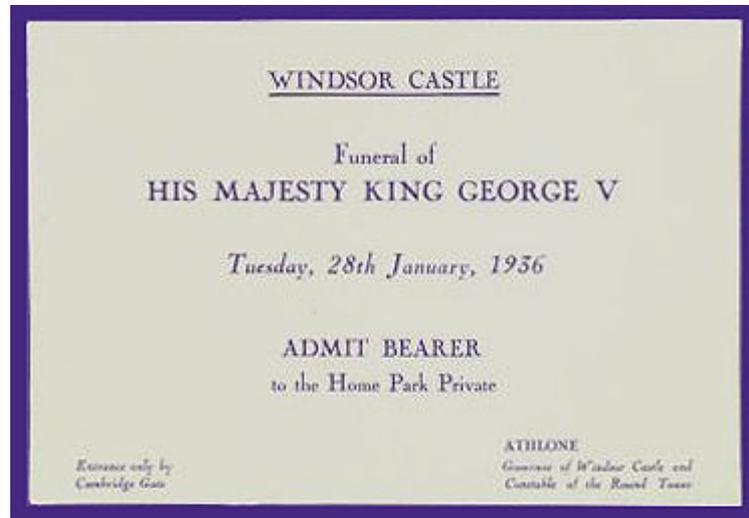


7th January 1924 The heating apparatus of this school has, for some time, been unsatisfactory. An opportunity of improving this has now occurred owing to a grant from Government funds being made by the Unemployments Grants Committee for this purpose.

14th February 1924 Temperatures very low, ranging only from 36 to 43 F owing to heating apparatus not working properly. A pump is to be fixed, but as this cannot be done for a day or two, the children were dismissed and school closed until Monday.

24th February 1928 86 children have left to go to the new school in Bierton Road.

27th January 1936 In accordance with an intimation received from the Board of Education school will be closed on Tuesday 28th, the day of the funeral of King George the Fifth.



23rd February 1939 There are many cases of measles and mumps in the school.

29th January 1940 Owing to severe snow only 11 children came to school. These had wet feet so were sent home. The registers were not marked.

24th February 1941 No coal for heating. Children had to be sent home.

3rd February 1947 After functioning as a combined Junior and Infant School since August 1941, the school is now divided and reformed as two departments. Miss James began duty today as Head teacher of the Infant Department and Mr Hardwick remains Headmaster of the Junior Department. The number on roll is 309.

14th February 1951 Sergeant Young, of Hay Mills Police gave talks to each class upon 'Safety First'.

11th January 1952 The Assistant Medical Officer for Diphtheria Prevention held a session for Immunisation.

4th February 1953 Class 3 visited a Matinee performance of the children's play 'The Tinder Box' at the Repertory Theatre.

24th/24th January 1957 An eye test was given to classes.

8th/9th January 1958 Nurse Hunt conducted a routine hygiene inspection. She gave the whole school a clean bill of health, there being no cases of vermin or uncleanness. Only one child was found to have head vermin. A home visit from Nurse Hunt and "follow up" inspections corrected this one case.

31st January 1968 Miss Bubb attended a meeting of inspectors in the Junior School to discuss setting up a unit for deaf children.

5th February 1968 Mrs Ham and Mrs Overd went into town (pm) to choose two paintings for the school hall.

15th February 1968 A reminder that school is having a wool collection. The final date for bringing woollens is 21st February.

21st February 1968 The wool collection raised £9.10 shillings for school fund plus 10/- for the class which collected the most.

17th February 1970 At the end of today's session school was closed because of teachers withdrawing their services.

19th January 1971 Between school ending last night and this morning a new unopened box of metal meccano, a new set of tools and chocolate biscuits were stolen from Mrs Rowlands room.

29th January 1971 Kevin O'Neil pulled down a drainpipe on his head and cut it badly. Peter Bassett fell and cut his tongue. Both were taken to hospital. Kevin had four stitches in his head.

