

## LACEY GREEN SCHOOL

My idea was to write about the school, but found the teachers' log and the Inspectors' reports told the story by themselves. I have resisted the temptation to add my own thoughts. "Step back with me and be caught up in the struggle to climb the educational ladder".

Feel for the teacher who asks "How can I teach 60 children in one small classroom all on my own, with ages from three to fourteen". Some children walk over two miles to school. They arrive soaking wet but there is nowhere to hang their things let alone dry them. It is cold and dark. How can we succeed?"

But this is a success story. It is social history. You will have to imagine the curriculum, heavy on religion. Just a taste on the first page for some swashbuckling stories. Although this is about Lacey Green it could be any little village.

These teachers and children have me enthralled so that sometimes 1900 A.D. seems more real than the year 2000.

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This booklet is dedicated to all who laid the foundations, against such odds, of the modern school that we know today as St. John's Combined Church of England School, Lacey Green.

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Lastly the use of the Buckinghamshire Records Office and most of all the Lacey Green School log books.

Any profits resulting from this book will go to Lacey Green School and the adjoining Sports Ground, which I believe are an invaluable asset that we cannot afford to lose.

I hope you feel the same way, buy the book and enjoy this dip into the not so far distant past. Bear in mind that piped water only came to the village in 1934, four years after this book ends. If the water tank at the school ran dry the children had to pop across to The Crown pub for a glass of water. What a blessing to have a friendly publican nearby!

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The Charity Commission state with regard to Lacey Green Church of England Primary, later St John's Church of England Combined School

"The freehold property of the school is comprised in four conveyances, all under the school sites acts. The said documents are dated

December 16 <sup>th</sup> 1870	Deed of Gift, from Charles Brown to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Lacey Green Chapel. (Church of England)
December 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1875	Conveyance from Charles Brown to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Lacey Green Chapel. (Church of England)
March 15 <sup>th</sup> 1926	Conveyance from William Saunders to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Lacey Green Chapel, ¼ acre land
November 1 <sup>st</sup> 1926	Conveyance from William Saunders to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Lacey Green Chapel, additional land

Subsequently there have been considerable extensions to the school and playground areas.

A copy of the 1875 conveyance is at the end. In it the land is conveyed under the School Sites Act. It is evident that schooling had been taking place prior to that date but no precise date or place is given. Charles Brown was a gentleman farmer of some standing. He was also a churchwarden in Lacey Green. In the eighteen seventies schooling was being put on a more formal footing and also Charles Brown was getting near to retiring and tidying up his affairs. It is possible that he had been encouraging schooling for some time and was now simply making it legalised.

There were dame/lace schools from early days. Harry Floyd's grandmother, Ann Horwood, had come to the village at the age of fourteen, in 1847. She and her father were in service to the vicar. Not at the old vicarage, now known as Lacey House, as that was built nearly thirty years later. When he realised that the young Ann could read and write he asked her, a few years later, to start a school, This she did, calling herself their "governess", teaching the children to read and write and do some summing. The girls did sewing, bringing their clothes ready tacked to make them. Ann married Peter Floyd in 1854, having the first of four children in 1855. She and her husband lived in the cottage that came to be known as Floyd's Farm, right behind the Old Chapel. Harry Floyd never said where his granny did her teaching. Teresa Foster and Dennis Claydon write about the Old Chapel elsewhere.

Bernard Houghton, vicar here in the 1960's said the school had been started in 1866, but he was referring to the site of the present school, his source of information is not known, and he, sadly, is no longer with us to ask.

One last mystery yet to be unravelled. In the census of 1851, in Lacey Green, teaching 22 scholars was Mrs Mary Ann Floyd. She was born in 1815 at Thorncombe, Devon, now Dorset. She married John Floyd, son of Joseph Floyd and a cousin of Peter, later to marry Ann Horwood, and he was also a brother of William Floyd, who was a cordwainer and had property right near the old Chapel. Mary Ann Floyd died in 1852, aged 37, She had a son Albert Joseph who married Julia Plumridge and a daughter Mary Ann who married George Harding. But what was Mary Ann's maiden name? Will all be revealed in book two?

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## LACEY GREEN SCHOOL BY DENNIS CLAYDON

Trade Directories indicate the opening of a day school in Lacey Green in 1851, however, it is uncertain if the building occupied the present site. Reputedly Ann Horwood was the first teacher or governess. Born in 1833 at Aston Clinton she came to Lacey Green as a domestic servant at the age of fourteen. Ann was extremely privileged for her generation, she could read and write. So impressed was the Vicar of the day by her ability, that after three or four years, he invited her to start a village school. Parents paid a penny a week towards their childrens' education. Ann, in her own words, taught the children "their letters and a little summing"(writing and arithmetic). Mothers sent their childrens' clothes to school already "tacked", so that the pupils might be usefully employed by adding to their wardrobes. For all these tasks Ann received the sum of half a crown a week (twelve and a half new pence) from the Parish.

In 1854 Ann married Peter Floyd. They honeymooned in the old cottage, which came to be known as Floyd's Farm, to the rear of the "Black Horse" During the following seventy years they never moved from the farm again. Neither Ann nor Peter ever saw the sea, nor did they wish to do so.

It seems unlikely that the Vicar would have sufficient funds available to erect a new school building, therefore there must have been a place where this first school was held. One possible theory, but it must be stressed it is only a theory, is the old Chapel once situated along the track leading to Floyd's Farm. People still living in Lacey Green have heard their parents and grandparents speak of this building. Methodism came to this area in 1835 with a mission by Reverend James Pole, centred on High Wycombe and the surrounding villages. John Carter Dell of Lacey Green may once have been strongly influenced by this Mission, for he erected a Meeting House for the use of the village Methodists. John's parents and grandparents owned Speen Farm, (now the Home of Rest for Horses) as well as other properties in Lacey Green. John, born in 1796, in turn a farmer, shopkeeper and grocer, also owned land and property in Lacey Green on his own account. He had eight children, five daughters and three sons, but died in 1840, at a comparatively early age.

An extract from John's will makes his wishes clear. "I also give and bequeath unto my said wife all that my Freehold Meeting House erected by me for a place of Divine Worship of the Primitive Methodists situate and being at Lacey Green in the Parish of Princes Risborough aforesaid – with nine feet of Freehold land adjoining each side of the Meeting House - for her absolute use-to have power to sell or lett or to keep in her own possession". After John's death, did Betsy, his wife, "lett" this building for use as a school? Perhaps it served a dual purpose, i.e. school on weekdays, Chapel on Sundays? Although records are sparse, they suggest the building probably continued in use for worship until the opening of the present Methodist Church in 1855.

Making provision in his will for his two eldest daughters, John Carter Dell decreed, "I Devise unto my Daughters Mary and Ann my field adjoining the said Meeting House aforesaid containing one acre of Freehold land be the same more or less with the cottage or building thereon standing. " Documents relating to property in the vicinity of the supposed site of the Chapel have recently been examined. This documentation refers to "two houses and schoolroom," adding support to the above theory. With the building of the present school and the opening of the Methodist Church the building probably fell into disuse. The stair banister of a nearby cottage is reputedly made from the woodwork of the former Chapel, whilst the cottage itself is said to have had "every inch of it's floor prayed upon. Two other cottages in Lacey Green, of traditional Chiltern brick and flint, likewise are said to be partly constructed from stones of the old Chapel. These latter cottages were certainly in the ownership of the Tomkins, a staunch Methodist family for many years.

The foregoing would suggest the former building was probably demolished and the materials reused. If only those stones could tell their story.

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## A VILLAGE SCHOOL ROOM BEFORE ST JOHNS? BY TERESA FOSTER

I am always proud to tell people that my grand parents, mother, myself and my children have all attended St Johns at one time or another throughout the schools history and hope my grandchildren (if I have any that is!) will carry on the tradition.

Some childhood memories are for some reason more easily remembered and no more so than anything which has a slightly spooky feel to it. This for me was a flight of old stairs and rail in the family room – Clovelly. This was formally my grandparents, Horace and Ivy Rixon's house. These stairs and rail (painted bright green and full of woodworm I recall) came from, so my grandfather told, an old Chapel that once stood on our grounds and that the aforementioned stairs were used in the house when this Chapel was demolished.

I was caused many nights of fright and panic as I ran up these stairs to bed imagining all the devils in hell chasing me (not to mention the ones with grabbing hands under the bed).

It seems very likely that the Chapel was used as a schoolroom before St Johns was built and that a teacher by the name of Ann or Mary Ann lived nearby. No excuse to be late for work, come rain or shine. Evidence that the Chapel did exist is backed up further by paperwork relating to a will written by a Mr John Carter Dell leaving it to his wife. Now we have to find out if it was passed on to their children. More information found could well uncover whether it was indeed used as a schoolroom.

The stair unfortunately no longer exists but I do have, luckily, photographs of them. They were certainly part of the Chapel, could they have been part of the first teaching place in Lacey Green?

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1874

April 17<sup>th</sup>

Commenced duties on Monday morning with 37 children. Found them fair in reading and spelling but quite deficient in writing, arithmetic, tables, scriptures and catechism. 12 children admitted during the week. Thursday afternoon set all over six to write the letters capital and small from dictation, all failed. The vicar and Mrs Burgess and the Reverend Grace visited the school this week.

April 24<sup>th</sup>

Twelve children admitted this week, all of them very backward in writing and arithmetic. Children appeared very dull in answering questions and in repetition. They have been late in the morning and very irregular in attendance throughout the week. On Friday only 12 children present it being May Day. The Vicar gave them a half holiday.

May 8<sup>th</sup>

Only 27 children present on Monday morning owing to a tea meeting in the Chapel. Gave them a holiday in the afternoon. Two boys kept in to read after school hours for not reading properly to the monitor.

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

On Friday morning kept class IV in to read during playtime, for not obeying the monitor during the reading lesson. Better attendance. Average 46.

May 29<sup>th</sup>

The vicar gave the children a holiday on Whit-Monday. Commenced duties on Tuesday with 23 children. Admitted a girl ten years of age quite deficient in arithmetic. Punished two boys on Thursday afternoon for coming in late.

## SCRIPTURE STORIES TO END OF MAY

The Creation of the World

The Fall of Man

The Death of Abel

The Flood

The Building of the Tower of Babel

The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

Hagar and Ishmael

The Call of Abraham

Jacob's Vision

Jacob's Return to Canaan

Joseph Being Sold into Egypt

June 5<sup>th</sup>

Several children came late this week. Admitted two boys on Monday. Seven lace girls away all the week. The third class are improving a little in arithmetic, but the second are still very dull. Kept the fourth class in a quarter of an hour on Thursday afternoon for talking.

June 12<sup>th</sup>

Admitted two children on Monday. Questioned the children in scripture upon their former lessons but could only get answers from a few.

June 19<sup>th</sup>

Several absent to attend upon their parents in the hay fields, also very late in the mornings, several not up in time to come to school.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Scolded them on Friday morning for being late and coming in when the lesson is partly over. Great difficulty in getting them to school in the morning as they lie so late in bed. One little girl absent through sickness. Only 24 present in the afternoon on account of their being a public tea.

July 10<sup>th</sup>

Two girls under 8 at home all the week making lace.

July 17<sup>th</sup>

Only 11 children present at half past nine. In consequence very little progress made. Three children returned who have been absent several weeks, very dull and ignorant.

July 24<sup>th</sup>

Kept 8 children in till half past four on Tuesday for coming in late.

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- July 31<sup>st</sup> Mr Burgess gave the children a holiday on Thursday afternoon to attend the annual school treat. Broke up for the harvest holidays
- September 4<sup>th</sup> Only five of the older children present at the lesson on Wednesday in consequence of it being a very wet morning, they will have gone wooding. Kept six children till half past twelve on Friday morning to finish their sums.
- September 18<sup>th</sup> Admitted two children on Monday morning under six. Two lace girls returned after an absence of seven weeks.
- September 25<sup>th</sup> Punished two boys for playing truant.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday morning, only 17 children present there being a holiday in the village. Gave them all a holiday in the afternoon.
- October 9<sup>th</sup> Only 18 children on Wednesday and 26 on Friday on account of the weather.
- October 16<sup>th</sup> Admitted a boy of three years of age. Sent a boy home for coming in repeatedly after the registers were closed.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> Several children away this week, three through sickness. Could not give as much time as usual to the infants as the older ones being absent, including the monitress, I had to have the other three classes.
- October 30<sup>th</sup> Twenty seven children present on Monday morning in consequence of the weather. Class II are still very dull at subtraction. The infants are much quieter. Several absent. On Wednesday the Diocesan Inspector examined the children, found them very fair and improved since his last visit, discipline and order good.
- November 6<sup>th</sup> Several children came in late during the week and the elder ones absent on Thursday and Friday. The second class have seemed very dull at arithmetic this week, and several failed in spelling in their dictation lesson. Kept eleven in until half past four on Friday afternoon writing and spelling.
- November 13<sup>th</sup> Three boys returned who have been absent since July. Several infants away through the cold.
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Still a great many absent, some with bad colds others with blisters and chilblains. The first class are still very dull at their sums, and require great attention. The second class improve in copying and numeration.
- November 27<sup>th</sup> Admitted two girls 13 years of age, one as half timer. Several of the classes II and III absent in consequence of bad weather and sickness.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> Punished three boys on Tuesday for misbehaviour out of school.
- December 11<sup>th</sup> Admitted two children on Monday and one girl returned after an absence of five months, who is quite deficient in everything.
- December 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday gave children a lesson on "chalk". On Wednesday only 5 children present it being a deep snow. 20 in the afternoon, and about that number for the remainder of the week.
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> Very few children present this week owing to the severe weather. On Wednesday closed the school for a fortnight holiday.

## 1875

- January 15<sup>th</sup> Resumed school duties on Monday morning. Several absent during the week with bad colds.
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> Several absent through sickness in the third class.
- January 29<sup>th</sup> Better attendance this week and earlier in the morning.
- February 12<sup>th</sup> Admitted a little girl on Monday and five children returned having been absent more than two months. The first class have been very punctual all week. Several infants absent on Friday through bad weather.
- February 19<sup>th</sup> Very good attendance this week. Mrs Burgess took the sewing class on Wednesday.
- February 26<sup>th</sup> A little girl returned on Monday who had not been to school since harvest. Very few children on Wednesday and Friday morning on account of the weather.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> A very thin school throughout the week owing to sickness and bad feet, only 13 infants present. Thursday afternoon kept the 1<sup>st</sup> class in until half past four to correct their dictation. The Reverend J.W. Burgess visited the school on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs

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	Burgess took the sewing class on Wednesday afternoon and Reverend O. Grace came in on Friday afternoon. Miss Powel (Stocken Farm) took the sewing class on Friday.
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Several of the elder children away attending upon their parents. Miss Powel took the sewing class on Monday. 34 present on Friday. Average 40.
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Several boys away all the week. Thursday morning punished a boy for telling a lie.
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	A very poor attendance all the week. Only 25 present on Thursday afternoon owing to some races in the neighbourhood. Admitted a little girl 3 years old.
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Several children late in the morning. A great many absent on Friday as it was raining. Miss Powel took the sewing classes on Monday.
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Very few on Thursday afternoon and Friday, several of the boys going wooding (gathering fallen wood was an important occupation that took preference over school work. There was always a low attendance after rough weather).
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Monday morning 44 present, the greater part infants. The elder children have attended very irregularly all the week. Gave the monitress a holiday on Monday, and admitted a boy who had been attending Park Field School, Princes Risborough.
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Only 29 children present on Monday morning, gave them a holiday in the afternoon as it was the anniversary of the Chapel.
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	

The following summary of H.M. Inspectors Report on this school and remarks on it were received:

“Miss Burrows seems to have found this school in a most inefficient state when she took charge on 13<sup>th</sup> April last. Since that time the scholars have made fair progress. The infants require great attention. Those in the third standard read badly. Writing is pretty good but arithmetic and needlework are pretty fair. The children attend very irregularly. As many infants as possible should be sent to Speen and Loosley Row and the older children brought to this school. My Lords have allowed the full grant with hesitation. They will look for a much better report next year. The ninth supplementary rule must be strictly observed in future. My Lords have overlooked its infringement, as this is the first inspection of the school.”

May 28 <sup>th</sup>	A very good attendance all the week. Admitted three girls and a boy on Monday. Kept 10 children in until half past four on Wednesday afternoon for coming in late. Miss Powel took the sewing on Monday and Mrs Burgess on Wednesday. The vicar paid us a visit on Tuesday and Friday afternoon.
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Admitted a boy three years old on Monday, and a girl who had been absent during the Winter. Several children very late in the morning. Kept them to lessons during playtime.
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Admitted a boy three years old on Monday and 2 girls as half timers. Several children absent on Friday, two boys through illness. Sent four children back home in the afternoon for coming in at quarter past two.
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Admitted a boy three years old and two girls as half timers. The eldest 14 years of age can neither read, make a letter or figure.
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	The children have been very late in the morning all the week, and attendance irregular, several boys in the hay fields.
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance fair till Friday it being a wet day several were absent.
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Admitted two children under four years of age this week, and readmitted a boy who had been away 4 months. Only 27 children present on Tuesday as there was a public tea in the village. Very bad attendance all the week owing to the showery weather. Average 42.
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Children very late all the week.
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Several children away all the week, one little girl sick.
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gave the children a half holiday on Tuesday to attend the annual treat. The 1 <sup>st</sup> class boys absent until Friday when the Reverend W.J. Burgess gave a reward to those who were presented at the Government examinations. Broke up for the harvest holidays.
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Commenced school duties on Monday with 22 children. The children are still in the harvest fields.



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- September 17<sup>th</sup> Admitted a girl for a few weeks who is staying in the village. A few more children have come back this week but none of the elder boys.
- September 24<sup>th</sup> The infants have attended very regularly throughout the week. The boys are still away at work. Only 33 present on Friday as it was showery.
- October 1<sup>st</sup> Only 14 children present on Monday morning, gave them a holiday in the afternoon.
- October 8<sup>th</sup> A few more boys returned on Monday but away the greater part of the week blackberrying and other things. Kept several children in till half past four for coming in after the registers had been closed. The Vicar came in on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Powel on Monday and Mrs Burgess on Wednesday.
- October 29<sup>th</sup> One of the first class boys returned on Monday. The monitress away on Thursday and Friday through illness.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> Several boys absent stone picking.
- November 12<sup>th</sup> Admitted three children on Monday.
- November 19<sup>th</sup> A very thin school throughout the week. The boys are picking up acorns.
- November 26<sup>th</sup> Admitted three children on Monday two under seven who are totally ignorant in everything. They came in the afternoon but have not been since. A very poor school all the week. Some of the parents kept their children at home as they have not the school pence.
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> Only 14 children on Friday on account of the snow. Average 34.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> Only ten children present on Monday morning on account of the weather and 25 the remainder of the week. Kept three boys in this afternoon for coming late.
- December 17<sup>th</sup> Very fair attendance. Admitted a boy 12 years of age who has attended Park Field School, but not sufficient to be examined in any standards.
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> The first Standard have been very regular all the week. A second Standard boy away Wednesday and Thursday through sickness. Revd Burgess came, gave the children a fortnights holiday.

## 1876

- January 14<sup>th</sup> Resumed school duties on Monday with 33 children. A few more on Tuesday and Wednesday and several absent on Thursday in consequence of bad weather.
- January 21<sup>st</sup> Better attendance this week. The boys have been very regular. The second, third and fourth standards have done their arithmetic on paper this week. The second standard are very deficient. The Vicar paid several visits during the week. Miss Powel and Mrs Burgess took the needlework class as usual.
- January 28<sup>th</sup> Admitted a girl seven years old quite deficient in everything, and readmitted two who have been away twelve months. The infants have been very troublesome this week. Average 50.
- February 18<sup>th</sup> Several children absent and the second class boys in the afternoon wooding. Admitted a boy thirteen years old. Kept a boy in till half past four for being saucy.
- February 18<sup>th</sup> Readmitted a girl as half timer.
- February 25<sup>th</sup> The second class have been very irregular this week. The boys have gone wooding in the afternoons.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> Admitted a girl twelve years of age as half timer. Only made two attendances through the week. The boys have been very irregular. Divided the children for scripture, the monitress taking the first standard and infants, but find they disturb the elder children a great deal. Set the second, third and fourth standards to write out scripture and catechism on Thursday.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Powell and Mrs Burgess took the girls for needlework and the Reverend W.J. Burgess paid several visits during the week.

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- April 7<sup>th</sup> children have been very irregular this week. Ten being absent all week. Only fifteen boys on Wednesday afternoon owing to some races in the neighbourhood..
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Admitted a girl as half-timer on Monday. Miss Powel took sewing. Mrs Burgess and Mrs Hunt came in. On Wednesday the children were examined by Mr Herbert, H.M. Inspector. 67 present. The Reverend W.J. Burgess, Reverend O.J. Grace and Mr Brown were in the school during the examination. The vicar gave the children a holiday in the afternoon. Friday morning only 25 as it was very snowy.
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Resumed after the Easter holidays. Several very late. Several boys away all week.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> Only few at school on Monday as it was May Day. They were given an afternoon holiday.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> The boys attended very irregularly, most of them going wooding in the afternoon.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Summary of the Inspectors Report received May 23<sup>rd</sup>:

“The school has made distinct improvement since last year’s examinations. It is now in a decidedly promising state which is creditable to Miss Sarah Burman. The Managers and teacher had been informed that the examination this year would not be according to the new Code of 1875 consequently subjects taken under article 19© were not successfully done. The sewing is good.”

- May 28<sup>th</sup> Admitted a boy three years old and four others returned who had been away since Easter. Two children absent all week as they had not got the school pence.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> Only 24 children attended through the week.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> The boys attended better until Friday when seven went off wooding. On Thursday kept a boy in till 5 o’clock to finish his lessons.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> Admitted a boy 3 years old. Three or four children returned who had been absent since Whitsuntide.
- July 28<sup>th</sup> Only 27 children present on Monday morning owing to the weather. Admitted a girl 3 years old. Two boys away at work and another sick.
- August 4<sup>th</sup> Very thin attendance all the week. Several away in the harvest fields. The vicar gave a holiday on Wednesday to attend the school treat. Broke up.
- September 9<sup>th</sup> Admitted 4 infants. The boys are still in the harvest fields and several little ones sick with measles.
- September 16<sup>th</sup> A very poor school during the week owing to harvest work and measles.
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> Only 20 children at school. Most ill with measles.
- September 29<sup>th</sup> Only 7 present on Monday. Gave them a holiday. On Tuesday admitted 2 boys, one twelve years old, who has been at Park Field.
- October 6<sup>th</sup> Admitted 2 infants. Two girls returned having been away six months.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> Began school duties at 10 o’clock, as the blacksmith was putting up the stove. Three boys returned who have been away since harvest, and two away all the week, stone picking.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Five children came back having been absent since the harvest holidays. They are very backward and slow. The boys have been very irregular.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Six children away all the week with measles and colds. Two boys returned from work, having been absent since harvest. They are very dull and lazy.
- December 1<sup>st</sup> Only 29 children present on Monday owing to the weather.
- December 8<sup>th</sup> Admitted five children, one a half-timer. Attendance irregular on account of bad weather.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> The children have been very late in the morning all the week. A very thin attendance all the week owing to bad colds.

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## 1877

- January 8<sup>th</sup> Commenced my duties. Found the children forward in reading and spelling but very backward in arithmetic.
- February 16<sup>th</sup> Mr and Mrs Forrest visited the school. Poor school on Tuesday on account of a confirmation being held at Risborough.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> A holiday was given on Friday, the room being wanted for a concert.
- April 20<sup>th</sup> The annual examination was held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>. Half holiday was given in the afternoon.
- May 17<sup>th</sup>

### Summary of H.M.I. report, received:

“The school has done pretty well in the examination in the elementary subjects and some care has evidently been bestowed upon grammar and geography. The discipline is not so good as I should like to find it. The needlework is satisfactory.”

- June 15<sup>th</sup> Admitted 4 fresh children. School very full.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> Very poor attendance this week on account of the haymaking.
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> Reopened school with very few scholars being a rainy morning. Agnes Parslow commenced her duties as a monitor in place of Emma Hawes.
- September 21<sup>st</sup> Attendance better but still not good, elder children being out gleaning. Closed school in the afternoon, children remaining at home to attend a public tea.

## 1878

- February 1<sup>st</sup> Several children absent, being market day at Wycombe.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> A holiday was given on Friday in consequence of a deep fall of snow.
- May 1<sup>st</sup>

### H.M. Inspector's report:

“This school has fallen off considerably in point of arithmetic since it was last inspected. The arithmetic is good for nothing and the dictation is exceedingly indifferent. The reading is fair. The influx into the school of several ignorant children has no doubt increased the teacher's difficulties, but this is not much to account for the terrible falling off which is apparent. A deduction in grant of one tenth is made for faults of instruction.”

- May 10<sup>th</sup> Gave a holiday on Monday afternoon on account of a public tea being held in the village. Annie Janes began work on Thursday as a monitor.
- July 25<sup>th</sup> Gave a half holiday in the afternoon for the school feast.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> The school was closed on Tuesday afternoon on account of the choir picnic.
- September 27<sup>th</sup> Holiday on Monday for the tea held in the village. Half holiday on Thursday for Sunday School tea.
- October 1<sup>st</sup> The Diocesan Examination report was “very good”.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> Admitted one child. Desired several children to remain at home till their cough was better. Average 65.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> Attendance less owing to the severity of the weather.

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## 1879

January 31<sup>st</sup> Attendance for week average 66.

May 30<sup>th</sup> Half holiday on Monday, most of the children attending a tea held in the village.

June 7<sup>th</sup>

Received the report of the evening school.

“This little school has done very well”.

Received H.M.I. report of day school.

“The school has improved somewhat during the past year, but the arithmetic is still wretched. The infants are fairly forward.”

Scripture report for 15<sup>th</sup> July

“The school maintains its former average but cannot be said to have advanced much. Some of the children in the upper division answered well and intelligently. The others were somewhat weak. The repetition work of this school is generally very creditable and reflects credit upon the teacher for painstaking and conscientious work.”

September 23<sup>rd</sup> Reopened school. Very poor attendance, harvest not being finished. Average 40.

October 24<sup>th</sup> Average for the week 63.

