



Inside the
School

MISCELLANEOUS

- 14.11.21. No fires in school - hot cocoa served - 1d. per cup.
22.11.21. South side of playing field ploughed up for garden.
1.12.21. Girls, hats with badge - plain navy blue, embroidered in red.
Six dozen for £11.6.6d. boys caps - six dozen for £8.6.6d.
22. 2.22. Woodwork benches and tools received from Rayleigh school.
1. 9.22. First football match - lost 0-5 to Westborough School, Southend.
13.12.22. Cesspools and lavatory pails to be emptied by Council.
15.12.22. Central hall mentioned - usually woodwork class held there.
8. 1.23. Hall used by Standard VII and lower infants.
23.05.23. Cookery class commenced in C. of E. schools.
31.09.23. Caretaker ill - Headmaster stoked fires.
12.11.23. Red curtain in Central Hall to divide Classes IV and V.
18.12.23. First Concert. Songs & dialogues by Classes III to VI.
Opferetta 'Lollipop Land'.
18.02.24. Infants room temperature 41 degrees F. Sent for half an hour's walk.
10.03.24. Manual room erected by Master Male Assistant and older boys.
10.03.24. House system started. Three houses - red, orange, blue.
30.10.24. School now Grade III.
05.12.24. School closed - scarlet fever outbreak.
05.02.25. First radio lessons (out of use 19.4.29).
11.02.25. Blue house awarded Sheridan Cup and Newman Shield.
25.03.25. School closed for opening of new road at the new Rayleigh Weir
by H.R.H. Prince Henry.
06.07.25. Two new additional rooms - Infant classes.
10.10.25. Additional playgroup tar paved.
07.05.26. New school piano received.
14.07.26. Parents day.
14.11.27. Gas laid in Manual room. New tortoise store fixed for heating.
01.05.28. Measles epidemic - 56 infants - later 60-70.
14.05.28. Measles epidemic 103 children.
20.10.28. Two double doors erected to porch corridors.
18.11.28. New type gas burner fitted in hall.
12.02.29. Temperature 33 degrees F. Organised games in playground.
-. 9.29. Four new wash basins in cloakrooms. Additional overhead heating
pipes fitted in cloakrooms 1 and 2.
12.11.29. March to Woodmans' Arms to see Duchess of York on visit to lay
foundation stone for new Southend Hospital.
19.12.29. Old Scholars Association formed.
31. 8.31. Decoration Scheme - Rooms 1, 2 & 3 - light green distemper two shades.
Rooms 4, 5, 6 - Yellow distemper, green paint two shades.
Rooms 7, 8, 9 - Pink distemper, green paint two shades.
Rest of school - yellow distempere and green paint.
8.2.32. Fire in carpentry shed.
19. 1.32. Reorganisation - not more than 460 mixed Infant and Junior children.
9. 1.33. Science room finished, Two long benches, demonstration bench, gas
and water supplied.
-. 8.33. Radiators fitted to both staff rooms. Coal shed built on the end
of the cycle shed.
14. 2.34. Lavatories connected to sewer on south side of school.
28. 6.35. Greenhouse first mentioned.
31. 8.34. Electric light installed in rooms 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and two staff rooms
two cloakrooms and long corridor. Two drinking fountains fitted.
31. 3.37. Col. W.J. Bransden resigned to Woodford.
5. 4. 37. New Head, Mr. P. Barber, M.A.Dip.Ed.
16. 6.37. Reorganisation mentioned.

