



Together we learn, together we succeed

Events in Headmaster Logs 1872 – 1886

Date	Event
23 rd Sep, 1872	School opened for 1 st time by John Bullivant, Headmaster
14 th Dec, 1872	School received 2 tons of coal
6 th Mar, 1873	School visited by the attendance officer
10 th Apr, 1873	Pupils grouped by age as Infants working on pre-standards ie alphabet; Pupils were then grouped by ability working to standard 1, 2, 3 and 4 in reading, writing and arithmetic.
26 th Oct, 1873	All pupils who attended well were promised a Christmas Tree by Miss Broadwood
2 nd April, 1874	All children badly behaved – a wet day
17 th July, 1874	Poor attendance & poor school work – extreme heat
18 th Sep, 1874	Colonel Rowley gave the children a treat at the Nunnery
6 th Oct, 1874	Rev Grace exchanged old harmonium for a new piano
3 rd Dec, 1875	School ran out of paper
28 th Feb, 1876	During annual HMI inspection the school was criticised for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poor penmanship - Not enough staff - No keeping of registers - No toilets for the girls - The office being in bad state
26 th Aug, 1876	John Bullivant stops his duties as Headmaster
2 nd Sep, 1876	Mr J A Winter takes over as Headmaster
1 st Nov, 1876	Mr Slowdane performs conjuring tricks
15 th Mar, 1877	Diocesan Inspection finds the children’s progress good in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Old Testament - The New Testament - The Prayer Book - Singing
8 th Nov, 1877	School takes delivery of new reading books for the 4 th standard and arithmetic cards for the 1 st Standard
20 th Jul, 1878	HMI Inspection finds that the children’s learning is very satisfactory under the diligent teaching of Mr Winter
May, 1879	Attendance Officer starts driving children to school
4 th Aug, 1879	Measles outbreak
17 th Jan, 1881	School thermometer reads -4 degrees
26 th May, 1881	Exam results Reading: 98% Writing 98% Maths 98%
23 rd Dec, 1881	Mr Winter stops duties as Headmaster
13 th Jan, 1882	James Kerr starts duties as Headmaster
14 th Jan, 1882	Mr Kerr notes that the children aren’t polite enough – not using the word “Sir” or “If you please...” enough.
24 th Feb, 1882	Boys and girls have been allowed to go outside the school grounds at lunch intervals. Mr Kerr finds the privilege abused so introduces separate play spaces in school for the boys and girls.
31 st Mar, 1882	Mr Kerr isn’t happy with school attendance, with too many pupils giving the excuse of “Minding the Baby”.
18 th May, 1882	2 older pupils appointed as monitors to help with teaching
24 th Jun, 1882	HMI Inspection records <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playground fencing inadequate - Boy’s ‘offices’ smell - The toilet should be outside the classroom - Girl’s lavatory needs proper drainage
8 th Sep, 1882	School gets painted. “Porches” (Cloakrooms) have pegs removed and so hats and coats are stored in the sewing cupboard
2 nd Jul, 1883	Mr Thomas becomes Headmaster
20 th Jul, 1883	Older pupils given job teaching younger pupils the alphabet
27 th Jul, 1883	Girls sewing timetable adapted from 5.5 hrs p/w to 4 hrs p/w
14 th Jan, 1884	Mumps outbreak
21 st Mar, 1884	5 pupils leave the school as their parents vacate their farms

18 th Apr, 1884	Mr Thomas writes to the Attendance Officer that several children are illegally employed, and not attending
31 st Oct, 1884	More children absent – illegally employed collecting acorns
9 th Jan, 1885	Miss Broadwood presents each child with an orange, cake and nuts
26 th Feb, 1886	Attendance average 33% - due to ongoing bad weather
27 th May, 1886	HMI Inspection reports poor progress, due mainly to insufficient resources including additional teaching mistresses and poor attendance
5 th Oct, 1886	Over 5 boys absent – ‘beating’ ground for a local gentleman