November 5<sup>th</sup> The vicar catechised and instructed the school upon the catechism and took a class in reading. Mrs Burgess instructed the girls in needlework.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> The school was closed on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> as I was unable to attend through illness.

## 1880

January 5<sup>th</sup> School reopened. Attendance low owing to the cold weather.

January 30<sup>th</sup> Admitted Kilburn Bowler and Mary. They had previously been to Speen school.

February 6<sup>th</sup> The attendance small owing to the cold weather.

April Reopened after Easter. Mr Starr assisted during the morning. Mrs Burgess took needlework. Average low, many children being ill.

April 30<sup>th</sup> I resign the charge of the school to Miss Fundell.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Commenced duties here. The arithmetic and writing appear very weak. The I Standard seem to be particularly backward.

May 11<sup>th</sup>

H.M. Inspector's Report.

“ The results of the examination are not good. The dictation, both as spelling and handwriting is poor and there are far too many failures in reading and arithmetic. From the infants I could get no answers. The sewing is fair and the children are well behaved.”

May 10<sup>th</sup> Mr Starr assisted this week, also Mr Everette, Mrs Burgess and the Reverend Burgess.

June 18<sup>th</sup> The Misses Burgess came to hear the children sing on Friday. The I Standard still very backward. I am now taking them until I see an improvement.

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July 16<sup>th</sup> Attendance lower on account of hay-making.

## Scripture Report July 13<sup>th</sup>

“The school maintains a very fair average of Religious Knowledge. The answers in the Upper Division and the writing of the catechism were very good. The lower division very weak and will require working up. The infants were satisfactory.”

Prize: Agnes Parslow.

Commended: Kate Claydon, Eva Rixon, Rosa Stephenson.

July 30<sup>th</sup> Attendance low on account of outdoor work. Gave a holiday on Wednesday on account of a treat which they attended out of the village.  
August 13<sup>th</sup> Average 36. Low on account of out-door work. Emma Parslow commenced duties as monitor. Break up for harvest holidays.  
September 24<sup>th</sup> Reopened school. Agnes Parslow resigned and Kate Claydon commenced duties as monitor.  
October 1<sup>st</sup> Attendance poor. Average only 45. Gave half holiday on Monday as it was the Sunday school treat.  
October 8<sup>th</sup> Attendance very good considering the wet weather. 1<sup>st</sup>.standard very dull in learning subtraction.  
October 15<sup>th</sup> 1st standard still very backward. Reverend O. Grace visited. Half holiday given on account of repair being done to the schoolroom.  
October 29<sup>th</sup> A marked improvement in the I Standard. Reverend Everette visited on Friday.  
November 5<sup>th</sup> Attendance very good. Average 55.  
November 12<sup>th</sup> Average 56. Mr Starr visited and assisted on Tuesday. Reverend and Miss Kelly visited on Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon.  
November 17<sup>th</sup> The vicar and Mrs Kelly visited on Monday and Mrs and Miss Kelly on Friday. Mr Starr assisted on Tuesday. 1<sup>st</sup>.standard improving in subtraction.  
December 10<sup>th</sup> Admitted three children. Average 53.  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> Closed school for Christmas holidays.

## 1881

January 14<sup>th</sup> Re-opened school. Attendance pretty good as the weather is cold and snowy.  
January 21<sup>st</sup> On account of the great snowstorm the school was obliged to be closed from Tuesday afternoon as the children were unable to attend.  
January 28<sup>th</sup> School open as usual. Attendance not very good owing to the bad weather.  
February 4<sup>th</sup> Attendance not very good (45). The vicar visited on Tuesday. Mrs Kelly on Wednesday. The I Standard are improved in arithmetic.  
February 18<sup>th</sup> Attendance better, average 53. The vicar visited on Monday. Examined the 1<sup>st</sup> and II Standards. Found spelling a weak point in the I Standard.  
March 11<sup>th</sup> Admitted two boys, re-admitted one girl. Average 59. Several old scholars returned.  
May 9<sup>th</sup> Admitted two children. Average attendance 61.

## H.M. Inspector's Report.

“The school generally has improved. There is still weakness in the reading and dictation, but the style of work is better. The infants are more forward.”

June 24<sup>th</sup> Gave a holiday on Monday as the ceiling was repaired. 1<sup>st</sup>.standard very backward owing to the return of some ignorant children. Admitted 1 child.  
July 1<sup>st</sup> Admitted five children, one girl returned after a long absence. Divided the I Standard. The lower division very backward. Attendance for

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week average 60.  
July 15<sup>th</sup> Admitted two children, neither of them know a letter. Attendance not so good on account of haymaking.  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> Average only 49. The children being out in the fields.  
August 12<sup>th</sup> Very poor attendance owing to the harvest being commenced. Closed school for a month's holidays. Average for the week 22.  
October 7<sup>th</sup> The vicar visited on Monday. Gave the children a whole holiday on account of a tea being held in the school room.  
October 25<sup>th</sup>

The Diocesan Inspection October 18<sup>th</sup>.

“Whilst the lower division was somewhat slow in responding (though able to repeat hymns and private prayers), in the upper division, standard III was very fair and standard IV very good. The intelligence of the younger children seems to want cultivating.”

Prize: Katie Claydon

Commended: Katie Claydon, Emma Parslow, Rose Stevenson.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> Broke up at noon for Christmas.

## 1882

January 13<sup>th</sup> Several absent, away with bad colds. Attendance poor owing to sickness.  
February 24<sup>th</sup> Several still away ill. I Arthur Floyd take charge of this school owing to the illness of the mistress.  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> I, M.A. Fundell again take charge of the school.  
March 31<sup>st</sup> The attendance lower again this week, several being away with bad colds.  
April 27<sup>th</sup> Gave standards I,II,III,IV,and V an examination on Tuesday. The results were very good. Two children in the 1st standard weak, neither being able to learn with the same quickness as the others.  
May 4<sup>th</sup> The Government examination took place 60 present. Gave the children the remainder of the week off and the next.  
May 19<sup>th</sup> Re-opened school with a very good attendance. Admitted five children. The vicar visited on Tuesday and Friday. Arranged the children in their standards. Began coming in at 2 p.m. during the summer months instead of 1.30 p.m.  
May 25<sup>th</sup>

H.M. Inspector's Report.

“This school has improved most satisfactorily under M.A. Fundell in every respect, and bids fair to succeed in the future under her careful management.”

June 4<sup>th</sup> Attendance very poor owing to several tea-meetings being held in the neighbourhood. Admitted one little boy. Gave Emma Parslow a half holiday on Thursday.  
June 9<sup>th</sup> Attendance low, several children away ill with scarlatina.  
June 16<sup>th</sup> Attendance still low, several children ill.  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> Attendance very low. Children not well enough to return.  
June 30<sup>th</sup> The school obliged to be closed from Tuesday on account of the mistress being ill.  
July 7<sup>th</sup> The vicar visited Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Katie Claydon absent Monday and Tuesday. Attendance low. Average for the week 30.  
August 4<sup>th</sup> Gave half holiday Monday there being a tea in the village, attendance poor. Break up for harvest holidays, Viz.5 weeks.

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- September 15<sup>th</sup> Re-opened with 25 children, a slight improvement on Tuesday but the average for the week is only 23. Admitted one little girl, three years old. The harvest not being finished the children are in the fields helping their parents.
- September 29<sup>th</sup> Two half holidays were given on account of a tea held in the village on Monday and the Sunday School treat was given on Wednesday. Attendance not very good. Scarlatina has broken out in one family again. The vicar visited on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.
- October 6<sup>th</sup> Half holiday was given on Monday as it was the harvest festival. The vicar visited on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings. Several children returned that have been absent since weeks before the holidays. I resign the charge of this school.
- October 9<sup>th</sup> I, Annie Elizabeth Newberry, commenced duties in Lacey Green Church of England School. Several children absent. Number present 54.
- October 10<sup>th</sup> Attendance better, 64 present in a.m. Boys very fidgety and idle.
- October 12<sup>th</sup> Examined IInd. standard in subtraction. Found them very dull at subtraction.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Diocesan inspection on Tuesday. Several children absent on Wednesday afternoon. Punished Walter Rixon for disobedience.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday holiday given on account of bad weather.
- October 27<sup>th</sup> Several children absent with measles. Mr Kelly visited several times. Examined the standards. Found them very good at reading and dictation but rather backward in arithmetic. This is owing partly to their ignorance of their tables. Ernest Stevens rather disobedient.
- October 30<sup>th</sup> Mr Kelly visited on Monday. All the boys except one absent in the infant class with measles. Average attendance 43. Sent W. Stevenson home to have his hair brushed and his mother kept him home the rest of the day. Several children absent on Friday afternoon. Great improvement needed in the Ist. standard.
- November 6<sup>th</sup> Several children absent in the morning. Punished Ist class boy for disobedience. Examined the standards. Standards I and II very weak in arithmetic. Hetty White very careless with her dictation.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Several children absent on Thursday owing to the bad weather.
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Punished the boys for being late.
- November 24<sup>th</sup> Sent F. Stevenson home to enquire the reason for Willie's absence on Friday and her mother kept her home the remainder of the day.
- December 1<sup>st</sup> Examined I Standard. Found them improved in arithmetic. On Thursday afternoon examined 1<sup>st</sup> class. Girls very careless at sums. All did well at dictation

### Report from the Diocesan Inspector

“Considering the changes that have so recently taken place in the teaching staff the children passed as good an examination as might be expected. Some answering very well, whilst others showed little knowledge of religious subjects. The infant and lower standards will require attention. Already under their new mistress traces of improvement in discipline and general advance are observable and probably the school has a bright future before it.”

Prize: Alice Parslow.

- December 8<sup>th</sup> Several children absent on Friday owing to the snow.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> Willie Eggleton admitted. Six children absent owing to scarlet fever. Attendance bad on Friday on account of the snow. I class girls much improved in sums.
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> Scarlet fever has broken out in two fresh families. Closed the school on Thursday for Christmas holidays.

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## 1883

- January 8<sup>th</sup> Commenced duties after a fortnight's holiday.
- January 12<sup>th</sup> Children still absent with scarlet fever. Admitted George Lovett. Kate Claydon still absent through illness. Infants very fidgety.
- January 19<sup>th</sup> Several children still absent with scarletina. 1<sup>st</sup> class boy punished for disobedience.
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> Katie Claydon still absent. Punished E. Stevens, Cecil Dell, Michael Causey and Ivo Janes for not coming in at the proper time. They went playing at some game round the fields and so got late.
- January 29<sup>th</sup> Katie Claydon still absent.
- February 9<sup>th</sup> Katie Claydon still absent. Improvement in the 1<sup>st</sup> class both in sums and writing.
- February 12<sup>th</sup> Average 60. Cecil Dell very disobedient. M. Causey punished for obstinacy. E. Stevens reprovved for temper. Average attendance 62.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sent W. Eggleton home for school pence. Punished 1<sup>st</sup>.class boy for disobedience.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Sent Eggletons back for their school fees. Both monitresses absent on Tuesday to attend their confirmation. Punished H Rixon for disobedience.
- March 16<sup>th</sup> Emma Parslow absent the greater part of the week on account of the death of her father. Kept I class boys in from play for talking.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Katie Claydon left to go to Loosley Row school and Alice White commenced duties as monitress. Emma Parslow resigned and Alice Parslow took her place. Several children absent on Wednesday to go to Risborough races. I class boys very tiresome on Thursday, especially Walter Rixon and Michael Causey.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Taught long division to IV standard. Multiplication to standard II. Several of the 1<sup>st</sup> class boys kept in for being late.

### H.M. Inspector's Report

“The school is likely to do well under the new teacher. The past year has been a broken one owing to epidemics and this has told on the arithmetic. The reading and dictation are very fair. The infants appear to be satisfactorily taught and sewing receives its share of attention.”

- April 30<sup>th</sup> Half holiday on account of a tea held in the village.
- May 4<sup>th</sup> Gave the 1<sup>st</sup> class leave till 10 o'clock to go garlanding on Tuesday. Albert Anderson punished for disobedience.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> Cecil Dell and Michael Causey punished for stubbornness. Average attendance 70.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> Half holiday given on Thursday on account of a tea given to the Temperance children on Whiteleaf Cross. Cecil Dell behaved much better this week.
- June 8<sup>th</sup> Fourth standard worked their sums more carefully. Several boys punished for being late.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> Michael Causey and Albert Anderson punished for being late. Attendance good.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> Improvement in the writing of I class. Examined standard 1 in arithmetic. Found them very backward. Average attendance for the week 72.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> Several of the I class boys absent haymaking. Gave A. Eggleton the cane for disobedience. Ernest Hickman and Joe Stevens played truant after play on Friday. Michael Causey did his writing very nicely in his copy book. Average attendance 65.
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Some I class boys still absent at work. II class improved in arithmetic.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Albert Anderson, Alfred Ginger, Horace Williams and Michael Causey had to be punished for obstinacy.
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Michael Causey very disobedient on Thursday morning and had to be punished for that and for temper.
- July 27<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>.class boy sent out for swearing. Mrs Forrest visited on Wednesday. George Lovett played truant Thursday afternoon. M. Causey behaved very well the rest of the week.



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- August 3<sup>rd</sup> Half holiday on Monday owing to tea in the village.
- September 21<sup>st</sup> Commenced duties after five weeks holiday. Many children still in the harvest field. Average for the week only 41. Examined infants in reading. Gone back very much during the holidays. Albert Anderson punished for eating after he was told not to. Michael Causey kept in to do his sums.
- October 12<sup>th</sup> Mr Bell visited on Tuesday. The names of several boys who are at work instead of school have been sent to him several times but they are still at work. Albert Anderson punished for swearing. George Lovett only attended school one day during the week. Miss Stanley and Master Forrest visited during the week.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> Albert Anderson played the truant on Monday. Cecil Dell very stubborn and disobedient. Attendance very good.
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> II class slightly improved in sums. I standard very backward. The vicar visited several times during the week. Two I class boys punished for disobedience. Infants very fidgety. George Lovett absent the whole of the week.
- November 9<sup>th</sup> Gave the infants a reading lesson on Wednesday and Friday. Found them very much improved. Lucy Lane very irregular.
- November 16<sup>th</sup> The vicar visited several times this week. Examined II Standard. They are improved in sums. Mrs Forrest visited on Friday morning. Gave the infants a reading lesson, also one in counting. IV standard rather careless with their sums. Gave 3<sup>rd</sup> and IV standards an intelligence lesson.
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> Gave infants a counting lesson. Mr Forrest and Mr Poulton visited on Wednesday. Snow on Friday kept several of the children away. Girls did sewing on Tuesday afternoon instead of lessons.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> Gave the infants a reading lesson on Monday. Alice Parslow absent on Thursday afternoon through illness. George Lovett attended better. Cecil Dell still absent.

### Diocesan's Inspector's Report

"This school is steadily advancing. The tone and discipline are improved. The writing and dictation also. The religious knowledge fair, but some additional attention might be paid to the subject of private prayer. The improving character of this somewhat large and difficult school reflects credit on the mistress."

Prize: Alice White.

- December 7<sup>th</sup> The vicar visited several times during the week. Mrs Forrest on Friday. Examined I Standard in sums and dictation. Found them very backward. Gave the infants a writing lesson. IV standard improved in sums. Obligated to close school on account of illness of the mistress.

## 1884

- January 11<sup>th</sup> Opened school after three weeks holiday. Attendance very good. The vicar visited several times. Commenced paper work in 1<sup>st</sup>.class twice a week.
- February 1<sup>st</sup> Several girls absent beading.
- February 11<sup>th</sup> Several girls absent beading. Infants kept after time for bad behaviour at singing lesson. Boys kept in from play for being five minutes late.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> class girls still irregular through beading. Several absent on account of bad weather. Albert Anderson very disobedient.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>

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### H.M.I. Report.

“Mixed School. The school is doing as well as it’s circumstances will permit. Miss Newbury has far too much to do. The average attendance is nearly 65 yet she has no assistance given to her in her work I hope that substantial help will at once be provided.

Infants Class. Two sets of suitable readers are required for the older children of the infants class. The supply of books for 1<sup>st</sup>.standard is incomplete. An assistant teacher should be engaged at once, or a pupil teacher transferred from some other school.”

- May 9<sup>th</sup> Attendance very good the most part of the week. Several infants admitted. Katie Claydon began teaching. Mr Kelly visited several times. Mr Bell visited on Tuesday, Mr Painter on Friday. Several children unpunctual this week.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Mr Forrest visited on Tuesday. Attendance very good, average for the week 69. Third class improved in reading.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Michael Causey, Albert Anderson, Joe Hickman and John Lane punished for playing at marbles and so getting late.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> Several were absent on Monday to attend a tea at Loosley Row. Examined infants. Found them improving.
- June 27<sup>th</sup> Attendance poor. Some of the boys absent haymaking and little ones kept away to carry dinner to the hayfield.
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Half holiday on Tuesday on account of a tea held in the village.
- September 26<sup>th</sup> Examined the 1<sup>st</sup>.standard. Found them very backward in arithmetic; spelling and reading very fair.
- October 17<sup>th</sup> The vicar visited several times during the week. Examined I Standard and infants. Great improvement still needed, especially in arithmetic.
- November 7<sup>th</sup>

### Diocesan Inspector’s Report.

“The religious teaching has been carefully attended to and a good proportion of the children in the standards answered satisfactorily. The infants and standard I did fairly well but they should be taught at least the Creed and all the Commandments and have some elementary knowledge of their meaning and teaching. The written work was neat and accurate.”

- November 21<sup>st</sup> Half holiday on Tuesday on account of the school treat.
- November 28<sup>th</sup> Sent Agnes Rixon back for her school pence. Albert Anderson punished for disobedience and for swearing. 1<sup>st</sup> class boys very tiresome this week.
- December 8<sup>th</sup> The vicar visited several times. Mr Forrest on Thursday. Attendance very bad the beginning of the week on account of the snowy weather. Fourth standard improved in arithmetic.

## 1885

- January 16<sup>th</sup> Commenced duties after three weeks holiday. Attendance very fair. The vicar visited several times. Half holiday on Thursday on account of children’s concert.
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> Attendance poor. So many children away with colds. First class boys punished for sliding and so getting late to school.
- February 6<sup>th</sup> Closed at four o’clock. Registers closed at two o’clock. Attendance better. List of absentees given to the vicar.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Punished two girls for being careless with their spelling.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> By the desire of the vicar the scripture lesson is transferred during Holy week to 11:15 to 12 o’clock, giving 9 to 11 - 15 for secular instruction and registration.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Hetty White, Alfred Lodge and Annie Eggleton punished for deceitfulness. Took the infants on Thursday. Much improved.

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- April 24<sup>th</sup> I resign charge of this school.
- May 4<sup>th</sup> This day, I, Isabell Garnett, commenced duty as mistress of L. G. School. Only 43 children were present in the morning. Reverend W. J. Kelly called and advised giving a holiday in the afternoon on account of a public tea in the village to which most of the children go.
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Attendance has not been good this week. Arranged children in new standards. The Reverend W. J. Kelly visited Tuesday and Thursday. The upper standards are very noisy and idle.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> On Thursday Walter Rixon absolutely refused to do what he was told and was therefore sent out of school. He returned on Friday and behaved well.
- May 31<sup>st</sup> A half holiday was given on Monday afternoon on account of an anniversary. Kept several boys in at playtime for being late.
- June 5<sup>th</sup> The infants were allowed to go into the playground during part of three afternoons on account of the heat.
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Owen Lane after being absent for six weeks came to school on Monday and was very troublesome. On Wednesday he was punished for disobedience and stayed away the rest of the week.
- June 26

### H.M.I. Report.

“The first standard is a weak one, but the other classes have come out fairly well in examination. The quality of the work is fair. The order is satisfactory. The infants write fairly and have a fairly moderate notion of numbers, but they are indifferent readers. The new book supplied is not a suitable one. They must have, for the first class, two sets of books containing 40 pages each of text, exclusive of pictures. Sewing must be taught upon proper principles and suitable needles and thimbles be provided, and the children should be drilled in their use. I shall expect more from this division next year. M.Claydon - Failure.

- July 10<sup>th</sup> Alice White mistress absent on Friday owing to illness of two little sisters.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> Alice White absent all the week. Some of the children have measles. Punished two boys for deceitfulness.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday was given Monday on account of a fair and bazaar in the village. Mr Bell called on Tuesday and Mr Painter on Wednesday. I resign charge of this school.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Took charge of this school today. The staff is now as follows:  
John Widdicombe                      Cert. Master, second class  
Catherine M. Claydon                P. Teacher first year
- October 17<sup>th</sup> The schoolroom is very noisy and to prevent interruption from noise from the classrooms the managers have decided to put a door to it.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> The door to the classroom has been erected and is of considerable advantage to both rooms. The attendance of the children at school is bad.
- November 6<sup>th</sup> The rickety stools in the schoolroom are the source of a great deal of unnecessary noise.
- November 13<sup>th</sup> The children are becoming much quieter than formerly.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> This classroom was used for the purpose of electing a Member of Parliament for mid Buckinghamshire on Tuesday and therefore there was holiday.
- December 11<sup>th</sup> The attendance has been very poor. Many of the children out of reach of the law put in an appearance just when they please. Such, are they, who have passed the standard of exemption, chiefly girls.

1886

- January 22<sup>nd</sup> Snow storms prevented many children's attendance.

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- January 29<sup>th</sup> The weather still very rough and stormy and consequently a very bad week's attendance.
- February 5<sup>th</sup> The school is still suffering from very irregular attendance. Mr Painter called yesterday, to know if the children from his district were at school. They happened to have come in for the first time since Christmas, on that very day. The children whose attendance is regular are doing very well.
- February 19<sup>th</sup> The girl's attendance at needlework is remarkable for it's low number, and the daily attendance is exceedingly bad throughout. I have again sent a long list of names to the attendance officer.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> No school on Monday on account of a snow storm.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Re-arranged the children in suitable standards for the current year's work. Closed school for Easter.

### H.M.I. Report.

“ Mr Widdicombe has had only 6 months work with this school. So far he has been unable to produce any good results, but hope that a clear year will enable him to do so. Meanwhile special attention must be paid to the spelling and the arithmetic, and the first standard should be much more carefully taught. The order, too, is a very weak point. The children are given to whispering and prompting in the teeth of repeated warnings on the part of the examiner. The very best teaching will be thrown away unless perfect order is maintained. The infants form a promising little class and the sewing is improved.

- May 28<sup>th</sup> The attendance has considerably improved this week. As many as eighty were present on different occasions and the work is progressing.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> Kate Claydon's time expires and she resigns today. I.J. Widdicombe takes her place
- July 8<sup>th</sup> This Thursday concludes the schoolwork, there being an election and this schoolroom having to be used as a polling station on the 9<sup>th</sup>.
- July 16<sup>th</sup> The attendance for the week now ending is 64. This is an improvement on the past. Though there is but a small number who have made full time and with 96 names on the registers there is still room for greater improvement in this respect.
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> The attendance in the early part of the week was good, but dwindled down from 77 to 48 in the latter part.
- August 6<sup>th</sup> Children are dropping off. Harvest has commenced in the neighbourhood.
- August 13<sup>th</sup> Closed school for the harvest holidays.
- September 20<sup>th</sup> Re-opened school after 5 weeks vacation. Sunday school treat on Wednesday afternoon. Many children absent on Monday afternoon on account of the Dissenters' tea drinking.
- October 7<sup>th</sup> The children are progressing very fairly with few exceptions.
- October 15<sup>th</sup> The upper standard children attend very badly and as the bye-laws exempt children from compulsory attendance after passing the third standard it is almost impossible to get them up to the requirements of the 4<sup>th</sup> by the meagre attendances they voluntarily make. Children having passed standard 2, being ten years of age, are exempt half time.
- November 19<sup>th</sup> Mr Bell (attendance officer) called and decided to summon John Williams, the father of Thomas Williams, a boy who had gone to work before passing standard 2. Nothing was said about the employer (Mr Anderson) being summoned.
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> Steps are being taken for providing a stove to heat the classroom, which at present is a very cold place for little children.

## 1887

- January 14<sup>th</sup> The weather has necessitated an extra week's vacation. The children not being able to come through the snow.
- January 21<sup>st</sup> The attendance has been better this week, but not at all such as to enable the teachers to do themselves or the school credit.
- January 28<sup>th</sup> A short school during the greater part of the week. Average for the last three weeks about 50.

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- February 11<sup>th</sup> It is not possible to prepare children for an examination who attend school fifteen weeks only.
- February 25<sup>th</sup> Though new bye-laws are said to be in force, I have failed after all endeavours, to get the attendance of the girls in the IV standard anything like regular.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Received, filled up and returned "form 8". The whooping cough is prevalent in the village.
- March 25<sup>th</sup> The children have done their work satisfactorily during the week. There are a few exceptions and these will never do much.
- March 31<sup>st</sup> Thus ends the school year with very little improvement in the attendance since the commencement.
- April 8<sup>th</sup> The children have done well during the week and seem as anxious to pass their standards as their teachers.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> With the exception of two or three children in standard 4 which are rather deficient in mental capacity, the children are very well able to do their work.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr Bell took particulars respecting the attendance of several children with the intention of summoning the parents for their irregularity

### H.M.I. Report.

"The percentage of passes has risen from 55 to 69, not a very high standard, but still a considerable improvement. There are a good many weak places, but the work is not without promise and I hope next year to find a further advance. Complaints are made about the irregularity of the attendance which must of course, if unchecked, be very prejudicial to the welfare of the school. I hope that the managers will not omit to represent specific cases, calling for the notice of the education department. I recommend a merit grant as an encouragement. I must add that the infants must receive more attention than is at present given to them."

The school staff consists of:-

John Widdicombe. Cert. Teacher 2<sup>nd</sup> class  
Isothe J Widdicombe Assistant.