STREAMING introduced

- 7.10.37. "Old" field and "new" field mentioned.
- 28.10.37. New Linoleum floors of staff and Head Teacher rooms.
- 15.11.37. Hot soup for dinner children - 1d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ pint.
- 19.11.37. Rayleigh Senior School opened.
- 29. 4.38. Mr. P. Barber resigned to Rotherham Central School.
- 1. 9.38. Mr. J.G. Clough commenced as new Headmaster.
- 26. 9.38. Gas mask fittings. Trenches and A.R.P. shelter in school field.
- 27.10.38. Sport shed erected.
- 9. 1.39. Classes 1-4 rearranged. Two of boys, two of girls.
Class 1 Boys Senior part of school.
Class 1a Girls.
Class 2 Boys.
Class 2a Girls.
- 23.10.39. School opened late for Autumn Term - should have been 11th September.
- 24.10.39. Working two shifts - Juniors & Infants 9-12, Seniors 1-3.30 p.m.
160 maximum per shift.
- 22.11.39. Attendance low - 91 children. (German plan came over in morning raid in evening).
- 4.12.39. Back to full time.
- 8.40. Many air raids.
- 9.40. Battle of Britain - poor attendance.
- 14.10.40. Ceiling in room 4 came down - result of gunfire.
- 7.11.40. 140 children went in relays to see "Dornier" (a crashed German aeroplane).
- 22. 9.41. One clinical lavatory stolen from Infant's shelter.
- 22. 3.42. All chains stolen from boys lavatory cisterns ... suggested work of Youth Club.
- 26.10.42. (Rehearsal) for "Dinners", commencing 27.10.42.
- 9. 9.43. Italy surrendered. Twenty minutes "play".
- 8. 5.45. V.E. Day - School closed until 11.5.45.
- 1.10.45. Youth Club reopened. One window broken in Hall door. One window stop in frame broken in Hall. Piano damaged.
- 17.10.45. Youth Club damaged hole in room 1.
- 7.11.45. Last evening some senior Youth Club boys broke into the Dining Room and upset materials left there by Miss Watson. They also took away some prepared buses for Christmas.
- 20.11.45. Up-to-date - since Woodwork Youth Club Class has started - five chisels and two planes have gone missing. The Youth Centre are using (without permission) the stock room in the Woodwork Class.
- 6.46. Victory Sports.
- 22. 9.47. New Canteen Assistants started - 231 school dinners.
- 2.10.47. Shelter to be demolished.
- 14.10.47. Hardcore road made to Dining Hall.
- 17. 1.49. First cooked meals from our own staff. School wireless and one speaker fitted.
- 25. 4.49. 43 children left for new secondary school.
- 13. 6.49. Meals prepared for Benfleet Secondary School.
- 10. 9.51. School reopened as junior mixed and infant school.
- 21. 1.52. Very large infant classes - Class 1 - 52 children
Class II - 55 children on roll.
- 1. 2.53. CANVEY ISLAND flooded - School opened at 3.45 a.m. for refugees.
- 12. 2.53. 775 meals were cooked per day to supply Thundersley, Hawkwell, Hockley, Rawreth, Hullbridge, Hadleigh and the Church Hall.
- 11.10.54. Infants back to main school from Runnymede Hostel.
- 3.12.56. Road crossing patrol started.

- 22. 9.58. Mrs. Hopker started as clerical assistant.
- 7. 9.59. Two new classrooms now in use for infant classes.
- 18. 7.60. Work was started today on the site of the new building for infants school.
- 9. 1.61. Another new class room was taken over today.
- 17.1.63. Reopened after half term holiday as junior school only.
- 7. 1.63.
- to 4. 2.63. Heavy snow, no playtime for 4 weeks.
- 14.11.66. Television set installed.
- 5. 1.70. Change of Headmaster after 31 years.
- 7. 9.71. School 50 years old - redecorated.

DONATIONS FROM
MR SHERIDAN

- 28. 1.24. Singer Sewing Machine £16.16.0d.
- 15. 5.24. Sheridan House Cup.
- 5. 1.25. Four valve wireless sets.
- 22. 7.25. £5 sports prizes.
- 23.12.25. Christmas and ninty presents (£3.)
- 11. 2.26. Donation to School piano.
- 21. 7.26. £5 sports prizes.
- 16.12.26. Christmas and 100 presents. House parties cost £16.
- 14. 9.27. £5 sports prizes.
- 18.12.27. £3 concert expenses.
- 19.12.27. £4 party expenses.
- 22.12.27. £3 Christmas presents.
- 25. 7.28. £5 sports prizes.
- 17.12.28. £5 Christmas parties.
- 24. 7.29. £5 sports prizes.
- 19.12.29. £5 Christmas parties.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Col. W.J. Bransden - Headmaster, appointed 1.9.21 - Salary £290 per annum.