22nd February 1971 School broken into over weekend. Only biscuits were stolen.

26th February 1971 Another break-in. C.I.D. took finger prints from glass. Nothing appears to have been stolen.

12th January 1979 School closed - no oil for heating.

22nd January 1979 On orders from Chief Education Officer, school was closed due to the one-day strike involving caretakers.

1979: Public sector strike paralyzes country

Tens of thousands of public sector workers have taken part in a day of action - the biggest mass stoppage since 1926 - in support of a claim for more pay.



29th January 1979 School closed. No delivery of oil through lorry drivers strike, rail strike and bad weather conditions.

9th February 1979 Completed first full week at school since arriving back after Christmas Holidays.

1st January 1985 Mrs Bate officially took over as Head Teacher of the Infant school.

23rd January 1986 Both Infant and Junior schools were broken into overnight. The police were informed.

14th January 1987 Weather conditions were appalling today, after a very heavy snowfall and extremely low temperatures. Approximately half the children came to school and the younger children were crying with the cold. As the forecast is poor school will be closed for the next two days.

19th/20th January 1987 School was again closed. There are still difficulties in obtaining an oil delivery

21st January 1987 Mr Cooke and Mrs Bate took the decision that as there was still no guarantee of an oil delivery that school should be closed for the rest of the week.

26th January 1987 Oil was delivered and school opened as normal.

20th January 1988 The official hand-over of keys took place for the new Secretary's office.

23rd January 1990 Due to the rain and wind of the last 24 hours, several roof leaks have been reported again. It appears that the lead flashing has been removed from the roof!

7th February 1991

There is a great deal of sickness around, coughs, colds, virus infections. Many children are absent.

8th February 1991

Unavoidable school closure - severe weather conditions.

11th February 1991

School re-opened, although conditions were still poor. There was a very poor attendance by children.

6th January 1992

Mrs Pat Craddock, the new School Secretary in the Infant school started today.

10th February 1994

Emma Williams from BT visited school, with a photographer, to mark the occasion of the 'Learning Through Landscapes' on our win of £1,000 for the School Grounds project.



Pupils: Sophie Mountfield, aged 6, Mitchell Johnson, aged 4 and Luke Clarke, aged 5 displaying the designs that have helped win a £1,000 award for school.

3rd January 1996

Mrs Moss joined Yardley Infant School as Deputy Head.

6th/7th February 1996

School closed due to bad weather.

29th January 1997

Father Clifton, the new Reverend at St Michael and All Angels visited school today.

6th January 1999

Mrs Cooper joined the staff of Yardley Infant School.

20th February 2002

The Animal Man brought into school the Snowy Owl that had appeared in the recent Harry Potter film.

February 2008

Zainab Khattak of Class 1.2 was invited to a presentation at the Council House for being one of the winners of a Poster Competition run by Birmingham City Council.

5th February 2008

School closed due to an Industrial Action Day by the GMB and Unison Unions.

27th February 2008



The whole school visited the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham City Council as one of our pupils', Jordan Edwards in Class 4.3 won a competition giving all pupils the chance to visit for the day.

6th February 2009

School held a 'Chinese Day'. This day involved the children taking part in a range of Chinese themed activities. Lunch was Vegetable Chow Mein, Sweet & Sour Chicken with Ice Cream.



3rd & 5th February 2009

School was closed on these two days owing to the snow and icy conditions.

These Months in History:

15th January 1923

Corporation Buses

The first Birmingham Corporation motor bus service to enter the Yardley district was inaugurated on 1st January, 1923, between Erdington and Acocks Green, via Stechford and Yardley (Service 11), using small one man operated single-deckers.

The Number 11 is Europe's longest urban bus route. A full circuit takes 3 hours to complete with 272 bus stops.

30th January 1948

On January 30, 1948, India's "Father of the Nation", Mahatma Gandhi, was assassinated. Gandhi, one of the world's most famous pacifists, was killed by a fellow Hindu.