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> The grant for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March is £37-15-6.. The average attendance of girls being only 27 the needlework grant was small.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Three parents have been summoned for the irregular attendance of their children. This has resulted in a better attendance of the others.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> There have been holidays two days this week, viz. Monday and Tuesday. This was the cause of a very poor school in the latter part of the week. Though no fee was charged for the "Jubilee week"
- July 1<sup>st</sup> The results of the three summonses were a fine of 1/6d on each of the three parties. The attendance of two of them is little or no better.
- July 15<sup>th</sup> A good weeks attendance is often ruined by a very short (small) school on Fridays, being Wycombe market days.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Cold mornings have necessitated the use of the stove for the early part of the day during the past week.
- October 28<sup>th</sup> The children require a deal of driving, which of course, they get. A class subject would afford a little variety, but would probably be very unprofitable from a manager's point of view.
- November 4<sup>th</sup> Wet weather has reduced the attendance this week, particularly in the infant class.
- November 11<sup>th</sup> The dark weather and the dark room has prevented good work several afternoons.
- November 18<sup>th</sup> The attendance has not been so good this week, although I have continually been submitting the names of irregular attendants.

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## Diocesan Inspector's Report

“The religious knowledge shown in the examination was on the whole very fair. In each class some of the children did well, but the answering was not quite sufficiently general. The work committed to memory was correctly repeated. The written work was in many instances marred by inaccuracy though the writing itself was neat. Great improvement has taken place in the general character and condition of religious knowledge since my last visit.”

Diocesan prize

Phineas Tilbury

Commended

I. Widdecombe. F.Hickman. M.Widdecombe. Daisy Chilton. Mabel Stevens. I.Stevens.

- November 25<sup>th</sup> Commenced to open school at 9-15 which it is intended shall continue to be done during the winter. We dismiss at 12-15 and reassemble at 1-30.
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> Received for use in school, a harmonium. The work of the school is progressing very satisfactorily so far as the bad attendance will admit.
- December 9<sup>th</sup> The bad attendance of the last few weeks can be accounted for by the Slough children and a few Speen children having scarletina.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> The use of the harmonium which has been allowed to be introduced into the schoolroom will be a very great help in teaching singing.
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> Closed school after the morning session for the Christmas holidays.

## 1888

- January 20<sup>th</sup> Mrs Adams complained of her boy being worked too hard in school, which is said by her to give no end of trouble at night.
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> A list of irregulars and non-attendants has been sent in. The Slough children attend badly.
- February 20<sup>th</sup> The school has been closed since Monday evening last (the 13<sup>th</sup>) on account of snowstorms. This afternoon it is very little better, but school has recommenced with a small number of children.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Snow continues in such quantities as to prevent a great number of children attending. The classroom is so miserably cold and damp that it is almost useless during the winter months. The school, in spite of all the difficulties attendant on a country school, is doing well in the majority of cases.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> The progress of the school is satisfactory to the teachers. The average is greatly reduced during the last few weeks of snowy weather.
- March 16<sup>th</sup> The weather continues, though a few intervening days of moderate weather have enabled most of the children to present themselves during the week.
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> The attendance has declined in the latter part of the week, the weather getting worse and worse.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> This day closes the school year. A very good attendance today. The weather much improved. Received two dozen new slates and a variety of other useful things. During the last few weeks many children have left the school from various causes. Some on account of the weather, principally infants. Many, having passed their exams in the IV standard, have been supplied with certificates to that effect. This standard exempts them from further compulsory attendance, and many are leaving.

## H.M.I. Report

“The school has come out creditably in examinations, the number of passes and the quality of the work being infinitely better than they have been for some years. The prospects of the school appear to me to be particularly good.”

The school staff now consist of:

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	I Widdicombe	cert. teacher 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
	I.C.Widdicombe	Assistant teacher.
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Pointer called and took particulars respecting Annie Chilton, a girl of Slough, aged about 8 years, whose attendance has been so bad as not to enable her to learn the letters of the alphabet.	
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	The weather having been so cold during these last few days it was necessary to have a fire.	
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	The attendance still much worse than it should be. Weather accounts for part of it. Mr Bell called in order to summon some of the parents.	
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	The children are dropping off for work, the harvest having begun in the neighbourhood. The average for the week is 57.	
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Closed school this morning for the harvest holidays.	
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Reopened school. There are not sufficient numbers of children to continue it.	
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	The harvest is not yet completed and therefore many of the children have not yet returned to school.	
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	The weather being very cold during the early part of the week, fires have become necessary for an hour or two in the mornings. Attendance average 71.	
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	The school is doing very well in the three R's. Spelling is a very hard part of the writing subject, and in some cases it seems almost hopeless work	
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	The afternoons of this week have been so dark that it has been difficult to get some of the lessons properly done. It would be much better for all concerned if we had larger windows and more of them.	
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	The attendance continues good in spite of the very wet weather.	

## 1889

March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Average for the week 73. End of the school year.	
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday. Good attendance although a wet miserable day. Ellen Williams returned to school after several weeks illness (bronchitis). Had to caution Alfred Parslow for making a noise and shouting outside the classroom window to girls during sewing afternoon.	
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, cautioned the children not to damage the iron fence which is now completed round the boy's playground. Stormy day. Small attendance.	
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Small attendance owing to the children going garlanding. Half holiday in afternoon.	
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday Mr Painter called in and enquired as to the attendance of Small Dean and Slough children.	
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	The policeman came and cautioned the school children respecting damaging Mr Clark's wall at Portobello Cottages.	
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Admitted three infants. Lily Eggleton, Susie Rixon and W. Hickman.	
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Several of the Slough children were late for school this morning.	
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, stormy morning. Several children at home with the mumps. Gave half holiday in afternoon owing to the tea party held at the Chapel in the village.	
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, small attendance owing to the children being at home poorly with mumps. Monday admitted one infant girl, Rose Williams.	
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday the highest number present since I had charge of the school. Morning 83, afternoon 82. I resign charge of this school.	

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## H.M.I.Report.

“Mixed school. The upper school has broken down in examination, especially in reading and spelling. I am afraid that the late master cannot have displayed much energy or interest in his work during the last few months of his career here. It will take all Mr Worthing’s time to make the school efficient, but I hope that he will be successful.

Infants class. The infants division is a much larger one than it was last year. The classroom (12 feet square) is not by any means large enough for the numbers at present attending, and it will have to be enlarged unless the circumstances alter conditions of the class. In point of attainments it is fair. Plans of any new building or alterations that may be proposed drawn in accordance with the enclosed rules must be submitted to the Department for approval before the work is begun. Should H.M. Inspector report next year that the accommodation provided for the infants is such that they cannot be taught suitably to their age, my Lords may be unable to make any grant on their account”.

John H.Worthing                      2<sup>nd</sup> class cert. teacher.  
S.A. Worthing is recognised under Article 84.

May 27<sup>th</sup>                      Monday small number present. Stormy morning. Attendance better. 81 present in afternoon. Tuesday attendance better.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>                      Monday small attendance owing to mumps and a tea party held at the Row. Admitted one infant Rosa Rixon.

June 18<sup>th</sup>                     Scanty attendance. Haymaking has commenced.

June 24<sup>th</sup>                     Standard 4 compound division. John Thorne standard 5 is still at home unwell and has been for three weeks. Thos. Saunders, John Claydon, Ivor Janes returned to school to day. Gave the mistress leave to go to Windsor Agricultural Show. Several children absent on various paltry excuses. Admitted two little boys.

July 8<sup>th</sup>                      Several absent. Haymaking has started in the district.

July 15<sup>th</sup>                     Monday, Speen children absent owing to a tea party being held in the village. Many children absent during the week. Fruit gathering is the general excuse. (This district was famous for cherries).

July 22<sup>nd</sup>                     Monday, small attendance. Tea parties at Loosley Row and Risborough which have taken several children away.

July 31<sup>st</sup>                     Attendance small, several children gone harvesting. Gave out attendance cards to each child to take home to be initialled by their parents.

August 5<sup>th</sup>                    Heavy storm fell about nine o'clock which prevented several children from attending. Admitted two children, Freda and Becky Redfern (out-boarders)

August 6<sup>th</sup>                    Still very small attendance. Several children out helping with the harvest.

August 8<sup>th</sup>                    Thursday, closed for harvest vacation, five weeks.

September 16<sup>th</sup>            Commenced school. Harvest is not quite finished.

September 24<sup>th</sup>            Half holiday in afternoon on account of tea party at Mrs Bousefield’s (Loosley House). Being a wet afternoon the party did not take place. The Sunday School children went the following afternoon.

September 30<sup>th</sup>            Several children returned to school who have not been since vacation.

October 7<sup>th</sup>                   Mr and Mrs Worthing having given up charge of this school on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr F. Henton commenced his duties as master this morning.

October 11<sup>th</sup>                   Examined school in all subjects. I found the second standard and part of the fourth to be the weakest.

October 15<sup>th</sup>                   Poor attendance, there being a tea party in the village.

October 17<sup>th</sup>                   Reverend W. Kelly called and took the upper school in scripture till 9-50. Average for the week 70.

October 25<sup>th</sup>                   Reverend W. Kelly has been in every morning this week to take the upper school in scripture.

October 28<sup>th</sup>                   Mrs Henton began duties today, as infant mistress. During her absence her place has been filled by Miss Claydon, formerly Pupil



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- Teacher in this school.
- November 8<sup>th</sup> Inclement weather this week. Admitted 1 child into infants school, Louise Saunders. Average for week 60.
- November 11<sup>th</sup> I have given each child in the school a card shewing their attendances for the week. I hope the offer of small rewards will be an incentive to more regular attendance than heretofore.
- November 18<sup>th</sup> John Baker returned to school after an absence of 2 weeks. These children (John and Minnie Baker) attend very indifferently.
- November 24<sup>th</sup> Several children away from school, two reported cases of scarletina.
- November 25<sup>th</sup> Dr. Wollerton, medical officer of health, visited the school and took of list of the absentees. I went round with him to the several houses. He found that two cases only had the fever.
- November 29<sup>th</sup> Av. for week 53. So many away with fever and colds.
- December 11<sup>th</sup> The medical sanitary office advised the closing of the school, the epidemic of scarlet fever appearing to increase. The children were accordingly dismissed this morning till further notice.

## 1890

- January 10<sup>th</sup> This being the first week of opening school after three weeks. Several children are still away owing to the fever being in some families.
- January 17<sup>th</sup> Still several children away. Kept 4 boys in for inattention during arithmetic lesson.
- February 5<sup>th</sup> The builder has this day begun the enlargement of the infant school, all the children consequently have to remain in the large room.
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Attendance for the week 80. Very good indeed. The infant room is now finished we hope to use it next week.
- February 28<sup>th</sup> Average for week 84.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> Reminded some of the children about arrears in school pence. Attendance very good. 89 present. Examined standards 3 and upwards in 3 R's. The papers on the whole were neatly and satisfactorily done. L. Cheshire and M. Eggleton require some extra work to bring them on an equality with the others, they having been so irregular in their attendance.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> The weather has been very fine all the week consequently the good attendance has been fully maintained, average for week 85.
- March 10<sup>th</sup> Had to caution children respecting the out offices. Commenced new copy books. Paying more attention to hand writing.
- March 25<sup>th</sup> Mr Bell school attendance officer, visited and paid the fees (for guardians) of E. and L. Bowler.
- March 28<sup>th</sup> Received fees of children paid for by Mr Forrest. Average for week 85 present.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Received duplicate schedule today. Find that the children passed 91 per cent in 3 R's. Moved children up into new standards and commenced new work.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Children warned to keep away from the pillar box as someone foolishly put a button into the key-hole yesterday.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> Today being May day, I gave the customary holiday for the children to go round with their May garlands.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> Very poor attendance this morning. Several children away preparing for the Chapel anniversary tea. Gave half holiday in the afternoon.
- May 17<sup>th</sup>

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HMI. Report. Mixed school. The school has improved most creditably under Mr Henton and bids fair to deserve a place amongst the excellent village schools of the district. I should now like to see better reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> and II Standards and stronger arithmetic from the older children of the school. The discipline too is not yet perfect. The directress of needlework reports that the sewing is good. A note is added as follows - "Single thread not penelope canvas must be used for teaching the darning and herringbone stitches.

Infants class. Mrs Henton has been most decidedly successful with the infants division. The enlarged classroom is a valuable addition to the school premises. I hope that a stove, desks and other necessary furniture will soon be provided. The directress of needlework reports that the sewing is fair. I am directed to state that the classroom, as enlarged, will accommodate 30 children".

May 25<sup>th</sup> Have taught standards 4 reduction of avoidupois weight with satisfactory results. Average continues good, 81.

June 13<sup>th</sup> Mrs Kelly (vicars wife) visited. Gave a photo to each of the children who passed at the last exam. Average for the week 88 present.

June 19<sup>th</sup> Through the present fine weather the excellent average of 88 has been obtained.

June 20<sup>th</sup> A very wet morning. As there were only 14 children present I sent them home, acting on the advice of the managers. Two p.m. weather cleared up so children enabled to come to school. 53 present.

July 5<sup>th</sup> Children continue to make satisfactory progress in geography, with their new text books. I have asked for a globe to illustrate lessons in standard II.

July 11<sup>th</sup> Weather very wet. Attendance not quite so good.

July 14<sup>th</sup> Very good attendance. Several boys being again in attendance from Speen. Girls doing well with needlework and knitting.

July 18<sup>th</sup> Received a medical cert. for Lucy Cheshire, who is unable to attend school. Submitted some specimen drawing books to Vicar for approval.

July 28<sup>th</sup> There being a tea drinking in the Chapel this afternoon and several children asked permission to stay at home, I gave half holiday.

July 29<sup>th</sup> Attendance very good this afternoon. 87 present.

August 5<sup>th</sup> This being Bank Holiday. The attendance is very poor in the upper school, 12 being present, but good in the infants. On advice of the vicar I gave holiday.

August 8<sup>th</sup> As the harvest has commenced generally in the neighbourhood. The school breaks up this afternoon for 5 weeks.

September 15<sup>th</sup> Reopened school today after the holidays. Although harvest is finished several children are away.

September 19<sup>th</sup> Sent the names of children who have not returned to school to Mr Bell.

October 8<sup>th</sup> Several children away. Have sent to parents for reason of absence. Albert Rixon (from Slough), has not put in an appearance at all this week as yet.

October 10<sup>th</sup> Sent a list of the irregulars to Mr Bell and have received notice that their names will be placed before the school attendance committee.

October 14<sup>th</sup> The school attendance committee have decided to take proceedings against the parents of A. Lovatt and O. Stevens for irregular attendance.

October 20<sup>th</sup> As the stoves were put up today, we were obliged to give holidays. Several children in infant school with whooping cough.

October 31<sup>st</sup> Attendance much better this week. Lucy Currell has not however been since holidays. I have sent to Mr Painter about it. Admitted 4 new scholars during the week - Edith Cole, Bessie Griffin, John King (boarding out children) and Roland Smith.

November 7<sup>th</sup> Attendance rather poor today. The children from Speen and Slough being absent.

November 10<sup>th</sup> Attendance good today, impressed on children the importance of coming tidy and neat to school

November 25<sup>th</sup> Archie Pearce is most irregular. He is at home considerably more than half his time. Having passed the IV standard he is exempt from the legal obligation to attend school. Unless his parents intend him to come more regularly, his name will be removed from the registers.

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## Oxford Diocesan Report

“The religious instruction has been painstaking and the children throughout the school showed a creditable knowledge of their work. The answering was, on the whole, intelligent and very fairly general. The written work was as a rule accurate and very neatly done. The repetition of catechism and Holy Scripture was very good. The infants have been suitably taught and answered well”.

Diocesan prize            Alfred Ridgeley.

Commended            W.M. Cartwright, Lucy Currell, Anne Thorne, Eliza Lacey, Bessie Redfern, Fred Rixon, Fred Redfern, Owen Stevens, Wm. Bowler, Geo. Timms, Clara Williams, Rose Saunders, Ellen Williams, Lily Rixon, Ivan Lane.

November 28<sup>th</sup> The new arrangement of desks, dividing the school into two sections answers admirably.

December 15<sup>th</sup> Weather very cold indeed. Snow prevents the children attending who live at a distance.

December 19<sup>th</sup> On account of the continual inclemency of weather and with it the consequent bad attendance, acting on the advice of the vicar, I closed for Christmas vacation.

## 1891

January 14<sup>th</sup> Joseph Clark and Alfred Darvill, being naturally dull children, I thought it advisable to retain them another year in the same standard as last. With this in view I have consulted the parents of both and they entirely concur and think it will be to the benefit of the children.

January 26<sup>th</sup> The paint on the walls has greatly improved and added to the comfort of the room. A new blank map of England has been procured which is found to be very useful in geography lessons. The two new desks have come and are a great boon.

February 10<sup>th</sup> This being Shrove Tuesday I gave half holiday and took all the children for a nice walk.

February 10<sup>th</sup> Speen boys away on account of a treat at the Chapel.

February 19<sup>th</sup> Impressed upon the children the importance of coming punctually to school.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> A “what-not” has been provided for the school for holding slates and this will greatly facilitate the attempt to keep the room tidy.

March 5<sup>th</sup> Sewing will be taken this afternoon instead of Friday in order that I may fill in the schedule for the night school which only arrived this morning.

March 9<sup>th</sup> Poor attendance on account of inclement weather. No school today, the roads being quite impassable.

March 11<sup>th</sup> No children today, on account of a heavy snow storm.

March 13<sup>th</sup> Attendance somewhat better. 47 present. A. Rixon, R. Eggleton and B. Redfern lost their attendance marks for being late.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> I have frequently to complain of the absence of boys in the IV<sup>th</sup> standard. O. Stevens, James Rixon and Fred Rixon are the worst instances. The parents seem to be totally indifferent to the children’s welfare.

April 18<sup>th</sup> As this was a very fine afternoon and I had promised the children a holiday I took them all for a nice walk.

May 29<sup>th</sup> Attendance poor on account of stormy weather.

June 1<sup>st</sup> Attendance poor this afternoon on account of there being a tea at Row Chapel.

June 4<sup>th</sup> Very wet this morning. As only 6 children turned up the children were sent home again.

June 8<sup>th</sup> John Lovett got his feet wet this afternoon playing at the pond. I had to send his sister home with him.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Several of the girls got wet in coming to school. I have sent them home to save their clothes. Weather very wet. Attendance poor.

July 13<sup>th</sup> Joseph Clark, Alfred Hickman, John Rixon, Horace West, Owen Adams, Wm. Clarke broke one of the schoolroom windows during the

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	dinner time. I have given notice for them to pay for it between them.
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Poor attendance this morning on account of a "Primrose League" demonstration to be held in the village.
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Gave holiday today as a flower show was in the village. (This flower show and cricket match became a tragedy when three men were killed and three injured when lightning struck a cherry tree under which they were sheltering.
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Henton absent today having received a telegram stating that her mother (who resides in Staffordshire) was dangerously ill.
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Gave half holiday this afternoon as I was invited to attend the funeral of Mr John Eggleton. (Killed at the flower show)
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gave holiday for children to attend a tea party it being Bank Holiday.
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	

### H.M.I.Report

"Mixed School. The children have come out well on work of very fair quality, but as regards quality, increased fluency and intelligence in the reading, and better spelling in dictation will be looked for before it can be called really good. In class subjects, though classes have not gone beyond the work required of the third standard, no mark has at present been made worth recording. Needlework has been well taught. The order is still a weak point.

The infants class is doing well on the whole, but the answering on numbers ought to be better. Occupations have been taught and object lessons have been given, and the girls sew nicely. A grant has been recommended for the boys' drawing with hesitation."

September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance still very poor, many children being away in the fields, the harvest this year being unusually late.
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	The weather continues still very wet. This morning only 17 present in the upper school and 11 infants. Registers not marked.
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Henton resigned charge of the school on the 20 <sup>th</sup> inst.
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mr and Mrs Croucher took charge and commenced duty this day.
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Examined school. Found the children very backward. Very little of the next Government examinations work is known.
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	The master has given most of his time this week to Standard IV. None of the children know any geography and very few have been taught grammar.

## 1892

January 4 <sup>th</sup>	School reopened.
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	School closed owing to the severe weather.
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	School again closed on account of the snow.
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	Very bad attendance still on account of the snow. Only 1 infant present, consequently the school was dismissed.
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Only 39 present owing to the inclement weather and sickness.
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Only half the children present. The rapid spread of influenza being the cause.
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	The mistress was absent on Thursday and Friday through sickness. Miss Claydon has been engaged to take her place for 4 weeks.
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Most of the infants away owing to bad weather.
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Master resumed duties after an absence of two weeks through congestion of the lungs. Mistress also started work today.
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Heavy snowstorms this week and very cold.
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	The master has been giving paperwork to the standards III and IV for the past fortnight, consequently there have been areas of improvement in neatness. He thinks more paper work should be given.
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Agnes Claydon appointed in Daisy Dell's place.

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## H.M.I. Report.

“Mixed School. The school is in good order and though there are weak points in the work I think there are such signs of promise about it as warrant my expecting great improvement next year. The answering in English is fair.

The infants are doing very fairly. Their reading and knowledge of number are better than their writing which must be more carefully done. Object lesson and occupations are fair. No grant can at present be recommended for drawing.”

- August 8<sup>th</sup> Gave a holiday in the afternoon for most of the children to attend a tea party at the Chapel.
- September 19<sup>th</sup> Daisy Dell appointed monitress in the place of Agnes Claydon who has left to go into service. The head master has resigned the charge of this school.
- September 21<sup>st</sup> A half holiday given on account of a tea being given at Mrs Bousfield's, Loosley House.
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> I James Dell took temporary charge of Lacey Green school pending the arrival of the newly appointed teacher
- October 7<sup>th</sup> Miss Mason, inspectress under the local government board, visited the school and examined those of the scholars who are orphans, boarded out in the village.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> I, W.H. Hallewell took charge of this school, with Mrs Hallewell to assist. Very wet and windy, which caused small attendance of infants.
- October 26<sup>th</sup> Rough weather continues.
- November 4<sup>th</sup> Exercise books were started this week and in standard IV and V there is some improvement in the writing.
- December 6<sup>th</sup> A heavy fall of snow. Many children are absent with colds and several through measles.
- December 9<sup>th</sup> Very rough weather. Medical order received to close school for three weeks on account of measles.

## 1893

- January 2<sup>nd</sup> Medical order to close school for another week.
- January 9<sup>th</sup> School opened with only 48 scholars. Many are still ill, and those who are better are kept indoors on account of the cold snowy weather.
- January 13<sup>th</sup> Weather has remained bad all the week.
- January 16<sup>th</sup> Heavy snowstorm.
- January 19<sup>th</sup> Sent a list of names to Mr Bell, of children who are taking advantage of the epidemic to absent themselves from school.
- January 20<sup>th</sup> Snow storms and severe weather. Work as usual.
- February 13<sup>th</sup> The mistress has this day received leave of absence for four weeks for confinement. Daisy Dell is filling her place.
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> A heavy fall of snow caused attendance to be small. Many of the children are still in a weak state of health resulting from the recent visitation of measles.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Attendance small owing to heavy rain and wind.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> The vicar has had a cabinet made for a school museum, for which specimens are being collected by master and children. The children are taking greater pains with their work than formerly and the average attendance is increasing. Two concerts have been given during the winter, with the object of obtaining prizes for children. G. Timms is in the eye hospital. Average for the week 80.
- April 27<sup>th</sup> The infant department of this school will now be transferred to Loosley Row and the upper scholars of that school will be sent to Lacey Green, as from May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> The alteration of schools above mentioned is postponed till receipt of report.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> Half holiday given for Sunday School tea at the vicarage.

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- May 8<sup>th</sup> Half holiday given for tea at the Chapel.  
May 29<sup>th</sup> Reopened school. Admitted 10 children from Loosley Row.  
June 5<sup>th</sup> Admitted 5 children from Loosley Row.  
June 9<sup>th</sup> Average for the week 84.  
June 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday given for choir excursion.  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> Several children from Loosley Row absent owing to a tea at the Chapel there.  
July 7<sup>th</sup> Today the first standard is transferred to Loosley Row school.  
July 17<sup>th</sup> Several children away in the harvest field.  
July 21<sup>st</sup> The attendance has suffered this week on account of harvest commencing and the wet weather.  
September 4<sup>th</sup> School reopened. The harvest is not yet over so attendance poor.  
September 13<sup>th</sup> Ernest Biggs and Thomas Hammond were punished for playing truant.  
September 15<sup>th</sup> Alfred Hickman was punished after repeated warning, for interfering with girls on their way home from school.  
September 21<sup>st</sup> Half holiday given on account of a tea given at Mrs Bousefields at Loosley Row.  
September 25<sup>th</sup> Small attendance this morning owing to a fair being held at High Wycombe, and the day being observed as a general holiday. Half holiday given this afternoon on account of a tea being held at the Chapel.

### H.M.I.Report.

“Mixed school. The school has been overweighed this year with epidemics, changes in the staff and by a somewhat ill judged attempt to take up too many subjects. The result is weakness all round, but weakness of which the master is now well aware and which I have every reason to believe will not be found to exist when next the school is visited. The sewing and order are good.

Infants class. The infant’s class may be reported to be in pretty fair general condition. Mrs Hallewell found it in a backward state, but she has made something, if not much, of it. If it still exists next year, I shall look for more intelligence in reading and recitation, a full list of object lessons given, and drawing from improved apparatus and methods. The ventilation of the classroom must be improved and the windows be made to open. Additional closets are needed. The cells must be lighted and the offices must be more frequently cleaned. The managers should consider whether space for playground cannot be obtained.”

- October 20<sup>th</sup> Agnes Dormer is suffering with scarlet fever.  
November 14<sup>th</sup> Fred Harvey is absent with scarlet fever.  
November 20<sup>th</sup> The attendance was small today owing to the high wind and severe snowstorm.  
December 1<sup>st</sup> Small attendance owing to a snowstorm.  
December 8<sup>th</sup> Albert Barefoot has fallen with scarlet fever.

## 1894

- January 8<sup>th</sup> The school opened with small attendance owing to the severe weather.  
January 9<sup>th</sup> Bad weather still prevails.  
January 31<sup>st</sup> Visited the Evening Continuation School. Fourteen scholars present. Note books should be used for all subjects.  
February 1<sup>st</sup> The school has been entered during the night, but nothing is missing.  
February 12<sup>th</sup> Lily Eggleton went home at playtime this morning, therefore her mark is cancelled and she will not be re-admitted till I have seen one of her parents.  
February 27<sup>th</sup> John Howlett was warned for interfering with the elder girls. An offence for which he has been punished twice before.