Ingram, Margaret H.	appointed	1.9.21.	"	£170	"	"
Williams, Robert A.	"	"	"	£160	"	"
Knapton, Florence E.	"	"	"	£ 90	"	"
Montgomery, Winifred E.	"	"	"	£ 80	"	"
D'Eath, Florence H.	"	10.9.22.				
Allcock, Eliza	"	18.1.23.				
Lovejoy, Elsie M.	"	1.6.23.				
Hall, Rita M.	"	3.9.23.				
Shuttleworth, Allen	"	3.6.25.				
Deal, William J.	"	1.4.65.				
French, Albert R.	"	30.8.26.				
Buer, Doris A.	"	1.1.27.				
Wood, Frederick G.	"	12.9.27.				
Adams, Kate W.	"	1.1.32.				
Grant, Gerald W.	"	29.8.32.				
Watson, Violet B.	"	29.8.32.				
Murphy, Hilda L.	"	5.9.32.				
Whitehead, Francis T.	"	24.9.34.				
Rose, Margery	"	1.9.35.				
Rollerson, Margaret P.	"	1.9.35.				
Barber, Percy						
Headmaster	"	1.4.37.				

29.9.1921 Miss Florence Burt appointed as Pupil Teacher at £15 per annum.

Formation of Classes on 8.1.23.

Standard VII Head Teacher - number in class - 14.
 Standard V & VI Mr. R. Williams - number in class - 48.
 Standard IV Miss Knapton - number in class - 40.
 Standard II & III Mrs. Allcock - number in class - 52.
 Standard I Miss Montgomery - number in class - 50.
 Infants Miss M. Ingram - number in class - 41.
 Babies Mrs. F. D'Eath - number in class - 32.

TOTAL ON BOOKS - 227

1.3.23 Mr. Frederick C. Byatt appointed as school caretaker - salary £78 per annum.

Salaries as from 1.10.1931 with 10% deductions, per annum

Bransden, Walter J.	£426.12.0.
Shuttleworth, Allen	£329. 8.0.
Ingram, Margaret H.	£243.13.0.
French, Albert R.	£200.14.0.
Wood, Frederick G.	£189.18.0.
Knapton, Florence E.	£162. 0.0.
Lovejoy, Elsie M.	£153.18.0.
Newman, Rita M.	£124.13.0.
Webb, Francis M.	£121. 1.0.

Staff List as from April, 1937

Form III	Mr. A.R. French	31 on books
Form II	Mrs. M.L. Davies	6 on books
Form I	Miss F. Knapton	43 on books
Remove	Mr. T. Riley	28 on books
Std. IV	Miss V. Watson	42 on books
Std. XII	Miss M. Rose	47 on books
Std. II	Mrs. R. Newman	49 on books
Std. I	Miss E. Lovejoy	43 on books
Upper Infants	Miss K. Adams	39 on books
Lower Infants	Miss M. Rollason	3 on books

Total: 401

Staff List as from August, 1937

Class I	Mr. Pittwood	58 children
Class 2	Miss Stevens	54 children
Class 3	Mr. Goldston	49 children
Class 4	Miss Bullock	38 children
Class 5	Miss Watson	46 children
Class 6	Miss Rose	43 children
Class 7	Mrs. Newman	40 children
Class 8	Miss Lovejoy	44 children
Class 9	Miss Adams	29 children
Class 10	Miss Rollason	32 children

Total: 430

Staff List as from April 1939

J.G. Clough	Salary £367 per annum
A. Shuttleworth	" £366 "
Miss Adams	" £306 "
G. Pittwood	" £266 "
Miss Rose	" £185.5.0."
Mrs. Newman	" £153 "
Miss Watson	" £153 "
Miss Stevens	" £167.5.0."
Mr. Goldston	" £122.7.6."
Mrs. Gulley	" £270.15.0. per annum
Miss Bullock	" £167.5.0. "

Staff Appointments

Miss Mary Stevens	Appointed 30.8.37.
Mrs. Elford-Gulley	" 1.8.37.

School Started as a Junior Mixed and Infant School on September 10th 1951

Staff list September 10th, 1951.

Mr. Clough	Headmaster
Class 4 Juniors	Mrs. Hipsey

Class 3 Juniors	Mr. Thomson
Class 3b Juniors	Mr. Hobbs
Class 2 Juniors	Mr. Lisle
Class 1 Juniors	Miss Stevens
Class 2 Infants	Mrs. Gulley
Class 1 Infants	Miss Day

Total on Register 255

Staff List September 9th, 1952

Mr. Clough	Headmaster	
Class 4	Mrs. Hipsey	42 children
Class 3	Mr. Thomson	48 children
Class 2	Mr. Whitehead	47 children
Class 1	Miss Stevens	48 children
Class 3 (Infants)	Mrs. Gulley	47 children
Class 2 "	Miss Day	39 children
Admission Class	Miss Ixer	39 children