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March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ivor Lane is absent owing to diphtheria.
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Continuation school closed because of lighter evenings. It opened 72 evenings during the session.
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Annie Dyer was kept in this afternoon but while the master was engaged with the vicar she went home.
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	For leaving the school without permission of the master Annie Dyer was kept in again, then Mrs Currell, the child's foster mother fetched her out of the school, using filthy and abusive language to the mistress.
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	The child was sent to school, but was sent home again until the return of the vicar.
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Small attendance this afternoon owing to tea at the Row Chapel.
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	21 children admitted this morning. average for week 77. Staff consists of: Master                    W..H.Hallewell Needlework                Mrs Hallewell Monitress                 Daisy Dell.
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	No school owing to the very heavy rain.

### H.M.I. Report.

“The general condition of the school is fair. It has improved so much as I expected. The dictation is a weak point especially that of the older children. Sums are fairly well done, except the problem which is seldom solved. The children's intelligence is low. They do not even know the meaning of their recitation exercises. No grant can be recommended for the geography in consequence of the indifferent answering of the second and third standards, but the fair grant may be suggested for the sewing, a subject in which the younger children show weakness. I hope to find great improvement next year or the organisation grant may be injuriously affected. The registers should be more frequently tested by the managers. The ventilation of the class room should be improved at once. The staff should be at once strengthened.” As my Lords observe that the boys have failed in their class subject, I am to request the attention of the managers to Article 84.

June 5 <sup>th</sup>	The evening continuation school is in good order and has passed a satisfactory examination in reading, writing and arithmetic.
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Woolwich Guardians visited the school to see the orphans boarded in the village.
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	The window in the classroom has been made to open.
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Albert Barefoot was sent home for his mother on June 28 <sup>th</sup> . He has not yet returned to school, neither has his mother been to see me.
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Half holiday given on account of a flower show in the village. Some children in the harvest field.
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	A holiday given as a large number visited either Waddesden or Wycombe Flower Show.
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Children beginning harvest work. Average only 48. Closed the school for four weeks.
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	The vicar advised to close for another week.
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	John Howlett and Harry Saunders lost their mark as they came to school at 10.5 a.m.
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	John Howlett and Harry Saunders lost their mark as they left school at 3 p.m.
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Many children still in the harvest fields.
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	A holiday given this afternoon as most of the children wish to attend a tea at the Chapel.
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fires were started this afternoon.
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Closed early at 3.30 so as to allow children to attend a tea at Loosley Row school.
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	John Howlett, Harry Saunders, Sidney Gibbons and Albert Rutland were punished for playing truant yesterday.
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Very heavy rain so small attendance.

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November 14<sup>th</sup> School closed owing to very heavy rain.

November 16<sup>th</sup>

## Scripture Report.

“After an interval of three years I find a marked change for the better. The only unsatisfactory part of the work is the explanation of the catechism, which is not known in any part of the school. The scripture work on the other hand deserves a high mark. I think standard one should if possible be taught separately. They seem to do their work by proxy and to allow the higher standard to answer for them. There is a pleasant tone throughout the school.

Prize. Bessie Redfern

November 16<sup>th</sup> The average attendance has fallen to 60 owing to very heavy rain.

November 20<sup>th</sup> Louise Janes commenced duties as monitress. The vicar visited this afternoon to look about having the gallery taken from the classroom to make room for desks, as the large room is very crowded. The school and offices have never been washed down since last Easter.

November 30<sup>th</sup> Several children absent with colds and sore throats. Mr Hallewell ceased to have charge of this school.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> F.E. Brown certified master, took temporary charge. Reverend Kelly handed the key of the desk to the teacher.

December 5<sup>th</sup> A very irregular boy, William Anderson, attended school this morning. He has made 25 attendances this quarter out of a possible 91.

December 10<sup>th</sup> I succeeded in getting Albert Barefoot to attend school. He has been absent 18 weeks. Only 5 present in the afternoon because of a funeral.

December 18<sup>th</sup> As the schoolroom was used as a polling station a holiday was given.

## 1895

January 7<sup>th</sup> I, Alfred Brown, cert. master, undertake the duties of headmaster, with wife as assistant mistress. Attendance very bad as weather very severe. Examined the school in the three R's. It is to be seen that the school is in a very backward condition.

January 8<sup>th</sup> Examined school in geography with most startling revelations. Not any standard could answer the most simple question.

January 9<sup>th</sup> Needlework in a very backward condition. No garments for the examination yet started.

January 14<sup>th</sup> Very rough weather, so attendance low. The quick thaw has caused a portion of the ceiling to fall.

January 15<sup>th</sup> Weather still very bad.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> The Reverend Kelly visited this morning and thought it advisable to send the children home on account of a heavy snowstorm.

January 25<sup>th</sup> Ten children have been absent this week through chilled feet.

January 28<sup>th</sup> A heavy snowstorm fell during the night. Only a few children came and were sent home after the snow ceased falling.

February 1<sup>st</sup> Severe snowstorms during the week have prevented children from attending.

February 4<sup>th</sup> Heavy snowstorms

February 8<sup>th</sup> Attendance this week has been very low again. Sixteen absentees are suffering with chilled feet and are quite unable to wear any shoes.

February 11<sup>th</sup> Again attendance very low. I sent after all absentees who are still suffering with chilled feet.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Chilblains are still preventing the absentees from attending.

February 25<sup>th</sup> Weather still very rough.

March 1<sup>st</sup> Eleven children away through chilblains.



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March 4<sup>th</sup> Another heavy fall of snow.  
 March 27<sup>th</sup> Heavy rain, only 49 attended.  
 April 5<sup>th</sup> Mrs Brown has carried on this week, assisted by the Reverend W.F. Kelly in scripture, as I have been laid up with influenza and bronchitis. William Anderson attended this week. For year ended March 31<sup>st</sup> he has only attended 63 out of a possible 411 times.  
 April 12 Mrs Brown has carried on as usual during my absence with bronchitis.  
 April 16<sup>th</sup> I commenced school after Easter and a fortnight's illness. Lily Weller returned after 11 weeks illness.  
 April 25<sup>th</sup> Weather very wet.  
 May 1<sup>st</sup> May Day holiday. Number on the books 90.  
 May 10<sup>th</sup> I have ascertained that the children have been kept from school to gather dandelions. Only 29 have made full attendance this week.  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> The majority are away on account of the Chapel tea.  
 May 27<sup>th</sup> 31 scholars absent this morning on account of a tea at the Row Chapel. Gave a holiday in the afternoon.

H.M.I. Report.

The general results of the examination are satisfactory and show careful teaching. The reading of the older children is capable of being improved and they do not show much facility in the working of problems. The answering in geography is very fair except as regards the third standard, which is rather a weak class. The premises are not satisfactory. This matter forms the subject of a separate report.

June 10<sup>th</sup> Staff:  
 A. Brown Master  
 Mrs Brown. Sewing mistress  
 Bessie Redfern Pupil teacher.  
 Alice Lodge Monitress.

June 11<sup>th</sup> Daisy Adams sent home as she has two ringworms on her neck. A great number away haymaking this week.  
 June 26<sup>th</sup> Daisy Adams returned to school. The heat in school today with 85 children, has been intense and almost unbearable.  
 June 27<sup>th</sup>

Requisition list -  
 Exercise books: single lined (writing)  
 single narrow lined  
 (arithmetic)  
 Copy books: double lines  
 Pen nibs without headlines  
 Ink  
 Slate pencils  
 Chalk  
 Foolscap  
 Needlework  
 materials

Received:  
 half gallon ink;  
 two and half dozen double lined and four dozen single lined exercise books;  
 four dozen copy books;  
 one dozen copy books without headlines;  
 one box of chalk;  
 no needlework materials.

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July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Very wet. Alice Saunders was punished for insubordination.
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Six boys punished for stone throwing after repeated cautioning against it. 20 absent. Sent after absentees without any effect.
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	23 away. Weak excuses made by parents for the absence of their children.
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Registers closed at 11 a.m. on account of the tea which was held in the schoolroom in the afternoon.
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Average 71. The absentees are in the harvest fields.
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Average 54. Closed school for harvest holidays.
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Opened school with 61 out of a possible 92. The majority of the absentees are in the harvest fields.
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Several boys still in the harvest fields.
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Only 56 this morning on account of a tea which is to be held at Lacey Green Chapel and Wycombe fair. A holiday was given through the above cause.
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Commenced Evening Continuation school with 4 scholars.
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	This morning very wet. Attendance 81.
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	A few boys away potato-picking. Began fires this week.
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Heavy rain. Albert Bearfoot was punished this afternoon for insubordination. He refused to hold out his hand when requested for talking, saying his father told him not to hold out his hand.
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Today the registers were marked at 8.55 and 10.55 as the funeral of the Reverend Bousfield's wife takes place at Lacey Green church at two p.m. and my presence is required there.
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Attendance down probably owing to another funeral this afternoon.
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Another funeral at 2p.m. Mr Poulton, one of the school managers.
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thirty four absent. The probable cause is that last night was very rough and the children will have gone to the woods.
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	A very inclement week. Visited the evening continuation school. 14 present. A separate log book must be kept.
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Three parents have summonses for not sending their children to school. Today 28 seem to have gone to the woods as today is what they term a "gift day"
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Several are very ill. G. Lacey was sent home this dinner hour as he had a rash breaking out on his neck and face and he was feverish.
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Lodge will be absent for a week, to have her eyes attended to by a doctor.
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Very rough weather. Examined the school. The most backward ones are the irregulars, although extra time is spent with them.
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Lodge returned. She is obliged to wear glasses at the doctor's recommendation.
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Low attendance this afternoon because of a funeral at 2 p.m. of one of the children's parents.
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Lodge has been today to have her eyes again tested by a doctor at Oxford.
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance low. Heavy rain. I have again been obliged to speak concerning telling falsehoods, as several just recently have told lies to their parents with regard to their work in school. This has occasioned a few parents to call but I couldn't elicit the names of the children as the parents blankly refused them.
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Harry Rutland returned after five weeks absence caused through chilblains
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Carrie Rixon returned after a month's illness. Several away with bad colds. A heavy fall of snow. Only 64 present.
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	A magic lantern show has been given. The proceeds of which after expenses will go to purchase prizes for regularity and progress.
December 30 <sup>th</sup>	Reopened. Heavy rain. Only 57 present. William Harvey returned after five weeks through having cut one of his fingers off. Alice Harvey returned after seven weeks absence through illness.

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## 1896

- January 10<sup>th</sup> 12 children absent through illness. Punctuality, cleanliness and tidiness are improving. Two scholars absent through having ringworms.
- January 21<sup>st</sup> The managers' attention has been called to the projection facing the road which is likely to fall at any moment and endangers the lives of the scholars.
- January 27<sup>th</sup> The builders have commenced repairing the school.
- January 28<sup>th</sup> Repairs to the school finished.
- February 4<sup>th</sup> A small attendance this afternoon probably owing to a sale which is being held at Mr F Poulton's farm, lately deceased.
- February 5<sup>th</sup> Notes were brought by the absentees of yesterday giving as the cause "Attendance at the sale with parent"
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Parents excuses for keeping their children from school are very frail, e.g. "My son has been such a good boy that I gave him a holiday today." The boys' urinal was attended to. The registers will be marked at 8-45 tomorrow being Ash Wednesday, as the children go to church at 11-15. 5 children absent with colds, chilblains or ringworms.
- February 28<sup>th</sup> Low attendance owing to the very rough weather of wind and rain. Louisa Janes returned to school after a month's illness with chilblains.
- March 13<sup>th</sup> It seems impossible to do the teaching in an efficient manner during these large attendances. The clumsy desks and want of proper space all adding to the difficulty. Average for week 80.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> Average 62, owing to a heavy fall of rain. Boys drawing examination this afternoon. Holiday given to the girls as usual.
- April 16<sup>th</sup> Attendance good which is somewhat remarkable as this has been a very wet day. James Baker and Ivor Lane are still away with ringworms.
- April 24<sup>th</sup> The fall in attendance is because the children have gone to gather dandelion flowers.
- April 30<sup>th</sup> The usual holiday tomorrow being May Day.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> Before commencing this morning a portion of the ceiling fell down. Holiday given the rest of the week.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> Holiday given this afternoon because of a tea at the Lacey Green Chapel. Admitted 12 children, 7 of whom didn't know the alphabet.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> Admitted 7 children.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Average for the week 89. Owing to the large number of children in the school the musical drill has not been taken due to the want of space. The children admitted this week are a hopeless lot for standard 1. Since the Loosley Row School has been closed they are almost wild and have forgotten everything concerning school work that they did know.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> As part of standard 1 can make letters and figures and the other part can't, two teachers are obliged to be at the one standard. It seems incredible that children from seven to eight years old don't know the alphabet.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> School closed on account of the anniversary at Loosley Row Chapel.
- June 5<sup>th</sup> The number on the books this week is 101. It will be seen that a great number of children have been absent. They have given no reasonable excuse whatever. A list of absentees will be forwarded to the attendance officer.
- June 12<sup>th</sup> The school has been unbearably hot. Ten children are absent, the predominating ailment is whooping cough.

### H.M.I. Report:

"Mr Brown shows an efficient school, where the work is done with neatness and care and very fair accuracy and intelligence. The answering in geography is good and the grant is deserved for note singing and needlework."

June 26<sup>th</sup> After school this afternoon the prizes were distributed for attendance, skill in needlework and general progress, by Mrs Kelly,

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- June 29<sup>th</sup> accompanied by the vicar and Miss Kelly. 37 children received a prize. 12 children are away ill and others have been haymaking. James Baker returned after an absence of 26 weeks illness. Daisy Adams returned after a month's illness. Mabel Loosley, Elizabeth and Polly Anderson and Clara Wood after 3 weeks illness.
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Ada Stone returned after an absence of 5 weeks. A great number are away ill or hay making.
- July 7<sup>th</sup> The attendance this morning is only 59. This is owing to a Chapel tea at Loosley Row. Mr A. Ward, father of Clara Ward, called to say that he was very sorry he couldn't send his daughter more regularly as she was always ailing. The child is without doubt consumptive. George Janes returned after 8 weeks absence.
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Attendance 80. The schoolrooms like an oven. The lower standards show weakness all round. This is owing to the prevailing illnesses, whooping cough and croup.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Attendance down. An anniversary at Speen may perhaps have something to do with it. Several have already gone into the harvest fields, others are ill.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> Average attendance for the week only 74. Only 7 away ill. The remainder are absent working in the harvest fields, both boys and girls with their parents. Not one standard III boy present. Annie and Lizzie Clark returned after an absence of 3 weeks.
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> School closed.
- August 31<sup>st</sup> School recommenced with 62 children. This is due to the inclemency of the weather and a number still in the harvest fields.
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> Attendance fallen through being a very wet day.
- September 4<sup>th</sup> Number on books 98. Attendance 63. Extremely wet weather.
- September 7<sup>th</sup> A bazaar at Speen is the cause of diminution this afternoon. The Pupil teacher went home this afternoon to study.

The following from the requisition list received:  
2 gross exercise books.  
half ream blotting paper  
3 dozen drawing books.

- September 10<sup>th</sup> The attendance fell to 58 this afternoon in consequence of the heavy fall of rain. The pupil teacher allowed off this afternoon for study.
- September 11<sup>th</sup> The Reverend and Miss Kelly and two ladies from the Holborn District for the boarding out children visited.
- September 14<sup>th</sup> Several children have gone blackberry gathering.
- September 17<sup>th</sup> The pupil teacher allowed off for study.
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> A very stormy day. Pupil teacher off. Attendance surprisingly high at 81.
- September 25<sup>th</sup> Pupil teacher off. Owing to the very heavy rains during the past weeks the wet has penetrated the ceiling by way of the stove piping. This morning the school was partly covered by water from the above cause. Attendance 78, due to heavy rains.
- September 26<sup>th</sup> Low attendance owing to Wycombe fair and a tea in Lacey Green Chapel.
- October 5<sup>th</sup>

Materials received, viz:-  
half gallon ink  
Half ream foolscap  
1 box slate pencils  
1 box pens.

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- October 15<sup>th</sup> The pupil teacher has been allowed time off part of most days for a fortnight in order to study.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> Only 68 children. This is probably owing to a fair in Risborough.
- November 13<sup>th</sup> Standard one have made great strides all round. This morning another large portion of ceiling fell down. Fortunately, no one was in at the time.
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Four builders visited to examine the plans for the approved alterations of the school.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> The weather being so unfavourable a free day was given to go wooding.
- December 14<sup>th</sup> No drawing or needlework can be taken as it is so very dark.

### Diocesan Examination Report.

“The religious instruction has been conscientious and has, I think aimed at the real education of the children. The several subjects from the Bible and Prayer Book which had been prepared were well known and considering the largeness of the divisions the answering was very fairly general. The written work was neatly done and showed comparatively few mistakes. The repetition of Holy Scripture and Catechism was good, but in future the higher standards should learn the whole of the catechism and each child should be able to repeat some simple form of private prayer”.

Prize James Baker. Mabel Dowsett.

- December 15<sup>th</sup> The pupil teacher is obliged to go to the doctor's to have a tooth drawn.
- December 21<sup>st</sup> A great many children are ill. Attendance 60. Due to very bad weather and the children of Loosley Row Chapel Sunday School staying away to make part of the mourning procession of their late superintendent who is to be buried this afternoon.

## 1897

- January 8<sup>th</sup> As there are only very few children here owing to the terribly rough weather the children, by the vicar's directions, will go home as soon as the weather permits. Owing to the heavy rains water has been driven through the roof and consequently through the ceiling in two places as well as the ventilators. May Saunders returned after eight weeks illness.
- January 15<sup>th</sup> Inclement weather.
- January 20<sup>th</sup> The strong wind caused one of the window panes to shake out on the south side of the school. To stop the draught a sheet of brown paper has been placed over the opening until mended. This paper takes off much light.
- January 25<sup>th</sup> The roads are impassable owing to the very deep snow. In most of the bye-roads the snow is on a level with the tops of the hedges, fully six or seven feet deep.
- January 27<sup>th</sup> Attendance 57. Snow still falling
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> A new stove replaces the old one today.
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> Another fall of snow.
- February 5<sup>th</sup> Attendance only 30 due to very heavy rain. Another portion of ceiling has fallen down.
- February 19<sup>th</sup> The children are returning after their illnesses
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> Children marched to church at 11-15 being Ash Wednesday. Rough weather. More children returned after long absences.
- March 16<sup>th</sup> Heavy rain. Very rough weather.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> This afternoon the contractors commenced pulling down the “boys lobby”. This is very surprising as I have received no news whatever concerning the future.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> Today the boys have had to bring their caps in school, as their cap place is pulled down.

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- April 5<sup>th</sup> Several children went to Wycombe to sing at a Chapel entertainment. It is impossible to work in school as the workmen are engaged in pulling down the classroom and the lumbering noise of falling bricks, combined with clouds of dust as a result therefrom is not conducive to either the comforts of children or teachers.
- April 6<sup>th</sup> Attendance 82. This number completely fills the schoolroom. In fact there is hardly room to move about. The children are obliged to sit with their hats and cloaks on as there are no places to put them.
- April 7<sup>th</sup> Fall of snow.

## H.M.I.Report.

“Mr Brown is conducting this school under great disadvantage, in a way which does him credit. The question of enlargement is still open. In the meantime the classroom is overcrowded and is used as a cloakroom. The ceiling of the main room is tumbling down and the buildings generally seem to be going to pieces. I hope that the funds necessary for the contemplated improvements will be collected and building operations commenced without further delay.

- July 19<sup>th</sup> Reopened school after being closed 13 weeks. Total on the books 107. Low attendance owing to a tea at Loosley Row Chapel.
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> 24 children admitted this week. Ten seven year olds are entirely ignorant of the alphabet. A revision of the previous standards work is being made before much new work is attempted, as the 13 week closure of the school has not proved beneficial to the progress of the children.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> Good progress has been made with the work this week. Total on the books 112.
- August 6<sup>th</sup> Harvest holiday. The school will be closed for a month.
- September 6<sup>th</sup> The painters not having finished their work the school will remain closed for another week.

## The following list of materials to hand.

13 packets of exercise books.  
3 packets of drawing books  
2 sets of readers for each class throughout the school.

Cromptons drawing sheets  
1 box chalk.  
1 box slate pencils  
1 dozen penholders  
slates  
2 boxes pens  
Ball frame  
1 box counters  
1 packet plaiting paper.  
2 pkts. embroidery cards  
1 packet drawing cards  
musical drill book.  
1 dozen musical bells. 2 blackboards and easels

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Combined alphabet and colour sheet.  
Needlework materials.  
Map of Europe.  
Eight pictures.

September 13<sup>th</sup> Reopened after 5 weeks.  
September 24<sup>th</sup> Admitted William Gibbons and Ernest Anderson, aged eight and nine, neither of whom know the alphabet nor have any idea of it.  
September 27<sup>th</sup> Attendance down owing to a tea at Lacey Green Chapel.  
October 13<sup>th</sup> Attendance down owing to a tea and bazaar at Loosley Row Chapel  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> Attendance down due to a funeral of a Chapel Sunday school teacher.  
November 19<sup>th</sup> The Reverend Bousefield and Reverend and Mrs Robson visited. Several away with bad colds.  
November 25<sup>th</sup> The architect and builder came in.  
November 29<sup>th</sup> Attendance down. Probably through the boisterous weather and bad colds.  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> The pupil teacher has been to attend the examination in Practical Music and Recitation at Aylesbury British School. n.b. Sponges for cleaning slates.

## 1898

January 17<sup>th</sup> A great number of absentees are attending a tea at Loosley Row Chapel.  
January 21<sup>st</sup> Admitted Jesse Rutland. Frank Adams left. A great deal of illness is prevalent.  
March 18<sup>th</sup> The pupil teacher has been absent all week, as her sister Annie Redfern died of consumption in a London hospital, and she was obliged to go and help arrange for the burial.  
March 24<sup>th</sup> Very rough weather. The attendance dropped to only 17 out of a possible 94.  
March 30<sup>th</sup>

### 1898 Report.

1. A sewing table should be provided and kept in this "upper" school room. The table now in the upper schoolroom should be taken into the classroom.
2. A cupboard should be placed where the harmonium now stands.
3. The playground is in a terrible state.
4. Scheme B for next year.
5. Sponges for cleaning slates must be invariably used.
6. Proper maps of England, Ireland, Scotland and Europe should be procured.
7. I find no mention of the "aid grant" in this log book.
8. Apparatus for object lessons and storage of specimens and materials should be increased.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> The "aid grant"(1897-1898, allotted to Lacey Green and Speen schools jointly is £65 and has been given towards teachers salaries and school desks.  
April 28<sup>th</sup> Heavy rain. Usual May day holiday given for Monday.  
May 6<sup>th</sup> Children have gone to the woods, it being a rough day.

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May 9<sup>th</sup> Attendance down. Anniversary of Lacey Green Chapel this afternoon.  
May 16<sup>th</sup> Afternoon holiday on account of Loosley Row Chapel anniversary.  
June 9<sup>th</sup> The Managers have granted a half holiday this afternoon in honour of the school boys first cricket match.  
June 20<sup>th</sup> Several children very irregular and the attendance committee seem to allow a child to stay away three times a week. Received examination books, drawing books, 1 box of slate pencils and half gallon of ink.

## H.M.I. Report.

“The school buildings have been greatly improved and the desks and apparatus have been renewed, but there are still a good many things wanted. I made a note of their requirements in the log book. Mr Brown keeps capital order and teaches well and the childrens' work is of a satisfactory kind. The infants form a promising little class. The registers were not tested during the first quarter of the school year. Number on books 98.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Staff: A. Brown Master.  
Mrs L. Brown Assistant.  
June 24<sup>th</sup> Attendance down due to the hay harvest  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> No school as most of the children are going to a tea at West Wycombe.  
July 28<sup>th</sup> School closed for harvest holidays.  
September 16<sup>th</sup> Average only 67. This is caused mainly through the scarcity of water in the village, the children being employed fetching water from either Saunderton or Holly Bush (Farm at Walter's Ash). Cupboard to hand.  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> No school owing to a tea at Lacey Green Chapel.  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> William Rutland and Harry Saunders attended for the first time since the holiday. Low attendance in afternoon owing to a tea at Loosley Row Chapel.  
October 7<sup>th</sup> Attendance dropped to 68. Most have gone blackberrying. Received specimens: Maps, pencils, pen-nibs, chalk, foolscap.  
October 24<sup>th</sup>

## Report.

1. The entrance to the school is in a sorry plight. It needs gravel badly.
2. I am sorry to see that the playground also is in very bad condition. Attention was called to this point last March.

November 17<sup>th</sup> A large number of absentees have gone to Hampden after sweet chestnuts.  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> Only 40 attendances. This will be due to very rough weather causing the children to go wooding.

## Scripture Report.

“The infants were somewhat scanty and indistinct with their answers, but on the whole they knew their work fairly well. The written work in standards II and III were good. The upper standards did better in the Prayer Book than in the Bible. The repetition was good. There is a good tone throughout the school”.

Prize Elizabeth Griffin.  
Deserve mention James Baker, Emily Rixon and Mabel Janes.

November 25<sup>th</sup> Very rough weather. Received the Aid Grant. £15 for the purpose of effecting repairs and providing apparatus. Instead of last lesson



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an address was given by Mr F. Adkins of the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union.

## 1899

January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
January 13<sup>th</sup>  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Minnie Brown, standard III returned to school after an absence of 5 weeks illness.  
Attendance down to 61. The absentees having gone to the woods, after rough weather. Requisition list sent in.

Materials to hand. : beads, 2 packets drawing cards, 3 pints ink, exercise books and recreative drawing cards 1 dozen rulers 1 dozen pieces of india rubber foolscap and registers, also sewing table.
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February 15<sup>th</sup>  
March 8<sup>th</sup>  
April 14<sup>th</sup>

Average down to 69 owing to rough "wooding" weather.  
Ash Wednesday, the children attended church at 9-45.  
No school this afternoon as several scholars are to be confirmed at Risborough.

Received 6 pictures 2 boxes pens drawing and kindergarten books and cards.
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April 21<sup>st</sup>  
April 28<sup>th</sup>  
May 5<sup>th</sup>  
May 29<sup>th</sup>

Attendance 55 due to heavy rain. 8 absentees ill, 4 of whom have ringworms.  
Usual May Day holiday.  
No school owing to Lacey Green Chapel anniversary.  
School opened with only 48 scholars owing to Loosley Row Chapel anniversary, therefore a holiday given in the afternoon.

Received 12 dozen exercise books both writing and arithmetic geography readers and manuals for upper standards. Scheme B arithmetic for each standard 2 boxes pencils examination books poetry books for the upper standards.
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# Lacey Green School - Against all odds

Staff:           A. Brown           Master.  
                  Mrs L. Brown       Assistant

## H.M.I.Report.

“The school is still being well and carefully taught. The equipment is being gradually improved in a satisfactory manner. I hope that the entrance to the school and the playground will be put in proper order at once in the manner explained to the managers. The defects of the premises noticed by H.M. Inspector should be removed.

- June 5<sup>th</sup>           Number on the register 91. Several children haymaking. The vicar came and questioned the upper standards in the prayer book subject. The scripture examination takes place on July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- July 10<sup>th</sup>          Several upper boys away haymaking. Several younger children away with bad colds. No school this afternoon owing to the Speen anniversary.
- July 17<sup>th</sup>          55 children this morning because of a tea at Loosley Row, therefore no school this afternoon.
- July 21<sup>st</sup>          Average dropped to 64. Several already started harvest work with their parents.
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>   The usual holiday will be given on Monday for Wycombe fair and a tea at Lacey Green Chapel.
- October 9<sup>th</sup>          Attendance only 67 owing to a tea at Lacey Green Chapel.
- October 17<sup>th</sup>       The attendance officer called. He had obtained permission to summon two or three parents.
- October 18<sup>th</sup>       Attendance only 59 owing to a bazaar at Loosley Row Chapel.
- October 25<sup>th</sup>       The Inspectress of the boarding out children visited.
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>       Average for week 72. Number on the books 83. This fall is owing to 2 families leaving the village.
- November 17<sup>th</sup>     The parents of Frederick and Albert Saunders and Ellen Eggleton were summoned for not sending their children regularly.
- November 21<sup>st</sup>

## Report.

“I am glad to hear that the playground too will be put into good order shortly. Mr Brown has too much on his hands. Suitable assistance should be found for him as soon as possible.

- December 1<sup>st</sup>       I have notified the attendance officer that Ellen Eggleton and Frederick Saunders have not attended since their parents were summoned.
- December 8<sup>th</sup>       Fred Saunders attended this week but not Ellen Eggleton whose father has a birth certificate showing her to be 15 years old. A rummage sale is to be held in this school on Monday afternoon in aid of the schools. A half holiday will be given in consequence.
- December 13<sup>th</sup>     Heavy snowstorm so no school.
- December 15<sup>th</sup>     The average for the week has dropped to 54 owing to illness and the very rough weather.

## 1900

- January 12<sup>th</sup>       Average for the week 64. Number on the books 81. Amount of grant aid £20, for the purpose of increase of salary for assistant £5, playground £10, books and stationary £5. Received: exercise books, 2 boxes pen nibs, 3 quires foolscap, half dozen compasses for drawing, small quantity chalk, 44 pieces India rubber.
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>       Attendance down to 42 through the extremely rough weather.
- February 5<sup>th</sup>       Attendance down to 43 owing to deep snow.

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February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Average 52, owing to deep snow and illness.
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Another very deep fall of snow making the roads impassable.
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Raymond Gomme returned to school after seven weeks absence with rheumatic fever. 17 children away all the week through illness.
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	The vicar, Mr Robson and the Reverend Corder came in. Mr Corder took a shortened form of the "order of morning prayer" with the whole school, instead of the usual prayers. At 9.25 the vicar took the upper division in scripture.
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr Corder came every day this week taking prayers till 9-25. Very rough weather.
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No school tomorrow as the ballot for District Councillors takes place here.
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Corder took prayers and finished at 9-30. Harold Rutland returned after 15weeks illness.
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	The school will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday only, as the managers have not sanctioned the usual weeks holiday.
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	As only 32 were present the managers ordered the school to be closed for the day.
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Still very few present.
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	After this morning the school will be closed for the remainder of the week as the master is suffering from a congested throat.
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Brown has carried on the school the greater part of the week as the doctor refused the master permission to resume his duties.
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	The school will be closed this afternoon owing to the Lacey Green Chapel Anniversary.
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Robson accompanied by the vicar came in and distributed the prizes to the scholars for regular attendance. Several children have been haymaking.
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Several away haymaking.

### H.M.I.Report.

"Mr Brown's hands are too full. He cannot teach so many classes effectively without help, and the effort to do so is telling on his health. I hope that this matter may engage the immediate attention of the managers. Mrs Brown is looking after the little ones in the classroom with success".

	Staff:	A. Brown	Master
		Mrs L. Brown	Assistant (infants)
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Low attendance owing to a tea at Speen Chapel. Received Examination books for quarterly exams. Drawing books, kindergarten maps, 2 boxes pens, part box of chalk, poetry books for upper division.		
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	A few boys and girls away to go to the hay field.		
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Robson came and had "window blinds" put up in the classroom.		
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Attendance low because of Loosley Row Chapel school treat, therefore a holiday given in the afternoon. Several children have gone to work in the harvest field.		
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	A majority of absentees are now away with their parents in the harvest field.		
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Opened with 17 children present. The vicar thought we had better close and open again tomorrow.		
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Opened with 12 children present. The managers thought it best to close for the harvest holidays.		
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	There were only 51 present on account of Wycombe fair and a tea at Lacey Green Chapel, so closed for the afternoon.		
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Heavy rain.		
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Order for ink given to the managers.		
December	No ink yet to hand. The lower division obliged to use lead pencils.		

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December 14<sup>th</sup> Received one pint ink.

## Diocesan Report.

“The children have passed a very good examination. The answering in each division was intelligent and general. The repetition of Holy Scripture and Catechism and the written work were all very satisfactory.

Prize. Mabel Janes.

Commended. R. Currell, G. Lacey, S. Randall, T. Atkins, G. Smith, H. Rixon, H. Witney, A. Smith, E. Anderson, M. Smith, F. Janes, D. Saunders, A. Janes, C. Hawes, G. Hawes.

December 20<sup>th</sup> Although the weather has been so rough this week the average was 74. Closed for Christmas holidays.

December 31<sup>st</sup> On account of the very rough weather there will be no school today by order of the managers.

## 1901

January 7<sup>th</sup> A great number absent due to illness, very rough weather and a fall of snow.

February 4<sup>th</sup> The school will be closed this afternoon as the scholars are giving a concert this evening.

February 5<sup>th</sup> No school today as the children could not get here owing to the deep snow.

February 8<sup>th</sup> Very bad weather and illness. Received. 14 dozen exercise books, 1 box pens, one and half quires of blotting paper, foolscap and kinder-maps.

February 19<sup>th</sup> 20 children marked “sick”

February 20<sup>th</sup> The vicar brought a pint and a half of ink.

February 21<sup>st</sup> Grant aid of £20 to maintain the increase of salary of the assistant £5, and felt and reslating roof £15.

March 11<sup>th</sup> The workmen started pulling the slates from the roof of the main building this afternoon.

March 13<sup>th</sup> It was impossible to give an oral lesson owing to the noise made by the continual tapping of the slates.

May 6<sup>th</sup> The school will be closed for a fortnight through the outbreak of scarlet fever.

May 31<sup>st</sup> A low average due to the children, with their parents, attending the many attractions in the neighbourhood during this Whit Week

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Many absentees celebrating the anniversary of Loosley Row Chapel.

June 7<sup>th</sup> The monitress, Louisa Saunders absent as she is suffering from toothache.

June 21<sup>st</sup> Several boys away haymaking.

June 25<sup>th</sup>

## H.M.I. Report.

“A successful years work has been done and the school is going on very well. The seats of the infants should be fitted with backs”.

Staff:	A. Brown	Master
	Mrs L. Brown	Assistant
	L. Saunders	Monitress.

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July 5<sup>th</sup> Fred Rutland returned after 9 weeks with scarlet fever.  
 July 8<sup>th</sup> Alfred Barefoot is not allowed to attend by order of the Medical Officer of Health, as Alf Lacey who lives next door is down with scarlet fever.

July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Received 14 dozen various exercise books 3 dozen boys drawing books 2 poetry books 4 examination books 1 pint ink	1 box pens 1 dozen compass pencils 5 packets kindergarten geography 3 dozen pieces chalk 3 dozen lead pencils
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July 19<sup>th</sup> Harry Burrows is not allowed to attend school as his sister is suffering from diphtheria.  
 July 22<sup>nd</sup> A holiday was given owing to a tea at Loosley Row Chapel.  
 July 26<sup>th</sup> Several children have been with their parents into the harvest field.  
 August 2<sup>nd</sup> School closed for 4 weeks.  
 September 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest not yet finished. School reopened.  
 September 4<sup>th</sup> The Reverend Corder visited with four of the Woolwich Union Guardians. Children still at harvest work.  
 September 23<sup>rd</sup> No school this afternoon owing to a tea at Lacey Green Chapel.  
 September 25<sup>th</sup> As the Sunday School treat takes place here this afternoon, no school will be held.  
 September 30<sup>th</sup> A tea at Loosley Row has caused the attendance to drop to 58 this afternoon.  
 October 10<sup>th</sup>

Diocesan Inspectors Report.  
 "This school passed a uniformly excellent examination in all subjects and the greatest credit is due to the teacher for this result. The general tone of the school seemed admirable.  
 The prayer book presented by the Diocesan Board of Education was awarded to Edith Cole.  
 Commended: Bessie Griffin, Winifred Rose, Florrie Holmes, May Featherstone, Cissie Janes, George Smith, Ralph Biggs, Charles Barth, Walter Ginger, Stanley  
 Randall, Wm.Gomme, Fred Dormer, Horace Rixon, Gertrude Adams, Alice Baker, Herbert Witney, Ernest Anderson, Percy Holmes,  
 Constance Hawes  
 Alfred Janes, Arthur Nash, Beatrice Currell, Annie Bristow, Willie Adams, Fred Janes, Daisy Baker, Jessie Smith, Gertrude Hawes, Willie Saunders.

October 25<sup>th</sup> 3 children absent through diphtheria.  
 October 28<sup>th</sup> Attendance only 28 as the children went nutting  
 November 22<sup>nd</sup> Resigned the headship of this school this afternoon.  
 November 25<sup>th</sup> School closed on account of an outbreak of measles. Aid grant approved by Diocesan Dept. of Education. as follows Salaries £14, Seats and blinds £6. Total = £20.  
 December 30<sup>th</sup> I, Jesse Gibbons commenced my duties as head master of this school with Mrs Amy Julia Gibbons as assistant mistress. Miss Annie

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Hawes commenced duties.

## 1902

January 2<sup>nd</sup> The school has been closed since November 22<sup>nd</sup> owing to measles. Received small bottle of ink, 2 dozen drawing books, 4 dozen exercise books, 1 dozen India rubbers, stationary.

January 27<sup>th</sup> Attendance small on account of snow and there are still several children away through the recent epidemic. Influenza and bad colds very prevalent.

February 8<sup>th</sup> Owing to the weather being very severe the attendance is only 53. There are still 5 children away owing to epidemic and sickness.

April 7<sup>th</sup> Reopened school Number present 68. Number on books 83.

The afternoon timetable this term will be as follows:

<u>Wednesday</u>	1-45 to 2-15	object lesson
	2-15 to 2-45	boys spelling and tables, girls needlework.
	2-55 to 3 40	boys drawing, girls needlework
<u>Friday</u>	1-45 to 2-25	maps
	2-25 to 2-45	drill
	2-55 to 3-40	conversational lessons

April 15<sup>th</sup> Only 59 present it being very wet.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Half holiday given on account of peace in South Africa.

June 24<sup>th</sup> The attendance this week has been very diminished. This being Coronation week no doubt accounts for it.

June 25<sup>th</sup> It was announced yesterday that today would be a holiday owing to Coronation week. However, on receipt of the news of the illness of the king, school was opened as usual. As only 36 were present the registers were not marked

June 26<sup>th</sup> Only 33 children so registers not marked.

June 27<sup>th</sup> Only 22 children so registers not marked but children kept at school. There are only 2 in the upper division and 11 in the lower division. With such numbers it is utterly impossible to carry on the ordinary timetable.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Copy of accounts to hand, of income and expenditure which has been posted on the school door.

July 11<sup>th</sup> Dr.Mann called to enquire into the sanitary arrangements of the school.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>

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H.M.I. Report "Mr Brown has gone, but there is every promise that the school will thrive under his successors. The Board of Education note that the medical certificate sent in support of the abatement of the minimum number of meetings requires the closure of the school for a fortnight only. It will be seen from the enclosed form that, calculating the deduction to be made for the total of 400 according to the formula therein contained, the school should have been opened at 383 times. The Board of Education have decided on the present occasion to pay the grant, but will expect strict compliance in future. A.E.Hawes cannot be recognised until she has had more experience of teaching in a public elementary school. The certificate of M. Gibbons will unless the inspector should withdraw his favourable report be issued upon his completion of eighteen months of recorded service. The exact dates of such recorded service should be given in the application.

- August 1<sup>st</sup> Holiday for harvest.  
September 1<sup>st</sup> School reopened with only 31 present. Mrs Gibbons will not re-commence duties for some few weeks owing to indisposition. Needlework and drawing will be taken 30 minutes only in the infant room. The last 15 minutes will be used for picture lesson, recitation, conversation or story lesson on Mon, Weds and Fri.  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> Have received and placed up in the school a large chart illustrating natural ventilation.  
October 27<sup>th</sup> The children were given a half holiday as the schoolroom was used for a rummage sale.  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> Closed for Christmas.

### 1903

- January 5<sup>th</sup> School reopened.  
January 7<sup>th</sup> Work has been hampered owing to the room being so cold.  
January 8<sup>th</sup> It has been impossible to have a fire in the big room as there was no coal. On account of the cold and the failing light the children were dismissed at 3-35.  
January 9<sup>th</sup> The resignations of Mrs Gibbons and myself were sent to the managers last evening, giving three months notice according to agreement.  
January 16<sup>th</sup> Very cold weather and many ill.  
March 25<sup>th</sup> The school will be closed tomorrow and Friday for painting and repair  
March 30<sup>th</sup> As the classroom is not yet finished the infants are being taught in the big room today  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> The school will be closed on Monday owing to a Parish Council election.  
April 20<sup>th</sup> I, William Roebuck take charge of this school.  
May 11<sup>th</sup> School closed this afternoon, owing to anniversary of Loosley Row Chapel.  
May 26<sup>th</sup> The children were taken out in the fields during one lesson and buttercups, daisies, violets, birds-eyes, heart's ease, wild pansies and dandelions examined.  
June 8<sup>th</sup> Attendances low owing to the Chapel treat at Loosley Row.  
June 12<sup>th</sup> Fifty six children made bouquets of wild flowers gathered during the holidays. Leaves were also collected, pressed and mounted on cardboard. Six prizes were given. Mrs Robson acted as judge. The bouquets were sent to Wycombe hospital. The matron being very pleased and grateful.  
June 15<sup>th</sup> Terrible weather.  
June 26<sup>th</sup> Haymaking started. Children taken out to study the ash tree, the oak, and the gooseberry.

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July 3<sup>rd</sup>

## H.M.I. Report

“The work of the school has been done thoroughly during the past year. The infants are orderly and seem happy, though they are not very bright. Annie Hawes may be approved for the present.

- July 17<sup>th</sup> The children were taken into the fields and given a general lesson on trees  
July 27<sup>th</sup> Bad weather and Loosley Row anniversary made attendance bad.  
August 10<sup>th</sup> Only fifty one present due chiefly to the lateness of the midsummer vacation.  
August 14<sup>th</sup> Two cases of diphtheria are reported and this has caused several parents to keep their children away. Attendance so low that by order of the managers the registers have not been marked. School closed for the summer holidays.  
September 14<sup>th</sup> School reopened. Very poor attendance owing to the large number of children at work in the harvest field.  
September 28<sup>th</sup> It was with great regret we heard of the death of one of our infants, George Saunders, from croup and diphtheria. The scholars subscribed towards a wreath and the master attended the funeral.  
October 7<sup>th</sup> Attendance poor owing to a bazaar at Loosley Row  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Diocesan Report

The children are in excellent order. In each class the subjects presented for examination were well known. The religious instruction has evidently been given with much care.

Prize	L.Holmes.
Highly commended	M. Parslow, R. Bowler, P.Holmes.
Commended.	H. Burrows. J. Saw, W. Gomme, H. Witney, A. Briscoe, C. Hawes, B. Currel, H.Witney, A. Nash, H. Barefoot, A. Ginger, G. Hawes,
	W. Maunders.

- October 28<sup>th</sup> Terrible weather.  
November 11<sup>th</sup> Margaret Cheshire commenced teaching in place of Florence Holmes, monitress. Miss Cheshire has had no experience of teaching so is on trial for a little time.  
November 13<sup>th</sup> Miss Hawes is absent suffering from acute neuralgia  
.November 20<sup>th</sup> Miss Hawes has been absent all this week, abscesses having developed in the mouth and throat.  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> Miss Hawes still absent  
November 27<sup>th</sup> Miss Hawes absent all the week but is improving.  
November 30<sup>th</sup> Miss Cheshire absent with a bad arm.  
December 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Cheshire still absent  
December 4<sup>th</sup> Miss Hawes still absent  
December 11<sup>th</sup> Miss Hawes still absent  
December 16<sup>th</sup> Preparing for children’s concert here tonight.



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## 1904

January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Opened school. Miss Hawes returned having been absent since November 13 <sup>th</sup> .	Miss Cheshire absent suffering from boils.
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Cheshire still absent. Miss Hawes also absent having a tooth drawn at Wycombe.	
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Cheshire returned today.	
January 26 <sup>th</sup> .	I sent in my resignation this morning. WM. Roebuck.	
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Miss Cheshire absent suffering from a bad arm	
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Cheshire still absent suffering with a bad arm. The attendance this week has been very poor owing to the shocking weather and to illness among the infants.	
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Cheshire still absent. School closed	
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	I, Albert Phillips commenced the duties of headmaster of this school.	
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance very low owing to the Chapel treat at Loosley Row.	
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Miss Edith Crook commenced teaching today. As she has had no experience of teaching her appointment is subject to the approval of H.M. Inspector.	
July 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Hay harvest has commenced.	
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Half holiday owing to the anniversary at Speen Chapel.	
July 15 <sup>th</sup>		

### Report

“Mixed School. The staff has been so inadequate as to produce most serious difficulties, but Mr Roebuck has met them successfully and deserves credit for what he has done. It is of course necessary that a full staff should be available as soon as possible.

Infants Class. The infants have suffered through the continued absence of their regular teacher, but they are in fair general condition. Needlework and drawing are specially weak subjects”.

July 14 <sup>th</sup>	The infants were taken by Miss Hawes to a neighbouring garden for a lesson on “strawberries”	
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	The attendance has suffered this week owing to several attractions in the neighbourhood.	
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest started so attendance low. Closed today.	
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tea at Lacey Green Chapel and the holding of Wycombe fair caused smaller attendance. Miss Crook resigned her post as supplementary teacher today, she is leaving the village.	
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	May Parslow has successfully passed the preliminary examination of monitors. Bazaar at Loosley Row so attendance low.	
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Mabel Janes commenced teaching today. This is her first attempt at teaching so she is here for a month on trial.	
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Today Miss Hawes gives over charge of the needlework to Miss Dell a dressmaker, who now becomes the responsible teacher of that subject.	

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## Diocesan Report

The children passed a very fair examination and I was satisfied with the results of my inspection. Miss Hawes is very successful with the little ones.

The prayer book was awarded to Ruth Darvill.

Certificates of merit to Harry Burrows and Fred Shaw.

Commended:

standard VI	Ruth Darvill and Harry Burrows
standard V	Herbert Witney
standard IV	Fred Shaw, Connie Hawes, Alfred Janes
standard III	Gertrude Hawes, Florrie Witney, Arthur Nash, Bert Witney, Beatrice Currell, Cecil Ginger and Archie Janes.
standard II	Tom Griffin, Daisy Baker
standard I	Bertha Clark, Archie Lacey, John Currell, Will Saunders, Annie Stevens, Edith Kelly
infants	Winnie Kilby, Frank Gomme, Fred Saunders, Dorothy Clark and Edith Witney.

November 25<sup>th</sup> Attendance very low owing to the severe frost and the recent fall of snow.

December 9<sup>th</sup> Very wet weather

December 16<sup>th</sup> Bad colds make attendance low.

## 1905

January 30<sup>th</sup> William Gomme has returned after an absence of five months. In the future the girls will be taught drawing on Monday afternoon from 2-10 to 3-20.

February 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Hawes and May Parslow (monitress) were allowed from school this afternoon to attend the funeral of the late Mrs Forrest. Miss Dell also being away no needlework was taken.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> As the coal has not been delivered which was ordered last Monday, no fires were possible today. A holiday was given in the afternoon.

February 6<sup>th</sup> A dustbin and two lamps have been provided by the managers. Whooping cough is prevalent in the village and many children are absent.

February 17<sup>th</sup> Twelve infants absent all week with whooping cough.

February 24<sup>th</sup> Sixteen infants absent all week with whooping cough.

March 17<sup>th</sup> The weather has been very stormy this week but attendance is gradually returning to normal.

April 14<sup>th</sup>

## H.M.I. Report

“Mixed. Mr Phillips has made a good start and the school should continue to do well. The teaching is thoughtful and the children are well behaved and attentive.

Infants. The infants class shows a very marked improvement. The little people are eager and interested in their work and the teaching and discipline are of quite the right kind.

The question of improving the cloakrooms and providing lavatory accommodation should receive attention. The two cloakrooms are still altogether too small and inconvenient. They should be improved and arrangements should be made for providing lavatory accommodation. The dado still needs renovation.

May 15th Owing to the children's tea in connection with the Chapel anniversary a half holiday was given by the managers.

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May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Received information that Dorothy May Parslow has successfully passed the admission examination for pupil teacher held of 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1905.
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Three new wire doormats were provided today.
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Empire Day. This morning lessons on the geography and history of the British Empire, interspersed with patriotic songs instead of work according to the timetable.
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	On account of the Loosley Row Chapel anniversary tea, the attendance has been greatly affected. Only 60 in the afternoon.
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Heavy rain, attendance down
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Haymaking in full swing.
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Ginger returned after an absence of 4 weeks. Lillian Procter returned after 6 weeks whooping cough.
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	The managers provided a towel roller and a new stool today both being greatly needed.
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	The school closed this afternoon on account of a tea being given to the Sunday School children.
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Heavy rain. Closed for summer.
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy May Parslow commenced attending the pupil teacher centre at High Wycombe.
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance very small owing to Wycombe fair and bazaar at the Chapel.
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance low this week many children suffering from bad throats.
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Commenced fires today.
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Hawes has been absent today suffering from a severe attack of toothache.
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Hawes still absent.
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mr Adkins, from the Band of Hope Union, gave an object lesson on alcohol from 3 to 3-30 pm.
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	

### H.M.I. Report

“This is an excellent school and has certainly improved since last year. The results of the examination were good throughout the school. The written work was only fairly good, except in standards V, VI and VII, where it was very well done indeed. The hymn singing was true and spirited. The religious tone and discipline of the school struck me as being good. Great credit is due to all the teachers who are evidently greatly interested in their work and inspire the children with the same zeal and keenness.

The Prayer Book presented by the Diocesan Board of Education was awarded to Reginald Leaney.

Certificates of Merit to Victor Bowler, Fred Janes, Daisy Saunders, and Constance Hawes.

Commended Group I Herbert Witney, Alfred Janes, Charles Leaney, Gertie Hawes, Arthur Nash, Bertie Witney

Commended Group II Bertha Clarke, Daisy Baker, Archie Lacey, Arthur Randall, William Curtis, Maggie Janes, William Saunders

Commended Group III Edith Witney, Alfred Smith, Fred Brookes, Harold Maunders, William Gomme, Bertha Anderson, Bertie Hawes.

## 1906

January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Clarke absent since July 5 <sup>th</sup> with fever. Tea given to the Sunday school children
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Very rough weather.
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	School used as a polling station today.
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	A fall of snow has prevented several from attending today.
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mabel Janes, supplementary teacher, has permission to be absent from school for the purpose of receiving a months training at the

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	girls council school Aylesbury.
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Four children are attending the labour examination at Risborough
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	The school has been closed this afternoon by order of the managers. The pupil Teacher has been attending the centre classes this week consequently the master alone has taught the big room, standard I to VII.
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	No school held today. School used as a polling station for the election of district councillors and Board of Guardians.
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	As the Pupil Teacher has been attending the centre classes again this week the master has taken standards I to VII. Average for the
week 86.	
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	E.E. Anderson and P. Floyd, managers, visited.
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	The school closed this afternoon owing to the village Chapel anniversary
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Attendance low this afternoon. Most absentees at the tea given in Loosley Row Chapel.
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Hawes took the infants into the neighbouring fields for a lesson on haymaking. Attendance only 76 in the afternoon. An outing given to the old people of the village at Whiteleaf Cross is the cause.
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Owing to very heavy rainfall last night and its continuance this morning only 48 attended.
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lessons occasionally have been given in the open air in the playground this week.
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	The boys are playing the return cricket match with Princes Risborough National school this evening, so school opened and closed fifteen minutes earlier this afternoon.
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	To enable the boys cricket team to journey to Hampden to play the return match the school was opened and closed fifteen minutes earlier.
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of harvest. Closed school.
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Hawes was absent this afternoon to attend the funeral of a near friend.
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	The pupil teacher was absent this week attending the centre classes at Wycombe. The lower division were unable to have drill in the playground yesterday owing to the rain.
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend W. Robson visited and said that on account of the choir tea, the school was to be closed this afternoon.
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	A bazaar is being held at Loosley Row today. This has caused many to be absent.
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fires were commenced today.
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	This morning had a chat with the upper division and gave them a very elementary knowledge of the construction of the throat and voice, and urged them to endeavour to take care of their voice and refrain from shouting and bawling while at play during the evening.
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	The school used as a rural district council election polling station. In the morning the boys' football team journeyed to Princes Risborough and played a match with the boys of the National School.