Total on Books 310

Staff List September 1971

Mr. Snowden	Headmaster	
Mr. Bourne		38 children
Mr. French		38 children
Mr. Lees		35 children
Mrs. Golding		34 children
Miss Lieberman		30 children
Mr. Rattenbury		35 children
Mrs. Coles		32 children
Mr. Davies		30 children
Mrs. Rattenbury		30 children
Mr. Clays		31 children
Miss Allen & Miss Barnyard		26 children
Mrs. Davies		29 children
Mrs. Ball		29 children
Mrs. Boreman		29 children

Total on Books 448

Staff List September, 1944

Mr. Clough Headmaster
 Mr. A. Shuttleworth
 Mrs. Gulley
 Mrs. Forsyth
 Mr. Johnson
 Miss Rose
 Miss Stevens
 Miss Watson
 Miss Sweeting
 Mrs. Hipsey
 Mrs. Newman
 Miss Hunt
 Mr. Talbot

Staff List September, 1947

Mr. Clough Headmaster
 Mrs. Gulley
 Mr. W. Phillips
 Miss A. Williams
 Mr. B. Moyle-Robison
 Mrs. Hipsey
 Mr. B. Lisle
 Miss M. Stevens
 Mr. A. Shuttleworth
 Mrs. Forsyth
 Mr. Hobbs
 Miss Watson
 Mr. Treadway

Staff List September, 1949

Age group	13+	Class 2	Senior - Mr. Hobbs
Age Group	11-12	Class 1	Senior - Mr. Robison
Age Group	10-11	Class 4	Junior - Mrs. Hipsey
Age Group	10-11	Class 4b	Junior - Mr. Thomson
Age Group	9-10	Class 3	Junior - Mr. Lisle
Age Group	8-9	Class 2	Junior - Miss Stevens
Age Group	7-8	Class 1	Junior - Miss Williams
Age Group	6-7	Class 2	Infants- Mrs. Gulley
Age Group	5-6	Class 1	Infants- Mrs. Forsyth
Miss Watson	Art/Craft/Needlework		
Mr. Wallace	Woodwork (three schools)		

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Mr. Clough	Headmaster	
Class 4	Mrs. Hipsey	Juniors
Class 3	Mr. Thomson	Juniors
Class 3b	Mr. Hobbs	Juniors
Class 3	Mr. Lisle	Juniors
Class 1		Juniors

Mrs. Newman

Mrs. Newman presented the Newman Shield for Sports in 1942.

- 10.3.27 Newman Silver Cup
- 18.7.29 Mrs. Newman presented a picture called "Rayleigh's Boyhood" to Mr. French's class, Standard IV and Form L for highest attendance.
- 7.7.30 Picture entitled "Old Scottish Firs" to Class II, Miss Knapton.
- 23.7.30 Presented Prizes at Sports.
- 18.11.30 Picture entitled "The Vallye of Llugwy" to Form 1, Mr. A.R. French
- 23.12.31 Christmas trees.
- 8.3.32 The Shepard to Standard III Mrs. R. Newman.
- 9.1.33 Picture entitled "When Did You Last See Your Father?" to Standard II Miss Webb.

Mr. H.J. Fowles

- 12.11.57 Enlarged photo of himself (8 years Manager - 5 in C.of E. School)

Mr. C.S. Wiggins

Generous money donations for Christmas trees, parties and presents from 1935 up to present time.

- 8.11.57 Mrs. Allen presented the Allen Sports Cup (Boys football and cricket house matches).
- 16.7.58 Mr. Clarke presented the Clarke Cup for rounders.

Mr. Sheridan - Benefactor - he lived at Victoria Circus and had a coach and coachmen.
7.10.21 Piano - provided tee for 400

- 24.11.21 Set of goal posts for football and a set of posts for hockey.
- 20.12.21 Large Christmas tree, 70 presents for infants.
- 28.7.22 £5 for Sports Day prizes.
- 19.1.22 £5 for school library (60 books)
- 21.12.22 Christmas tree + 70 presents.
- 30.1.23 Handsome and capacious library cupboard & books to value £2.
- 25.7.23 £3.10.0d. Sports prizes.
- 18.12.23 £3 for concert costumes.
- 20.12.23 Christmas tree and presents.

References

Ancient Parish of Thundersley
- Maley.