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November 15<sup>th</sup>

## Diocesan Report

If anything I should say that this school is even better than last year and I desire to compliment the master and teachers on the excellence of the work done amongst the children. The infants' class is delightful and all through the school the children answered admirably. It is always a pleasure to inspect this school. The religious tone and discipline are of a very high order.

The prayer book prize was awarded to Herbert Witney.

Certificates of Merit      Victor Bowler, Daisy Saunders, Alfred Janes, Jack Redding, Charles Willoughby, Edith Witney.

Commended:                Standard VI      Constance Hawes, Annie Briscoe  
                                     Standard V      Cecil Ginger, Beatrice Currell  
                                     Standard IV     Rupert Gomme, Archie Lacey, Daisy Baker, Bertha Clarke  
                                     Standard III    Willie Saunders, Maggie Janes  
                                     Standard II     Fred Brookes, Constance Redding  
                                     Infants         Elsie Currell, Fred Saunders, Ben Weller, Dorothy Clarke, Bertie Hawes, Dudley Rose, Bertha Anderson, Bessie

Baker,

Lily Proctor, Frank Clarke, Annie Baker.

November 19<sup>th</sup> Mumps appears to be very prevalent in the village

November 26<sup>th</sup> Fred Janes returned after 8 weeks with a broken arm

November 28<sup>th</sup> Many children away with mumps. On account of a cricket club concert being given in the schoolroom tonight the school was dismissed a few minutes early.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Mabel Janes the supplementary teacher is absent suffering from the mumps which is so prevalent in the village.

December 7<sup>th</sup> As Miss Janes has been absent all the week and the pupil teacher attending the County High School, the master has taught standards I to VII

December 10<sup>th</sup> The school was closed this morning on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, on account of the epidemic of mumps.

## 1907

January 7<sup>th</sup> Reopened school

April 19<sup>th</sup> Four boys absent attending the labour examination at Risborough.

May 6<sup>th</sup> School closed this afternoon owing to the Lacey Green Chapel anniversary.

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### H.M.I. Report

“Considering the staff which is not a strong one, the school is doing as well as can be expected. The teachers work hard and the instruction everywhere reaches a very creditable level. Composition all through the school should receive more time and be treated on broader, i.e. less recollective, lines. Object lessons, if they are to serve their purpose must always be fully illustrated.

In the infant class too, the staff is not strong. Miss Hawes manages these little ones with skill, but if she is to have a fair chance she will need help. A supplementary teacher who could divide her time between the main room and the infant room, would meet the case.

I must again point out that the cloakroom accommodation is deficient and that there should be a better form of lavatory.

The managers should now be required to take these matters in hand without any unnecessary delay. Last years report on the premises does not appear in the log book. I must ask that this omission may be made good and the terms of the code be strictly regarded in future”.

- May 7th Lily Brooks, infant, was sent home because her head was not clean. She was not in a fit condition to sit beside the other children.
- June 6<sup>th</sup> School closed to allow staff to attend the educational conference at Aylesbury.
- June 17<sup>th</sup> The pupil teacher will be absent from school this week as she was called away suddenly, owing to her mother falling very ill.
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Allowed the boys in the cricket team leave at 3.30 p.m. that they may journey to Risborough to play the boys of the National School the return cricket match
- July 30<sup>th</sup> Eight scholars in the upper class have provided themselves with dictionaries.
- September 9<sup>th</sup> Reopened school. 59 present. 85 on books. Cause a late harvest.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> Low attendance. Late harvest.
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> This evening the boys football club commenced practice.
- October 8<sup>th</sup>

### Report

I regret that I cannot hear of any intention to improve the cloakroom accommodation. The boys little lobby is seriously inadequate. It is very small. There are 42 pegs for 70 boys and the space is reduced by the make-shift lavatory -a wash basin set upon a chair. Against this I am glad to notice that the premises have been thoroughly done up, inside and outside and that the playgrounds have been put in order.

- October 9<sup>th</sup> A very small attendance this afternoon owing to a bazaar at Loosley Row.
- October 11<sup>th</sup> Commenced fires this week.
- October 18<sup>th</sup> Weather very wet this week.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> The parents of two boys have been summoned for irregular attendance. Good progress is being made in the infant room, especially in reading and drawing.
- November 8<sup>th</sup> As it became rather dark about 3 p.m. the ordinary lessons were suspended and voice exercises and singing taken instead.
- November 19<sup>th</sup> As the afternoon is fine I am taking thirty boys to the football field to play football as an organised game.
- November 26<sup>th</sup> Wet and wintery.
- December 12<sup>th</sup> The supplementary teacher, Mabel Janes, has been absent attending the preliminary certificate examination in reading, recitation and practical music in Wycombe.
- December 18<sup>t</sup> The supplementary teacher, Miss M. Janes, and the pupil teacher, Miss D.M. Parslow, are sitting for the preliminary certificate examination to be held at Wycombe.

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December 16<sup>th</sup>

Diocesan Report.

This school still maintains its high state of efficiency, though the upper group did not do quite as well as in former years. Still good work is being done, and there is an esprit de corps in the school, which is admirably fostered by the headmaster.

The infant class is exceedingly well taught. I am always struck by the keenness of the children. The religious tone and discipline seem very good. The written work was good and the writing very clean and neat.

The prayer book was awarded to Constance Hawes

Certificates of merit to: Alfred Janes, Beatrice Currell, Gertrude Hawes, Jack Redding, Edith Witney

Commended: standard V Daisy Baker

standard IV Ben Robbins, Annie Stevens, Connie Redding,

standard III Fred Brooks, Harold Maunder, Fred Robbins, Annie Stevens, Connie Redding

standard II Albert Hawes, Bertha Anderson, Fred Saunders

standard I Archie Witney, Albert Janes, Dorothy Shaw, Mabel Rixon

infants Dudley Rose, Hilda Lacey, Lily Proctor, Reginald Proctor, Geoffrey Smith, Lily Brooks, John Parslow.

## 1908

January 6<sup>th</sup> Received new door mats, a coal scuttle and a shovel. Also one long handled hair broom, a scrubbing brush and a sieve for sifting cinders, for the cleaner.

January 8<sup>th</sup> Snow.

January 14<sup>th</sup> Allowed the boys football team to leave at 3-30 p.m. that they might proceed to the meadow for practice.

January 17<sup>th</sup> Instead of drill lesson, took the football team to the field to play a match with the British School, Princes Risborough

January 29<sup>th</sup> Miss Janes absent suffering from a sore throat

February 7<sup>th</sup> Miss Janes is still absent and now reported as suffering from scarlet fever.

February 10<sup>th</sup> Many children have been kept at home as a precautionary measure, owing to the outbreak of scarlet fever in one family.

February 14<sup>th</sup> A few cases of influenza have been reported.

February 21<sup>st</sup> Much interest has been shown recently by the older scholars in current events as portrayed in the Daily Mirror. A lesson on England's "Little war" on the Indian frontier was given during the week. Mabel Janes still absent.

February 28<sup>th</sup> For more than a month past the master has taught in the main room without help.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Two feet snow.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Snow falling fast

March 6<sup>th</sup> Several absent with influenza. Two boys left being fourteen years of age.

March 20<sup>th</sup> The boys football team will journey to Princes Risborough to play a match with the boys of the Longwick school. Miss Janes has been absent nearly eight weeks.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Miss Janes returned today

March 25<sup>th</sup> Very wet.

April 1<sup>st</sup> Every child is present this morning.

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## H.M.I.Report.

The teaching and control in this school are alike quiet and effective and I am glad to find the children intelligent and keen. Their clear utterance and their power of expression through speech are pleasing features. Arithmetic is well taught and most of the work reaches a good standard. I am glad to hear that the older children are given work to prepare for themselves. Suggestions as to drawing and other subjects will doubtless be carried out. Terminal reports should be fully made out

The infants are in skilful hands. Their progress in reading calls for mention and generally things are on quite the right footing.

The managers are unable in view of possible legislation to carry out their intentions of improving the premises at present.

- April 16<sup>th</sup> Five children left school today having obtained exemption certificates.
- April 30<sup>th</sup> William Parslow in the infant class is over seven years old.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Miss Hawes and Miss Janes are attending the classes in clay modelling held at High Wycombe on Tuesday evenings.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> This evening the boys will play their first cricket match this season with the boys of Princes Risborough National School
- May 25<sup>th</sup> Devoted the morning to the celebration of Empire Day.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> In the evening the master and the two teachers attended the first lecture on cardboard modelling held at Wycombe.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> The master is attending a course of lectures on school gardens at Aylesbury on Saturday mornings. This morning a little girl named C. Redding stood upon the stile and fell upon the iron railings which are around the playground, causing a very nasty wound in her leg.
- August 4<sup>th</sup> Charles and John Ede returned after an absence of 10 weeks due to illness of their sister with typhoid fever.
- August 7<sup>th</sup> Owing to the flower show and other attractions in the neighbourhood the attendance this week is very low. Closed for the summer holidays.<sup>h</sup>
- November 9<sup>th</sup> Hung a framed picture of Ilfracombe Harbour. This being the King's birthday, at the close of the morning session, the children sang the National Anthem.
- November 10<sup>th</sup> After the interval in the afternoon the master showed the whole school about 60 views of Canada on a magic lantern
- November 11<sup>th</sup> By permission of the managers an entertainment consisting of conjuring will be given at the close of the afternoon session.
- November 12<sup>th</sup> I sent my resignation to the managers today, 3 calendar months.
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> School closed this afternoon on account of a concert this evening.

## Diocesan Report

Thoroughly satisfactory. This school is doing good work on good lines. The only thing that I have to suggest is that the written work of the lower group which was rather below the average should receive special attention this year.

Bishop's prize Archie Lacey

Certificates Gertie Hawes, Jack Redding, Bertha Anderson, Albert Hawes.

Commended Beatrice Currell, Edith Witney, Constance Redding, Chas.Ede, Ralph Lacey, Dorothy Shaw, Fred Saunders, Mabel Hawes, Wm. Rixon, Lilian Proctor,

Ethel Ginger, Eveline Adams, Doris Redding, Harold Lacey, Annie Hawes.

December 15<sup>th</sup> Very wet. Received four pictures from the Bucks. Association for the loan of pictures.



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## 1909

January 11<sup>th</sup> To the present small school library have obtained and added 53 new books from Blackies' Library of Famous Books.  
March 1<sup>st</sup> I commenced duties here this morning as headmaster of this school. George H. Wiltshire  
Bad weather, severe colds, poor attendance.  
March 5<sup>th</sup> Snow falling heavily all the week.  
March 9<sup>th</sup> Weather still very inclement  
March 18<sup>th</sup> Tested the eyesight of the children who are to be examined by the medical officer  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> Chas.Ede and Archie Lacey are attending the labour examination at Aylesbury today.  
April 8<sup>th</sup>

### H.M.I.Report

The improvements relating to cloakroom and lavatory accommodation called for in previous reports should now be undertaken. I hope that in course of time a new piano will be provided. The present one is, it seems, quite worn out.

April 19<sup>th</sup> John and William Parslow have been retained in the infant room although over seven years of age.  
April 26<sup>th</sup> The juniors, in charge of Miss Parslow went out during geography lesson to learn what a valley, ridge, and so on are from actual observation.  
May 20<sup>th</sup> Girls of I and II classes went for a nature walk to Green Meadows and Bradenham Wood. Boys went to play cricket at 3-15 pm  
May 24<sup>th</sup> Empire Day  
May 25<sup>th</sup> Very wet  
May 26<sup>th</sup> Still very wet.  
May 27<sup>th</sup> Received first annual report by the County Education Medical Officer.  
June 8<sup>th</sup> Class III were taken to Slad Lane where Miss Parslow gave them a lesson on the horse chestnut tree.  
Class II visited "Home Field", Miss Janes giving them a lesson on "Wild plants"  
June 14<sup>th</sup> Juniors took a geography walk this afternoon "Journey of the sun"  
June 15<sup>th</sup> Received form re. free Place Examination for Royal Grammar School High Wycombe. Juniors lesson on "Ivy" in the lane. Afternoon standards III and IV lesson on "dog rose" outdoors.  
June 17<sup>th</sup> Infants lesson on "wild strawberry", taken by Miss Hawes, down the lane  
June 30<sup>th</sup> The boys of I and II left at 3-20 to go to Hampden to play cricket. The weighing machine arrived this morning from Speen school.  
July 5<sup>th</sup> The scholars eligible for medical inspection were weighed and had their height taken. Forwarded the machine to Loosley Row.  
July 9<sup>th</sup> Miss Parslow absent since 7<sup>th</sup> owing to family bereavement.  
July 16<sup>th</sup> A heavy storm just as the children would have been starting for school.  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> School closed this afternoon owing to a dress rehearsal for an entertainment at Speen  
August 6<sup>th</sup> Attendance dropped owing to various flower shows in the neighbourhood this week.  
August 12<sup>th</sup> School opened at one to allow children to leave early owing to Miss Elin's tea.  
August 13<sup>th</sup> Several children have gone for their holidays. Others in the harvest field.  
September 27<sup>th</sup> Attendance 76 out of 91. Many have gone to High Wycombe.

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- September 30<sup>th</sup> School closed tomorrow as the teachers are attending the Educational Conference and Exhibition.
- October 18<sup>th</sup> Received Owen Frank Lacey's exemption certificate.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> Girls of III and IV standards taken for a nature walk. Boys in the playground with the head teacher. Making a plan, to scale, of the playground and buildings.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> School assembled at 1 p.m. as the boys left early to go to Princes Risborough in order to play football with the boys of the Church of England School. The master went with them and during the journey the boys noted the different plants, decaying leaves, and so on.
- September 29<sup>th</sup> The junior section are progressing favourably with their plasticine modelling.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> Fires commenced this week
- November

### Diocesan Report

"A good school deserving commendation and encouragement. Tone and discipline are good. The singing admirable throughout. The infants were delightful and their work most creditable. The second group were excellent in their oral work. The first group shewed evidence of careful teaching and did their written work well, but attention should be assiduously given to the clear and definite explanation of the ordinary words in the church catechism. There seemed to be a lack of suitable scripture pictures for the infants.

Bishop's Prize Gertrude Hawes

Certificates William Oakford, Edith Witney, Archie Witney and Thomas Oakford

Commended Lizzie Baker, John Currell, William Saunders, Albert Hawes, Bertha Anderson, Fred Saunders, Eveline Adams, Mabel Hawes, Bessie Baker, Albert

Janes, Harold Lacey, Dorothy Shaw, Percy Witney, Albert Barefoot, Annie Baker, Hilda Lacey, Cecil Saunders, Nancy Hawes, Emily Baker

- November 11<sup>th</sup> Instead of map drawing during the first lesson the boys of the first class made models in paper of simple aeroplanes.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Atlases and a wall map of Canada were received from the Canadian Office.
- November 19<sup>th</sup> Wm.Saunders, Ernest Rixon and Elizabeth Baker are attending the labour examination at High Wycombe. Weather cold.
- November 24<sup>th</sup> School closed for a rummage sale. Received notice that Elizabeth Baker had passed the Labour Certificate Examination.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> Commenced testing the eyes of the scholars who can read, as required by the education committee.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> School closed this afternoon for a concert in the evening.

## 1910

- January 18<sup>th</sup> Schoolroom used for a political meeting in the evening
- January 19<sup>th</sup> The Reverend W. Robson visited and saw the damage which had been done the previous evening. Notified the doctor that Lily Brooks is suffering with impetigo. The teachers are attending the classes in physical exercises at Aylesbury and High Wycombe.
- January 21<sup>st</sup> Very bad colds. Boys of the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes taken for a nature walk to Speen where they will play the Speen boys their return match.
- January 28<sup>th</sup> School abandoned owing to there being so few children present. The roads are all flooded a rapid thaw setting in after a heavy snowfall during the night.
- February 16<sup>th</sup> School closed on account of confirmation in Lacey Green Church. 94 on the roll.
- February 24<sup>th</sup> Boys left at 3-15 p.m. to play the P.Ris.Nat.School boys at football.

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- February 25<sup>th</sup> Labour schedules received from H.M.I. but not early enough to give the requisite fortnights notice.  
February 28<sup>th</sup> Lily Brooks returned after an absence of seven weeks with impetigo, 90 present out of 94.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Class 1 went down Slad Lane to have an observation lesson on " Trees, how to distinguish them in Winter". 103 on roll  
April 8<sup>th</sup> Charles Collins left returning with his parents to Plymouth. George Oakford is at Loosley Row school  
April 15<sup>th</sup> William Saunders and John Currell left today. An aneroid barometer has been obtained and a rain gauge. A record of the readings is kept and entered on the meteorological chart daily. Arithmetic has been more practical since the advent of the weights and scales, tapes and land chain.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Empire Day. Ordinary work suspended. Lessons on the Empire and the flag and on the Watchwords of the Empire, so grandly exemplified in the life of the late King Edward VII- Responsibility, duty, sympathy and self sacrifice.
- June 1<sup>st</sup>. Handed one pound, two shillings, to the correspondent in payment for heating the schoolroom during the evening school session 1909-1910
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Ernest Rixon left school this afternoon. Owing to a thunderstorm drill could not be taken in the yard this morning.  
June 13<sup>th</sup> Today all the scholars have been weighed and measured.  
June 15<sup>th</sup> Alfred Smith and Harold Weller are being employed at stone picking by Wm.Saunders of Flowers Bottom. I have reported them to the attendance officer.
- June 24<sup>th</sup>

### H.M.I.Report 1910

This school is in a very healthy condition and I am much pleased with the way in which the work is being carried on. The teaching is thorough and well thought out and the level, of attainment generally is high. The children take an interest in what they do and work keenly. The written work is particularly neat. In the composition of the highest group there is plenty of original thought. It is in the direction of the development of the individuality of the children that the main line of advance in the future should lie. Brushwork shows very creditable results and singing deserves mention. In the lower groups the teaching rightly has for its aim the training of the intelligence of the children and good work is being done. Infants. These are bright little children, they are managed very pleasantly and are taught with care. Reading in the first class is remarkably good.

- July 4<sup>th</sup> 96 out of 97 this morning. Infants taken into hayfield for lesson on hay making.  
July 19<sup>th</sup>. Physical exercises taken in school, boys and girls together. Edith Witney and Alfred Smith passed the labour exam.  
August 2<sup>nd</sup> School closed for the Chapel outing  
August 5<sup>th</sup> Attendance lower on account of treats and flower shows in the neighbourhood.  
September 26<sup>th</sup> Some off to Wycombe fair. Harold and Sidney Weller off stone picking at Bradenham.  
October 25<sup>th</sup> Owing to the number of children that have left school in standards IV, V, and VI, class II has been reduced to 18, so the following arrangement of classes has been made. Standards IV, V and V grouped into I -VII head teacher. Standard III made up of some of standard II, class II - Miss Janes. Junior section Standards I and II - Miss Parslow. This enables Miss Janes to help Miss Hawes in the infant room on part of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> No drill will be taken in the playground as the workmen are there digging a tank.  
November 4<sup>th</sup> School closed on account of alteration of boys and girls porches.

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November 5<sup>th</sup>

## Diocesan Report

A delightful school in which all the religious subjects had been very well taught especially the acts and the prayer book. The infants were very bright in their repetition and answering and the work of the middle group was very satisfactory. Indeed all the groups were good. The discipline and tone left nothing to be desired. I congratulate Mr Wiltshire and his good assistants and I award a special certificate for a very well written paper in the upper group.

Bishop's prize Fred Brooks.

Certificates. Mabel Hawes, Ivy Horwood, and (special) Bertha Anderson, Eveline Adams, Thomas Oakford, Reginald Tilbury Ben Weller, Louisa Baker, Archie

Witney, Dorothy Shaw, Fred Saunders, Elsie Rogers, Andrew Jackson, Hilda Lacey, Bertie Lacey, Cecil Saunders, Joseph Claydon, Harry Hawes, Nancy Hawes, Beatrice Rogers, Doris Rixon

Commended for written work Fred Brooks, Mabel Hawes, Ivy Horwood, Bertha Anderson, Reginald Tilbury, Ben Weller, Ralph Lacey, Harold Maunders,

Brooks, Ethel Darvill, Harry Dormer, Susan Ginger, Cecil Adams, Harold Lacey, Bessie Baker, Dorothy Rose, Harold Ginger, Lily

Arthur Adams, Percy Witney

December 19<sup>th</sup> Two scholars admitted from Darvills Hill. 100 on the books. A case of impetigo suspected.

## 1911

February 17<sup>th</sup> School closed to allow children to visit the missionary exhibition at High Wycombe.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Cricket concert in evening so school closed in the afternoon.

March 15<sup>th</sup> Heavy snow storm last night. Fred Brooks left. Alice Gomme has the measles.

May 1<sup>st</sup> School closed as children go garlanding

May 12<sup>th</sup> Only 86 out of 102. Most have gone to High Wycombe to purchase new clothing.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Admitted Basil Cox from Loosley Row School and 3 from Saunderton Lea. Instead of drill this morning the girls were instructed in the maypole dance.

May 24<sup>th</sup> Empire Day.

## H.M.I. Report

This school is being conducted in a very satisfactory manner and the work reaches a high standard. The neatness of the written exercises and the ready response in the oral lessons prove that the teaching is effective. In the upper groups composition shows signs of individuality. Nature study is a good feature, and brush drawing and singing are highly creditable. Cardboard modelling has made good progress, it should lead shortly to light woodwork. It is hoped that the elder children will be encouraged to study by themselves as much as possible so as to learn to rely upon their own efforts. The two lower groups continue to be taught in a satisfactory manner and good progress is being made. The infants are kindly treated and are thriving. Reading deserves special mention.

June 21<sup>st</sup> Closed school this afternoon for the coronation holidays. Re-open July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## PROGRAMME OF FESTIVITIES HELD AT STOCKEN FARM TO COMMEMORATE THE CORONATION OF KING GEORGE V - 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 1911

- 12.30pm Cricket Match. Winner Cricket Ball value of 5 shillings (25p)
- 12.45pm Assembly of Children of Lacey Green School. Procession to "The Mill" headed by the Band, "Flag of Britain" sung by Lacey Green School. Three cheers for the King. Return to Stocken Farm; band will play God Save the King.
- 2.30pm Morris Dances and Maypole Dances by Children of Speen, Loosley Row and Lacey Green Schools.
- 3.00pm Children's tea - Free to Parishioners, Visitors 6d.
- 4.00pm Adult's tea - Free to Parishioners, Visitors 1/3d

### Sports

Time	Event	Prizes	
1.30pm	<u>Children's Races</u>	<u>Prizes</u>	
	Three Legged Race, boys under 14	1/6d 1/-d 6d	
	Three Legged Race, girls under 14	1/6d 1/- 6d	
	Egg and Spoon Race, women	2/- 1/6 1/-	
	Egg and Spoon Race, boys under 14	1/- 9d 6d	
	Egg and Spoon Race, girls under 14	1/- 9d 6d	
	3.00pm	Half mile Handicap, Men	4/- 2/6 1/6
		Stone Picking Race, Women	2/- 1/6 1/-
		Old Folk's Race, Men 60-70	2/6 1/6 1/-
		Stone Picking Race, Men	2/6 1/6 1/-
		Stone Picking Race, Women	2/- 1/6 1/-
		Slow Cycle Race, Women	3/- 2/- 1/-
		Slow Cycle Race, Men	3/- 2/- 1/-
		High Jump, Open	3/- 2/- 1/-
		Needle Race, Girls under 14	1/- 9d 6d
Boot and Coat Race, Boys under 14		1/- 9d 6d	
Skipping Race, Girls under 14		1/- 9d 6d	
Sack Race, Boys under 16		1/- 1/6 1/-	
Hurdle Race 150 yards Men		3/- 2/- 1/-	
Stilt Race, Boys under 16		3/- 2/- 1/-	
Old Folk's Race, over 70 men		First in 1/6d, last in 1/0-d	
Old Folk's Race over 70 women	First in 1/6d, last in 1/0-d		
100 yards Handicap, Women	1/- 1/6d 1/-d		
Hat Trimming Competition, Men	1/- 1/6d 1/-d		
Obstacle Race, Men	3/- 2/- 1/-		
Obstacle Race, Boys under 16	1/- 1/6d 1/-d		
Tug of War, team of 11 a side	Winners 1/- each		
Cock Fighting	3/- 2/- 1/-		

No competitor may win more than two 1<sup>st</sup> prizes and one more (this will be a third prize).

- 6.00pm Speeches from Waggon
- 7.30pm Distribution of prizes, medals and mugs by Mrs W. Robson. The Naphill Band will play at intervals.
- 9.00pm GOD SAVE THE KING

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- July 3<sup>rd</sup> 103 on the books. Edward Robbins and Percy Witney suffering from chicken pox.
- July 7<sup>th</sup> Physical Exercises taken in school instead of in the playground because of the heat. Several absent in the afternoon owing to a tea party at Loosley House.
- July 10<sup>th</sup> Admitted Harry Floyd aged 5 from Small Dean, Miss Parslow visited the oculist.
- July 25<sup>th</sup> Sale of work and fete in aid of the church at Red Gables, Speen. Louie Baker and Harry Dormer passed the Labour Examination. Mabel Hawes has gained a scholarship at the girls County High School, being placed fifth on the list of 50 candidates. The temperature in the main room this afternoon was 83 degrees.
- August 9<sup>th</sup> Some children are working in the fields. The excessive heat 88 degrees in the main room has prevented lessons by the timetable. Frequent rest intervals have been given.
- August 11<sup>th</sup> The attendance this week is the lowest for two years. The children have been attending flower shows whilst others have left and gone gleaning.
- October 10<sup>th</sup> Reginald Tilbury has passed the labour exam.
- November 15<sup>th</sup> William Rixon has scarlet fever
- November 15<sup>th</sup>

This is a thoroughly good school, to which it gives me real pleasure to be able to award the highest summary mark of "Excellent" Four things have contributed to this:

1. An excellent class of infants, where every child was able and willing to answer and answered well.
2. The work, both oral and written, of the upper group which was a class distinctly above the average, and where I was especially glad to observe that the younger children in standard IV, were quite as well up in their subjects, as were the elder ones in standard V and VI.
3. The singing of the hymns, which was really good and as regards clear and distinct articulation of the words, quite the best I have as yet heard.
4. Last, but by no means least, the thoroughly keen and energetic spirit that pervaded the whole school.

The middle group was not quite as good a class as the other two, but even here the results obtained were distinctly creditable and did not fall so far short of those obtained by the rest of the school, as to make it impossible for me to award the special mark. The written work of this class was most carefully done, but the teaching should be made if possible rather more picturesque and less mechanical and formal. The children in this class should be encouraged as much as possible to think for themselves and a tendency to somewhat thoughtless answering that I noticed in some children, should be carefully watched and checked, lest it grow, as it can so easily do, into a habit.

Bishop's prize Bertha Anderson

Certificates Archie Witney, Eveline Adams, Gilbert Rigby, Beatrice Rogers.

Commended I Elsie Currell, Ethel Darvill, Frank Rigby, Dorothy Shaw, Albert Janes, Jack Saunders, Elsie Rogers, Harry Rixon.

Commended II Arthur Adams, Bertie Tilbury, Percy Witney, Hilda Lacey, Nancy Hawes, Archie Tilbury, Fred Hampson, Clara Ford.

Infants The whole class, especially Doris Rixon, Elsie Redrup, Cecil Saunders, Joe Claydon, Harry Hawes, Edward Anderson, Sidney Janes, Frank Brooks.

December 7<sup>th</sup> Very wet. Children living at a distance are mostly absent.

December 8<sup>th</sup> Very bad weather.

December 31<sup>st</sup> I resign head mastership of this school.

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## 1912

- January 2<sup>nd</sup> Commenced duties as head teacher this morning. H.C. Avery.  
January 8<sup>th</sup> William Rixon returned after scarlet fever.  
January 18<sup>th</sup> Very severe weather. Ordered half ton coal from Mr East.  
January 31<sup>st</sup> Very severe weather. Ordered half ton coal.  
February 5<sup>th</sup> Coal came this morning. The ink wells were frozen this morning  
April 17<sup>th</sup> Allowed the children to go to the playground to see the eclipse at 11-30 a.m.  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> The Scholars and teachers have collected eleven shillings and two pence (56p) between them for the relief of the Titanic's sufferers.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> The school closed this afternoon for a school treat.  
May 14<sup>th</sup> Miss Parslow took her class to the pond for a lesson on "lakes".  
May 24<sup>th</sup>. Empire Day. Appropriate work.  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Received Medical Certificate for William Weller who is suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.  
July 8<sup>th</sup> Miss Parslow took class III to the fields for a lesson on haymaking..  
September 4<sup>th</sup>

### Report

Unfortunately on the day on which this school was visited two of the assistant teachers were absent so the work was seen under totally abnormal conditions. It is therefore to the credit of all concerned that, on a terribly hot day, the children showed much industry and such creditable work

The new headmaster is to be congratulated upon the continued efficiency of the school, for, speaking generally all the work reaches a good standard. Oral response is ready and intelligent and the written exercises are not only neat and careful, but show thought and originality. Manual work of various descriptions is well catered for. Drawing with pencil, pen and brush is praiseworthy, and light woodwork, though naturally rather crude so far, has made a successful start.

Infants class. Great praise is due to the teacher of this class for the manner in which she performs her difficult task. Reading is again particularly strong but everything shows obvious signs of unremitting care and attention. The children too, are frank, fearless and responsive. I should very much like arrangements to be made if possible, for more work to be done out of doors in suitable weather. The piano appears to be perfectly useless and the blackboard and easel in the infants' room are all to pieces, while those in the upper school are none too sound. The rooms badly need overhauling. Serious, possibly dangerous, cracks are apparent in the walls of the infants' room, and to a lesser extent in the main room. There is also considerable discoloration. As three classes, under three separate teachers, are instructed side by side in the main room it is plain that a folding partition should be provided.

- September 11<sup>th</sup> 92 out of 93 today.  
September 24<sup>th</sup> Several have gone off to Wycombe fair. Three cases of chicken pox notified.  
October 25<sup>th</sup> Whooping cough is prevalent again., The school has been closed for three weeks.  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> Reopened with 61 present.

## 1913

- January 13<sup>th</sup> Heard from the vicar that there will be no scripture examination this year.  
February 5<sup>th</sup> Closed this afternoon to prepare for a concert this evening. Three gone to a confirmation service at Princes Risborough.  
February 14<sup>th</sup> At 11-45 I assembled the children and spoke to them about the tragic end of Captain Scott and his four followers and read to the

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	children his diary.
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	For three days the temperature has been too low for good work. Reported that the buckets in the girls lavatory were full to overflowing.
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Heavy snowfall. Beat. Rogers and Edward Anderson have measles. Closed for Easter.
April 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Owing to repairs, the school holiday has been extended another week.
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Only 45 present. 33 cases of measles so school closed for one month.
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance bad owing to a school treat at Loosley Row.
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Boys had their first cricket practice this afternoon
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	School closed this afternoon. Some of the children were taken to a missionary pageant at High Wycombe.
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Children still absent through measles. A cricket match was played this afternoon with Speen.
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	The scholars were photographed this afternoon. Two fresh cases of measles.
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Reported a case of scarlet fever.
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	The following dimensions were found today during practical arithmetic: Length of room 40 feet Width of room 19 feet Classroom 20 feet by 14 feet.
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	The girls played a cricket match this afternoon
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Closed for Summer holidays.
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	For half an hour this morning I allowed the boys in the upper group to watch the army manoeuvres in the district. The school was closed in the afternoon owing to the soldiers being very near.
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	low attendance owing to Wycombe fair. Reported two cases of scarlet fever.
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Very wet morning, Only 52 out of 90 present
October 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	Boys played a football match against Princes Risborough School Edward Anderson returned after eight weeks off with scarlet fever.
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Very wet only 76 present. Medical Officer inspected the water supply and the lavatories.

### Scripture Report

The Bishop's prize was well won by Cecil Saunders.

November 24 <sup>th</sup>	I enlisted today under the group system. I was absent during the afternoon as I had to go to the recruiting office at Aylesbury.
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Notified the closure of the three schools for Christmas holidays, December 21 <sup>st</sup> .

## 1914

February 4 <sup>th</sup>	The wind blew a pane of glass out of the door.
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Poor attendance owing to heavy snowfall.
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Very heavy fall of snow.
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Another very heavy fall of snow. Heavy snowfall
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Reported H. Weller for very bad attendance.
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	A very heavy snowfall.
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	We commence the new school year and for the summer months at 8 a.m. and finish at 11 a.m. Afternoon session 12 to 2-10 p.m.



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May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Started school again at 9 a.m. owing to the majority of the children coming late, and in the afternoon at 1 p.m. finishing at 3.15p.m.
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening lesson taken in school
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Addressed the whole school on "Our Empire"
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	I am leaving today to join His Majesty's Forces. Gardening lesson was taken in school this afternoon writing notes
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	I, Fanny Palmer commenced duties in this school today. The vicar brought the cheque for the teachers' salaries, also the caretaker's and the scavenger's. Two away with measles.
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Three children were admitted from Loosley Row Church of England school, which is closed for the period of the war. Childrens' names are to be retained on the registers of that school and entries in summary registers are to be continued in Loosley Row school for their scholars. A copy of notice sent to parents, owing to an increase of scholars from Loosley Row school, children under five from this school will be excluded during the period of the war, by order of the County Council.
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Scholars from Loosley Row were admitted today and amalgamated with the different classes.
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Arranged for the care of Cecil Smith who has a tuberculous foot. Mr Mann taught the boys how to plant cabbages.
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Very wet day. Woodwork taken in school Nurse examined the heads for "nits". Only one found.
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Albert Gomme sent home, suspect German measles. Read a letter to the scholars from Mr Avery
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Received notice that Cecil Saunders had passed his examination for free place in the Grammar School at High Wycombe
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Childrens' letters sent to their master Mr Avery.
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	The beginning of the third year of the war. Children stood round the Union Jack placed in front of the school. Sang the National Anthem and saluted the flag. Mr Robson was present. Patriotic songs were sung in the school and special prayers were said for the army and navy.
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Heavy showers reduced attendance this morning. Bertha Anderson took charge of the infants class in the absence of Miss Hawes who went to cash the cheque for the teachers salary.
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Very stormy. Vicar gave quarterly accounts to be forwarded to Aylesbury.
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nurse visited the school, examined Bertha Baker and pronounced she had ring worm, but said the child might attend school if the parents continued treatment. Received notice that Miss Mabel Janes salary was to be increased from November 1 <sup>st</sup> 1916. Attendance not good. Fires begun in both rooms.
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Hutchins visited bringing the new encyclopaedia presented by E.C. Streatfield.
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Heavy Showers during the dinner hour reduced attendance this afternoon.
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paid salaries to teachers, caretaker and scavenger. Miss Hawes went to Princes Risborough to change the cheque, Bertha Anderson taking her place.
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance much reduced, Heavy showers at the time of reopening. Too wet for children to go out to play. All the barometers in the neighbourhood have fallen to their lowest level. The continual showers are quite exceptional. It has not been possible to visit the garden.
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	School closed on account of the National Mission Service in the church at 1-45.
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Half ton coal received from Timothy East. Vicar visited the school today and took division I for the explanation of the Holy Communion.
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Very severe weather. Thermometer registers 41 degrees at 9 a.m.
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Snow and rain
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Very severe weather.
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thermometer registers 39 degrees at opening of school, though there is a good fire in the room.
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Weather still severe. Many children have severe colds.

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- December 4<sup>th</sup> Weather very severe. Attendance poor. Children too cold  
December 5<sup>th</sup> Thermometer 39 degrees this morning. Severe weather and sickness  
December 7<sup>th</sup> Mr Hickman, from Lane Farm,, sent two loads of manure to the school gardens. Part of it was dug in today.  
December 8<sup>th</sup> Much influenza amongst the children.  
December 11<sup>th</sup> Miss S. Janes at Oxford for her examination. Bertha Anderson taking standards II and III in her absence. Heavy snow fell this morning. Read a letter from Mr Avery to the children.  
December 13<sup>th</sup> School closed for Red Cross Concert. Very severe weather.  
December 20<sup>th</sup> Cecil Saunders, an old scholar, visited the school and was present during the reading of the term marks. He brought a very satisfactory report of his work from the Grammar School, High Wycombe. Cheers were given for the headmaster and Mrs Avery, the former still absent at the front, the teachers, the parents and Miss Palmer. A very happy afternoon was spent.

## 1917

- January 8<sup>th</sup> Miss Hawes absent, suffering from a badly sprained foot. Bertha Anderson is taking her place, assisted by Chrissie Hickman.  
January 9<sup>th</sup> Very heavy snowstorm. 44 out of 86. Miss Hawes came this morning, but was unable to return this afternoon. Snow storms and almost impassable roads.  
January 15<sup>th</sup> Head mistress absent with bronchitis.  
January 16<sup>th</sup> Fred Brown ran away from school this morning because a pistol was taken from him, with which he was playing. Some of the elder boys captured him and brought him back to school.  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> Head mistress returned. Roads almost impassable, being very slippery. Scholars from Loosley Row could not safely come owing to the state of the roads which are like glass.  
January 23<sup>rd</sup> Boys went to the garden to gather sprouts which were sold at 2d per bottle.  
January 24<sup>th</sup> Weather still unusually severe and attendance reduced in consequence. Roads very slippery.  
January 25<sup>th</sup> Pump frozen. Very Cold ; thermometer very low.  
January 26<sup>th</sup> Thermometer registers 32 degrees at 8-30, a good fire at the time, 37 degrees at 10-5 and 40 degrees at 3 p.m. Miss Hawes fell outside the infants gate during the play hour and hurt her elbow badly. She was too unwell to take charge of her class. Weather increased in severity.  
January 29<sup>th</sup> No coal, fires very small. Thermometer 38 degrees at close. Wrote to the vicar for advice. His instructions were to send again to Mr East. This has been done.  
January 30<sup>th</sup> No coals arrived. With permission of the vicar the children were sent home.  
January 31<sup>st</sup> Coals arrived. School reopened.  
February 1<sup>st</sup> Weather slightly improved  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> Still very cold. Ink frozen in the inkwells.  
February 5<sup>th</sup> Ink frozen this morning. Thermometer 38 degrees at close.  
February 6<sup>th</sup> Thermometer 30 degrees at 8-30. Fires lighted early and sun shining. Snow lying still on the ground. Schoolroom very cold  
February 7<sup>th</sup> Thermometer 40 degrees at 10a.m. Sold to Connie Gomme, 10 toy chairs made by the boys in woodwork class, also a table for halfpenny.  
February 12 Weather better. The key of the coal house not to be found. Boys removed the lock and thus enabled the coal monitor to get the coal.  
February 15<sup>th</sup> Attendance still faulty. Some cases of sickness when parents require children to fetch medicine from Princes Risborough.

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February 19<sup>th</sup> Attendance very poor. Children away with severe colds. Many present coughing most of the day. Teaching has been quite difficult. A very wet day.

February 20<sup>th</sup> List of requisitions to the correspondent (The Reverend Robson)

1 bucket	1 hand brush
3 doormats	1 shovel

February 21<sup>st</sup> Attendance improved. Weather better. Forbade the boys to play football in the road. Discovered a pipe was broken in the boys' lavatory and a basin cracked.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> E.C. Streatfield visited and gave two shillings to buy a screwdriver (10p) for the use of the school.

February 26<sup>th</sup> Attendance slightly better. Several children still very ill with influenza, bronchitis, pneumonia and pleurisy

March 1<sup>st</sup> Went to the gardens today. Sowed onion seed on plots where ground was ready.

March 5<sup>th</sup> Heavy snowstorm. Children drilled today instead of going out to play. Ordered more coal.

March 19<sup>th</sup> Miss Janes has been granted a rise of salary. Her annual rate of wages is now £12. Prior to this it has been £9 for nearly eighteen years.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Snow. Weather severe.

March 27<sup>th</sup> Snow falling occasionally during the day.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Heavy snow storm during the night made the roads almost impassable. Only 24 present out of 82 on the books.

April 17<sup>th</sup> Vicar visited. Notified him that the piping round the roof of the boys' lavatory was blown off during the gale last week.

April 19<sup>th</sup> Nurse examined heads for nits. May Parslow was the only one found to be verminous.

Lily Brown complained of headache and heart bad and gave way to hysterical crying for sometime refusing to give Miss Janes an answer as to why she was crying. Examined her heart and found it was not beating quicker than other girls in the class. Told her she must not give way to hysterical fits.

April 20<sup>th</sup> The vicar visited and said that Mrs Brown had made a complaint to him about Lily and that he had requested her to put it in writing. He asked for an explanation of the circumstances, which were given by Miss Janes and myself.

April 24<sup>th</sup> Weather much improved. Have taken advantage of the fine weather and gone to the garden morning and afternoon.

May 1<sup>st</sup> Many children absent carrying garlands, being May Day. Went to the garden both morning and afternoon.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Almost completed setting seeds in the garden. The boys have worked well. There has been irregularity of attendance owing to employment of boys in agricultural labour.

May 4<sup>th</sup> Several children ill and others to Wycombe market. Inquired the hour children were sent to bed. Only one, Bertha Baker, went before 8-30.

May 8<sup>th</sup> Went to the gardens both morning and afternoon in order to complete the number of hours required before the end of the month

May 14<sup>th</sup> School closed in the afternoon for the Primitive Methodist Sunday School annual treat.

May 17<sup>th</sup> Sidney Weller had a very bad eye. Bathed it frequently in hot water this afternoon. Thunderstorm and heavy shower at the opening of the morning session

May 21<sup>st</sup> Fred and Ernest Oakford played truant this afternoon being brought to school by their brother.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Oakford wrote saying Sophia had measles

May 24<sup>th</sup> Empire Day. Children paraded the village with flags and sang patriotic songs en route. A collection was made for the "Over Seas Club". Almost every scholar bringing pence.

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- May 29<sup>th</sup> School reopened after Whitsun. Attendance not good. A tea party at the Baptist Chapel yesterday made the children very late in bed, consequently not up in time for morning school.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> Weather very warm. Children seemed idle.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> C.G. Watkins visited and addressed the children advising them to keep early hours so as to grow up healthy and useful citizens.
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Very heavy showers. Only 36 present. London Institute for the Advancement of Plain Needlework. Report of Bertha Anderson. Result.  
1<sup>st</sup> class.
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Heavy Showers all day. I kept back those who were going a long distance till it was over
- July 26<sup>th</sup> List of girls who will be able to attend to religious instruction on cookery days, because living in the villages. Doris Rixon, Elsie Redrup, May Parslow, Phyllis Rutland, Vera Gomme, Lily Brown.  
Girls living at Loosley Row who are all more than a mile from the school and would find the walk too much:  
Edith Dormer Below the Stret, Loosley Row  
Elsie Hazell The Stret, Loosley Row  
Elsie Williams Bottom Field, Saunderton Lea  
Dorothy Cheshire The Windmill
- July 30<sup>th</sup> Very stormy day
- July 31<sup>st</sup> Rained heavily throughout the day
- August 1<sup>st</sup> Rained heavily all day
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> Bad weather
- August 6 Only 35 out of 85 today.
- August 9<sup>th</sup> Thunderstorm and very heavy Showers.
- September 10<sup>th</sup> Poor attendance. Children employed for harvest, potato picking and fruit gathering. Girls went to Princes Risborough for cookery class
- September 17<sup>th</sup> Nurse visited and found many verminous children. Notes were sent to the parents of the children who were in the worst condition.
- September 18<sup>th</sup> Been raining all night. Impossible to take the children blackberry picking.
- September 19<sup>th</sup> Raining heavily all day. No blackberry picking possible in any way.
- September 24<sup>th</sup> Half holiday given for blackberry gathering. Children worked well but fruit was not plentiful.
- September 25<sup>th</sup> Half holiday today for blackberry gathering. All scholars in charge of teachers went up the Pink and Lily Road. Infants get very tired of the long distances. Sent 14  $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs. of blackberries to centre organisers.
- September 27<sup>th</sup> Boys went to gardens this afternoon while girls went to cookery class at Princes Risborough. Mr R. Gomme came to examine pumps as no water could be obtained from either. Frank Hawes and Frank Brooks cleared the leaves out of the pipes round the building. Mr Gomme looked at the tank and found the water very low. His report was that the cistern leaked or water had not been running in owing to the spouting being choked. Sent vegetables to the sanatorium. Value 1 shilling and 7  $\frac{1}{2}$ d (8p)
- October 1<sup>st</sup> Took the children blackberrying this afternoon. Gathered 43  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> Went blackberrying this afternoon. Gathered in the two days 119  $\frac{1}{4}$  pounds.
- October 4<sup>th</sup> Very stormy day.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> Mr Hutchins, assistant education secretary, visited, examined the cookery registers and the gardening registers. Discussed the matter of attendance and gave some excellent advice to the children as to the necessity of regularity and need of education.
- October 8<sup>th</sup> Very wet, impossible to go blackberrying.
- October 9<sup>th</sup> Went blackberrying today both morning and afternoon as weather seemed very uncertain. Children taken on the roads to avoid the long grass in the fields, except where grass was quite short.

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- October 10<sup>th</sup> Went to get blackberries this morning. Gathered for the two days 89 pounds.  
October 15<sup>th</sup> Went blackberrying this afternoon.  
October 16<sup>th</sup> Very wet day  
October 17<sup>th</sup> Raining heavily all day.  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Avery came into school. A collection was made for "Trafalgar Day"  
October 25<sup>th</sup> Very High wind.  
December 15<sup>th</sup> Sent amount realised by sale of garden produce, £5-1s-5d to Education Office.  
December 17<sup>th</sup> The vicar visited this morning. The classroom was seized by the military who are guarding an aeroplane which descended in the field adjoining the school on Sunday afternoon during a blinding snowstorm. Infants taught with the elder scholars today. Weather intensely severe.  
December 18<sup>th</sup> Infants room still occupied by the military who are guarding the aeroplane. Infants taught in the main room, causing no inconvenience, as the numbers are smaller owing to the severity of the weather.  
December 19<sup>th</sup> Military vacated the infants' room. Aeroplane removed at 8 p.m. last night. Mr Timothy East writes he is unable to deliver coal ordered on Monday owing to slippery roads and cannot get his horses rough shod. Wrote to Mr W. Saunders at Stocking Farm, asking for a loan of a barrow load till the coals arrive which he has kindly granted. Sent Harry Floyd and Frank Brooks to fetch it.  
December 20<sup>th</sup> Weather very severe. Thermometer 38 degrees at 10-15. Snow on the ground and thick fog prevailing the greater part of the day.  
December 21<sup>st</sup> Closed at midday owing to the severity of the weather. Four sanitary buckets arrived.

## 1918

- December 27<sup>th</sup> Severe weather.  
January 8<sup>th</sup> Chimney caught fire. Was able to extinguish the flames by means of salt. Ink frozen.  
January 10<sup>th</sup> Sent 1 cwt. coal to Mr Saunders at Stocking Farm in return for that lent on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Weather not quite so severe but still very cold. Received half ton coal.  
January 12<sup>th</sup> Chimney swept today by Mr A Hickman.  
January 14<sup>th</sup> Weather very severe. Children scarcely able to write.  
January 16<sup>th</sup> Heavy snowstorm during the night, ground thickly covered. Snow falling thickly at 9 a.m. Only 18 children present.  
January 17<sup>th</sup> Heavy snow again falling during the night. Roads very bad for walking. Only 27 present.  
January 18<sup>th</sup> Heavy thaw set in and roads very bad for walking  
January 30<sup>th</sup> Girls and infants entrances being repaired. All scholars using the boys' entrance.  
February 4<sup>th</sup> Very stormy day. Girls pump now in order. Sent off £2-18-0 to Sir Arthur Pearson, Bart, collected by the children in the village for the Blinded Soldiers Children Fund.  
February 6<sup>th</sup> Children brought flowers to make a wreath for Miss Emily Ginger who is buried today.  
February 7<sup>th</sup> Girls entrance now ready for use. New grating put to the drain under spouting at boys' entrance.  
February 11<sup>th</sup> All windows have been mended and the girls' entrance fit for use. Received a letter from Mr.J. Saunders, thanking teachers and scholars for the wreath sent for has aunt Miss Emily Ginger.  
February 13<sup>th</sup> Children to church it being Ash Wednesday. Mr Avery paid an unexpected visit.  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> Attendance very low owing to the falling of an aeroplane in the district: (on the Grubbin) with the correspondent's (of the managers) permission those children who were present went to the scene during the play hour and returned at 11-30. The teachers were in charge

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of them. Fred Weller, Cecil Weller and Ernest Oakford played truant this afternoon and were fetched from the field by Miss Hawes. The vicar advised that they should be today on the promise that they would not stop at home again. Sent Miss Janes with notices to all parents whose children were away today.

November 11<sup>th</sup> Armistice signed between England and Germany. Cessation of arms. Children much excited. No holiday given.

November 19<sup>th</sup> The scholars paraded the village this morning to celebrate the signing of the armistice. After a short service of thanksgiving in the church, the procession which was exceedingly pretty halted at Grymsdyke, the Centre of the Village, Loosley House, The Post Office, Miss Watson's and the Stret Loosley Row. Boys were dressed in uniforms to impersonate the army and navy, girls as red cross nurses. Almost every child carried a banner mounted on sticks and prettily designed by the elder boys. Frank Lacey and Harold Smith had made little banners from the drawings, painted and crayoned, by the scholars during the year. A large Union Jack, carried by Alec Dean had been lent by Colonel Tighe (Loosley House). It was especially prized having been used by the boy scouts assembled at Watlington for inspection by Lord Kitchener the week before war commenced. This of course led the procession. Mrs Tighe most kindly read a message from the Colonel to the children. Words of excellent advice which the smallest child could understand.

November 21<sup>st</sup> School closed on account of an epidemic of influenza.

December 10<sup>th</sup> As the roads are in a terrible state for children playing and the playground being equally unsuitable, I opened school quarter of an hour early this afternoon.

## 1919

January 13<sup>th</sup> The vicar visited bringing Mrs Weller, who demanded the War Savings of her boy Harold. Head teacher explained that her delay in payment was in the interest of the boy, hoping that Mrs Weller would think better of the matter. Weather very severe.

January 15<sup>th</sup> Alfred Stevens four years of age, jumped off the back of a cart horse on hearing the bell ring for school. Fortunately he suffered no injury.

January 20<sup>th</sup> Very stormy. Half ton coals came today. Kept all the children that were remaining for dinner in school to take their meal, on account of the weather making the playground and road unfit for the children to stand about in.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Weather very severe. Children cannot work well

January 24<sup>th</sup> Weather very severe.

January 27<sup>th</sup> Severely cold.

January 28<sup>th</sup> Heavy snow in the night has rendered the roads almost impassable. Only 11 attended this morning

January 29<sup>th</sup> Weather very severe. All the children are wearing their coats, arranged to be as near the fire as possible.

January 30<sup>th</sup> Weather very severe

January 31<sup>st</sup> Weather still very severe. Children wearing coats and jackets. Drill taken frequently to keep warm.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> Weather still severe

February 4<sup>th</sup> Thawing slightly

February 5<sup>th</sup> Snowing heavily. Snow continues. Allowed children living in outlying districts to leave early as the snow was deep, notwithstanding the plough had cleared the first fall. Attendance good considering the severity of the weather, the long distance many had to come and the cold of the main room.

February 7<sup>th</sup> Weather still unusually severe. Mrs Cameron kindly presented the gardening prizes. Her gardener, Mr David Smith was the judge. A prize was offered for the best carrot, turnip and onion grown this year. Miss Watson very kindly augmented the actual sum earned by each scholar, as in certain cases the amount did not reach the cost of the article which the children themselves selected. Their choice

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was excellent in all cases.

Augmentation	Name	Cost	Prize
11½d	W. Redrup	6 shillings (30p)	Batteries for flash light and stockings
	A. Adams	5 shillings (25p)	Brush and comb
	A. Dormer	2sh 1½d (10¾p)	Saw, gimlet and nails.
	N. Darvill	4sh. 2d (21p)	Stockings and prayer book.
	R. Matthews	2sh. 1½d (10¾p)	Pocket knife, pocket book
1½d	G. Oakford	3sh 1½d (15¾p)	Stockings
	G. Maunders	5sh 1½d (25¾p)	Books
	R. Dormer	3sh 9½d (19p)	Penknife and pocket book
	C. Rixon	3sh 8½d (18½p)	Stockings
	R. Hickman	1sh 1¾d (6p)	War savings and rubber
6d	E. Lacey	1sh 6¾d (8p)	Book and pocket book
3d	B. Baker	2sh 3d (11¼p)	Slippers for father
3d	M. Parslow	2sh 3d (11¼p)	Stockings
	D. Rixon	5sh 2d (26p)	Work basket, needlebook, pins.
	A. Dean	4sh ½d	gloves, tie.

- February 12 Half ton coal received. Weather very severe. Thermometer 32 degrees at opening of school. Sent Miss Janes to inquire the cause of the absence of the Oakford family, as they were seen coming, wearing their dinner bags. Father gave reason that they had been delayed in fetching coal and it was too late to send them.
- February 18<sup>th</sup> Attendance very reduced owing to a heavy fall of snow and continuing at the hour of assembly.
- February 19<sup>th</sup> Weather severe, but snow ceased.
- February 25<sup>th</sup> Went to the gardens this afternoon. Dug up a good quantity of parsnips. The amount realised by the sale will be divided equally amongst the gardening boys.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Very wet today, impossible to go out to play.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> Being Ash Wednesday the children went to church. The vicar visited. Medical Inspection by Dr. Spencer Watson.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Very wet. Continual rain. Received half ton coal. Visit of His Majesty's Inspector, G. Shaw Esq. He remained for both morning and afternoon sessions. George Oakford, Ronald Matthews, Reginald Dormer and Bertha Anderson were examined for Labour Certificates as Mr Shaw was not able to attend at High Wycombe on Saturday as arranged.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> Raining heavily
- March 12<sup>th</sup> Heavy rain. Roads in very muddy state. Many children have severe colds.
- March 17<sup>th</sup> Had two loads of farm yard manure from Mr Hickman, (Lane Farm) price 15 shillings (75p). Boys went to the garden to spread it over the plots. Very wet weather, not possible for digging.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> Weather too severe for gardening. Snowing heavily.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Heavy snowstorm and raining as well as snowing. Roads in very bad condition, almost impossible for children coming from long distances.

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March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Weather severe.
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Weather very severe
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Duckworth sent a beautiful collection of old Christmas cards for the children.
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening in morning as rain threatened. Rained heavily in afternoon.
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening in the afternoon as possibly raining tomorrow.
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Raining this morning and continuously throughout the day.
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Raining very heavily.
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	After Easter. No coal. Weather very cold. 37 degrees at 9a.m. Closed in consequence
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Received 5 cwt coal. Returned half cwt loaned by Mr Saunders to light fires, prior to arrival of coal. Showers of hail and snow at intervals during the day.
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	May day. Attendance bad all day. Children kept at home to carry round their garlands
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance improved. Weather good. Archie Dormer allowed to go to the garden with G. Maunders (Head Boy) to plant as he was absent on account of illness previous to Easter holidays. Miss Hawes is still away. M. Tilbury, E. Rixon, K. Brown, B. Baker are assisting with infants during her absence under continual superintendence by the Head Teacher.
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Visit from the attendance Officer. Attendance unsatisfactory owing to the school treat this afternoon. The school was closed for the afternoon to enable the children to attend the anniversary tea for the Primitive Methodist Sunday School Treat.
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Empire Day. Vicar invited the scholars into his garden where they sang songs, recited and listened to the piano which he kindly played to them. After a few remarks on the duties of patriotism, they assembled in front of the house, sang the National Anthem and gave cheers for the King and the Vicar. In the afternoon the children went to the field at the back of the school, kindly lent by Mr W. Saunders of Stocken Farm, and played National Games with their teachers. Returning to school for prayers and dismissal.
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Went to the gardens this morning instead of this afternoon on account of the great heat.
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Went to the gardens this morning instead of this afternoon on account of the great heat again. The produce is suffering from the drought. Very little rain has fallen since Easter.
June 20 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	I, Fanny Palmer, certificated head teacher on supply resign my duties here, as Mr Avery, the head master is returning on Monday June 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	I took charge of the school again today after three years absence on military duty. H.C. Avery.
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	This afternoon the boys played cricket from 2-30 to 3-30 in Mr Hickman's field.(Lane Farm).
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Owing to a Sunday school treat at Speen, several children were absent.
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	The children today were practising concert items for tomorrow's Peace Day Celebrations. I allowed F. Brown to go to the school gardens this afternoon to dig up half peck of potatoes.
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kathleen Brown has been awarded a Scholarship at High Wycombe Girls' Grammar School.
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	The children played games in Mr Hickman's field for an hour this afternoon.
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Several children working in the harvest fields
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	The boys and girls of the upper classes played a cricket match today. Miss Janes was in charge.
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Hawes and Miss Janes with the girls of the upper class have been practising country dances.
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Only 45 present this afternoon owing to a bazaar at the Chapel.
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	I sent in my resignation to the correspondent of the managers today, giving three calendar months notice. H.C. Avery.
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	We carried out His Majesty's wishes in regard to the Anniversary of Armistice Day.
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Several children have gone to a wedding this afternoon.



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November 28<sup>th</sup> The children had their photographs taken this afternoon.

December 15<sup>th</sup>

Bishop's Prize	Elsie Rixon
Class I certificates	Gladys Brown, Archie Dormer,
Class II certificates	Jesse Smith, Harold Janes,
Commended	Willie Dean, Arch Williams, Ernest Oakford, Ivy Dormer.
Infants commended	Olive Rixon, Alice Brown, Clara Stevens, Albert Claydon, Nelson Rixon.

## 1920

January 7<sup>th</sup> The pumps were frozen last night. Unable to get any water today. Ordered half hundredweight coal.

January 12<sup>th</sup> Several children are absent having gone "wooding".

January 23<sup>rd</sup> We are practically without fires today

January 26<sup>th</sup> Re-admitted Rosalind and Frederick Ginger

January 30<sup>th</sup> I resign the headship of this school today. H.C. Avery.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> I, Kate Floydd Gray, unattached teacher, take charge of the school today.

February 6<sup>th</sup> Frank Lacey and Harold Janes visited the dentist on Thursday and are unable to attend school today.

March 10<sup>th</sup> Half holiday given to enable many of the children to attend the War Memorial service and tea at the Chapel.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Notice received from the County Council. Consent to the Managers' appointment of me as head teacher, and the appointment to date from April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The staff now consists of Miss Kate F.Gray, Miss Mabel R. Janes, Miss Ann E. Hawes.

May 6<sup>th</sup> Rose Adams left at 3-45 to go to the doctor for her sister. Her attendance was cancelled.

May 19<sup>th</sup> As the boys were coming to school Fred Oakford was injured on his nose by a stone. As the cut was a deep one I thought it advisable to send him home.

July 16<sup>th</sup> Eleven boys left at playtime in the afternoon (2.15) in order to play in a cricket match against the boys at Risborough.

July 21<sup>st</sup> Organised games today instead of Friday. Eleven boys played in a cricket match with boys from Downley School. Mr Avery attended with the boys from his school.

September 7<sup>th</sup> Miss Janes left at playtime to attend the funeral of her sister-in-law.

September 27<sup>th</sup> A number of children were absent to attend the fair at Wycombe.

October 13<sup>th</sup> Thought it wise to send Nellie and John Rixon home this morning, as an older sister is ill with a sore throat, which may turn out to be diphtheria, there having been two suspected cases.

October 18<sup>th</sup> Nellie and John Rixon attended with the doctor's permission, as the latter is now satisfied there is no case of diphtheria in the house. John was absent in the afternoon.

October 20<sup>th</sup> It now happens that John Rixon is ill with scarlet fever. Reported the case to the local medical officer of health.

November 15<sup>th</sup>

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Bishop's Prize	Gladys Brown
Group I certificate	Freda Lacey, Frank Dean
Commended	E. Rixon, L. Rixon, E. Brown, F. Baker, W. Adams,
Middle group	E. Oakford, A. Baker, E. Boorman, W. Jones, W. Dean, V. Snozwell, I. Brown.
Infants	C. Stevens, N. Adams, E. Dell, M Saunders, E. Saunders, R.Ginger, N.Oxlade, H.Claydon, A.Claydon, W.Brown.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> Reported a second case of scarlet fever. Louie Rixon.

### 1921

January 19<sup>th</sup> Louie and Reginald Rixon returned after nine weeks absence.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> No recreation this afternoon, and school dismissed at 3-30, in order that the room may be got ready for a concert.

May 27<sup>th</sup> Daphne Bristow is in the hospital, having broken her arm during the holiday.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Gladys Brown attended the High School, High Wycombe, for the oral examination for the scholarship.

July 20<sup>th</sup>

Report from H.M. Inspector.

Premises and Equipment:

Main Room. There is one bad hole in the floor and three dangerously loose boards. One window pane is broken. One desk is broken. The inner walls are broken in

some places and are greatly in need of redecoration owing to damp.

Infants Room. Two windows are broken. The walls need redecoration. There is a broken desk.

Girls Cloak Room. There is a broken window

Boy's Lavatory. One basin is missing and should be replaced and the waste pipe adjusted.

Desks. The desks are long and without backs. It is desirable that they should be gradually replaced by dual desks.

Clock. There is no clock in the school and the need of it is felt.

Playground. The surface is very badly broken and the space quite inadequate for physical training. The top group at present take their exercise in the road.

October 17<sup>th</sup> Received a school clock supplied by the Bucks Education Committee.

October 26<sup>th</sup> The school did not meet today on account of a rummage sale being held in the schoolroom.

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## 1922

January 10<sup>th</sup>

Diocesan report held December 20<sup>th</sup> 1921.

Prayer Book Prize.	F. Dean.
Certificates.	Alfred Baker, Louie Rixon.
Standard I, commended	Edward Brown, F. Oakford, Ivy Hickman, Jesse Smith, Gladys Ing.
Standard II commended	Alice Brown, Olive Rixon, Sidney Parslow,
Standard III commended	Hilda Luffman, Amy Randall, G. Claydon, W. Brown.

- January 20<sup>th</sup> Dismissed school ten minutes earlier each afternoon this week, as most of the children have a long way to go and darkness sets in very early now.
- January 25<sup>th</sup> Owing to the slippery and dangerous state of the roads only 45 were present this morning. The roads are like a sheet of glass.
- February 10<sup>th</sup> Gladys Brown worked the Qualifying test for the scholarship entrance examination.
- February 15<sup>th</sup> Owing to so much coughing, the singing this afternoon was omitted and silent reading lesson was taken instead.
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> Closed school at noon, on account of the cricket club concert which takes place this evening.
- February 28<sup>th</sup> Holiday given in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. the Princess Mary.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Holiday given, the schoolroom wanted for the County Council election.
- March 14<sup>th</sup> The Reverend Robson showed the children some views of Durham.
- March 27<sup>th</sup> A few children were late this morning, this being the first school day of summertime.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff. Miss Kate Floyd Gray, Miss Mabel Rose Janes, Miss Ann Elizabeth Hawes.
- November 10<sup>th</sup> Forwarded the proceeds of the garden produce for the year ended October 31<sup>st</sup> 1922, to the accountant.
- November 15<sup>th</sup> The school used for the Parliamentary election.

## 1923

January 12<sup>th</sup>

Diocesan Report, of inspection December 13<sup>th</sup> 1922.

Prayer Book Prize.	Louie Rixon
Certificates	Jesse Smith, Ernest Oakford,
Class I Commended	Freda Lacey, Connie Gomme, Eric Boorman, Stanley Dormer, Frank Dean, William Dean, all answered well
Class II commended	Cecil Weller, Fred Weller, Albert and Harry Claydon, Sydney Parslow, Clara Stevens Rosalind Ginger, Ivy Janes, Doreen Adams. All answered well.
Standard I and Infants	Wellington Rixon, Harold Williams, Elsie Smith, Jack Pitcher, Phyllis Rutland All answered well.

- March 1<sup>st</sup> George Eggleton had to be sent home this afternoon, as his clothes were wet through, owing to his falling into the ditch. Miss Hawes gave notice to Reverend W. Robson in a letter, that she wishes to resign her position on March 31<sup>st</sup>. owing to her mother's weak

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- state of health.
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr F. Floyd tested the registers in accordance with instructions received from the Reverend W. Robson. Only 48 were present in the afternoon, the absentees having gone to a Chapel treat at Princes Risborough.
- March 28<sup>th</sup> Miss Hawes terminates her appointment as infant teacher on the 31<sup>st</sup> after 21 years service.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Miss Margaret Young, certificated teacher, unattached, commenced duties as infant teacher this morning. Miss Margaret Annie Young, date of birth 3-6-1901, trained as St.Gabriel's College, Camberwell, two years, teaching at Wheeler End.
- April 26<sup>th</sup> Today is the wedding day of H.R.H. the Duke of York and in accordance with His Majesty the King's wish, the children are granted a holiday in honour of the event.
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Young's duties in this school ended today.
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Florence Edith Sainty commenced duties in the infant room today.
- September 4<sup>th</sup> Having heard that she failed to pass her examination Miss Sainty resigned her post.
- September 10<sup>th</sup> Miss Eunice Eliza Goss began duties in the infant room today.
- September 24<sup>th</sup> Holiday given on account of Wycombe fair and the Chapel tea at Lacey Green.
- October 24<sup>th</sup>

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Bishop's Prize Ernest Oakford

Certificate Gladys Brown, Stanley Dormer,

Commended A. Baker, C. Weller, W. Dean, Jesse Smith, Alice Brown, Ivy Hickman, A.Claydon, E. Saunders, W. Rixon, M. Saunders, J. Riley, J.Riley, J. Rixon,

H. Williams, G. Claydon, J. Barrett, A. Randall, D. Bristow, F. Ginger, E. Smith, J. Pitcher, C. Bristow, J. Kirby, H. Atkins, W. Dell.

## 1924

- February 7<sup>th</sup> Eric Boorman left school at about 11 a.m. as his mother was suddenly taken ill.
- February 15<sup>th</sup> Allowed W.Dean (Speen) and G. and F. Eggleton (Saunderton Lea) to leave ten minutes earlier on account of a snowstorm.
- June 17<sup>th</sup> Several children are absent to go to Wembley with their parents.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> I was unavoidably late this morning arriving at 9-43 a.m. Through missing the train last evening I had to return by the first through train this morning.
- December 14<sup>th</sup> Mr Saunders visited to decide the position for a stove to be placed during the holidays.

## 1925

- January 12<sup>th</sup> The stove is now in use and appears to be very satisfactory. The temperature is raised considerably, enabling the work to be carried on in the cold weather under improved conditions.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> With the managers' permission, the names of the children living at Loosley Row are transferred to Lacey Green registers and only one set of registers will be in use for the future
- April 30<sup>th</sup> Wellington Rixon and Harold Williams receive the County Attendance Merit Certificate for having made 428 and 427 attendances respectively for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 1925.
- June 18<sup>th</sup> Closed registers at 1-35, in order to allow ten children to leave at 3-35 to take part in a play at Monks Risborough.

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- July 3<sup>rd</sup> A half holiday was given in the afternoon in honour of the centenary of the consecration of the church. as Lacey Green Chapel of Ease.  
July 20<sup>th</sup> Bishop Copleston, who is taking charge of the parish in the absence of the Vicar, paid a short visit this morning.  
July 29<sup>th</sup> Half holiday given in honour of Miss Carter's wedding.  
September 29<sup>th</sup> The school was closed today to allow 36 of the older children to visit Wembley Exhibition.  
September 30<sup>th</sup> Received a letter from the Education Secretary stating that the notice to terminate the tenancy of the school garden expires today and asking for the tools to be sent by rail to Aylesbury (from Saunderton Station)  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> Forwarded the following gardening tools to Aylesbury today. 6 dutch hoes, 8 rakes, 10 drawhoes, 11 spades, 10 forks.  
December 7<sup>th</sup>

Diocesan Report, held November 24<sup>th</sup> 1925

It was difficult to allot the Bible and certificate, but on the whole Alice Brown, Standard VII and Mary Baker, Standard VI, I think best merited these and Ernest Oakford is highly commended,

## 1926

- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Reverend J. Neighbour visited and inspected the stock of stamps belonging to the national savings committee.  
September 10<sup>th</sup> Eileen Saunders did not attend the domestic course on Wednesday and Wednesday week, The doctor having said that the distance is too far for her after her serious illness. A certificate from the doctor will be obtained as soon as possible  
October 15<sup>th</sup>

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Bishops Prize. Nelson Rixon

Certificate Ethel Dell, Clara Stevens

Commended A. Claydon, H. Williams, Eileen Saunders, Mary Baker, G. Claydon, W. Rixon, Madge Dell, J. Pitcher, W. Dell, J. Kirby, R. Dell, Elsie Smith,

Joan Saunders, A. Rutland, Rosalind Williams, Eileen Baker, Olive Highfield, Joan Bristow, W. Ginger.

- December 23<sup>rd</sup> Received from Bucks Education Committee the sum of £12- 10-0 (£12-50p), which, with the £23.10-0 already raised by the childrens' concerts, provides £36 needed for the cost of the school piano.

## 1927

- May 27<sup>th</sup> Five girls attended the domestic instruction centre. Daphne Bristow brought a medical certificate stating that she is not strong enough to attend the centre.  
August 31<sup>st</sup> Miss Goss terminated her position as infant teacher.  
September 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Olive Moulder took charge of the infants as supply teacher  
September 9<sup>th</sup> Miss Moulder 's duties ended today  
September 26<sup>th</sup> Miss Williamson took charge of the infants today as supply teacher  
November 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Ethel Maud Jarvis commenced her duties as infant teacher.  
December 16<sup>th</sup> Holiday given today in order for the children to prepare for their concert held in the Village Hall this evening.

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December 21<sup>st</sup> Owing to the dangerous condition of the roads, which are covered with ice, only 31 children are present this morning.

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Commended Willie Dell, Amy Randall, Phyllis Rutland, Joan Saunders, Barbara Barefoot, Doris Adams, Charlie Bristow, Walter Ginger.

## 1928

March 9<sup>th</sup>

Reported two cases of measles (Basil and Aubrey Rixon) to the Medical Officer of Health.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

School closed owing to the room being needed for the Parish Council Election.

April 4<sup>th</sup>

An accident to one of the infants occurred in the playground in the dinner hour. Billy Smith, 5 years old, fell down and broke his leg. With the help of Miss Janes and Mr Drage we carried him into the schoolroom on a blackboard. A doctor was telephoned for at once and the Dr. arrived in a short time and attended to the injured leg in the infant room in the presence of the boy's aunt, Mrs Rutland, his uncle Mr Smith, Mr Drage and Mr Floyd. The boy was taken home in a motor and later in the afternoon was conveyed to Aylesbury hospital. Mr Gee and the Education Secretary were informed of the accident.

May 4<sup>th</sup>

Eleven boys allowed to leave at 3.45 to play in a cricket match at Bledlow Ridge.

July 6<sup>th</sup>

A holiday was given for an outing to Worthing by teachers and 32 older scholars. The trip was made by charabanc and proved most delightful and enjoyable.

July 27<sup>th</sup>

Holiday given in the afternoon for an outing to West Wycombe by teachers and all the children not included in the outing to Worthing.

September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Billy Smith attended after being absent since April 4<sup>th</sup> through having broken his leg.

September 6<sup>th</sup>

Harold Dell fell down in the playground and a cut from a stone was so deep that Miss Jarvis at once took him to the doctor for treatment. Miss Jarvis was away from her class about half an hour.

September 27<sup>th</sup>

The dinner children are now supplied with cocoa instead of lemonade, as the weather is colder.

## 1929

June 21<sup>st</sup>

The older scholars and teachers went for an outing to Brighton.

July 12<sup>th</sup>

Henry Arthurs met with a serious accident to his leg after school in the hayfield and was taken to hospital.

July 19<sup>th</sup>

A half Holiday was given for a school outing to West Wycombe..

August 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Reverend C. Oscar Morton and Colonel and Mrs Tighe visited in the afternoon on the occasion of the presentation to the head teacher of a travelling case and handbag, containing money at the conclusion of her nine and a half years service in Lacey Green Church of England School. Letters of appreciation have been sent to Miss Gray from the Education Committee and from the Managers. Wishing the school every success, I resign my charge of Lacey Green, C of E, School, K.F.Gray. School breaks up for the Summer holidays.

September 2<sup>nd</sup>

I, Arthur Aldridge take charge of the school today.

September 11<sup>th</sup>

Frank Baker met with an accident at playtime. Phoned for Dr.Love, who came and put two stitches in the child's forehead.

September 18<sup>th</sup>

The school was closed today on account of the Sunday School outing to St.Albans.

September 26<sup>th</sup>

F. Rixon Esq. delivered six bags of firewood chips.

October 4<sup>th</sup>

Mr Marsh, assistant Secretary for Higher Education visited for the purpose of conversing, re. Evening School.

October 8<sup>th</sup>

Mr Morton visited to inform me Gardening classes to commence 1<sup>st</sup> November.

December 19<sup>th</sup>

H. Williams and S. Brett left, being 14 years of age.

# Lacey Green School - Against all odds

## 1930

- February 12<sup>th</sup> Twenty nine children were absent this afternoon to attend the funeral of the Superintendent of the Chapel Sunday School. Due to the small attendance organised games were taken for the last half hour.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Joan Saunders whilst skipping with other girls, badly wrenched her ankle and had to be assisted home.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> School closed this afternoon to allow children to go on an outing to Wing and Stewkley.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Mr Erskine Williams, Dental Surgeon, visited and inspected the childrens' teeth.
- July 24<sup>th</sup> Children went on an outing to Southampton to view the "Berengana"
- September 1<sup>st</sup> A new caretaker, Mrs Rixon has been appointed during the holidays, during which time also many alterations have been done to the building.
- September 16<sup>th</sup> Mr Erskine Williams, the dentist, attended for operational purposes.
- September 17<sup>th</sup> Mr Erskine Williams attended again this morning.
- October 10<sup>th</sup> With the approval of the Managers I was absent today for my marriage. (Arthur Aldridge)
- October 30<sup>th</sup> Ten children were absent this afternoon to attend a wedding.
- November 13<sup>th</sup> Obtained permission from the Correspondent to the visit the doctor, having a severe pain in my side
- November 28<sup>th</sup> Thirty one children stayed away this afternoon to attend the funeral of Mr Lacey, who had been a Sunday School teacher at Loosley Row Baptist Church and who had during the week met with a fatal accident.
- December 8<sup>th</sup> E.D. Jones commenced duties as student teacher.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> Owing to the incessant smoking of the fire in the middle classes juniors and infants shared the same room.
- December 18<sup>th</sup> Owing to the Sunday School party being held in the school, the afternoon session commenced at 1 p.m. and closed at 3-30 p.m.

**Letter from the Education Committee dated August 1929 to Miss.K.F. Gray.**

Dear Madam,

The Committee have noted with pleasure the Board of Education Report on this school.

I am directed to express the congratulations of the committee to you on the satisfactory nature of the report.

Yours faithfully,

E.G. Watkins  
Secretary of Education.



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In 1919, H.C. Avery, Head Master 1912 – 1920 with the best of his knowledge compiled a list of Old Boys serving in His Majesty's Forces Great European War. 1914-1918.

H.C.Avery	(headmaster)	
Ralph Lacey	Isle of Wight Regiment	
William Gomme	Royal Army Medical Corp	
Charles Ede	H.M.S.Thunderer Royal Navy	
Benjamin	H.M.S.Chatham Royal navy	
Owen Adams	Oxford and Bucks Light	Killed
Jack Smith	Army Service Corps	
Cecil Hickman	R.F.A.	
Alfred Hickman	Oxford and Bucks Light	
Frank Hickman	R.F.A.	
George Parslow	Bucks Territorials	Died
George Smith	H.M.S.Royal Arthur Royal	
Walter Gomme	Bucks Territorials	
Ralph Bowler	H.M.S.Queen Elizabeth	
Rupert Ginger	4 <sup>th</sup> Dragoons	Died.
George Weller	Royal Engineers	
Jack Harman	R.E.Oxford and Bucks Light	
James Baker	Royal Engineers	
Ernest Biggs	Oxford and Bucks Light	Died. Spotted
Harry Janes	Oxford and Bucks Light	
Henry Holman	R.F.A.	
Frank Lacey	R.F.A.	
Fred Janes	Cheshire Regiment	
William Gomme	Canadian Contingent	Killed
Ralph Biggs	Royal Engineers	
John Gomme	Canadian Contingent	

Cecil Ginger	Oxford and Bucks Light	
Fred Robbins	Oxford and Bucks Light	
William Adams	Oxford and Bucks Light	
Ralph Lacey	Hants Rifle Brigade	
Walter Rolland	Kings Own Scottish	Under age.
Jack Robbins	A.S.C.	
Walter Rolland	Kings Own Scottish	Under age.
Jack Robbins	A.S.C.	
John Harman	A.S.C.	
Albert Baker	Canadian Contingent	
Herbert Redrup	Army Ordinance Corps	
Frederick Rixon	A.O.C.	
Ernest Rixon	Ships carpenter	
William Oakford	Bucks Territorials	
Albert Ginger	R.G.A	
Owen Barefoot	Oxford and Bucks Light	
Archie Janes	Oxford and Bucks "A" Co.	
Ralph Janes	R.Can.H "A"	
Harry Burrows	Oxford and Bucks Light	Died spotted fever
Charles Barth	Royal Army medical Corp	
Arthur Randall	Oxford and Bucks Light	
Horace Rixon	Oxford and Bucks Light	
Frederick Dormer	Royal Engineers Driver	
Harry Barefoot	Oxford and Bucks Light	
John Currell	Oxford and Bucks Light	Killed
Arthur Tilbury		Killed

# Lacey Green School - Against all odds

THIS WAS THE FIRST COMPULSORY CENSUS (unfortunately the first four houses are missing).

SUMMARY FOR LACEY GREEN TOTAL POPULATION 286.

1 LANDED PROPRIETOR SARAH SHARD GRYMSDYKE LODGE 4 RESIDENT SERVANTS.  
Sarah was the last of a long line of the family Stone that had lived at Grymsdyke.

## 6 FARMERS:

Charles Brown	Stocken Farm	347 acres	Employing	18 men	1 resident servant
William Paine		180 acres	Employing	5 men	
Charles Webster		86 acres	Employing	3 men	2 resident servants
William Floyd		20 acres	Employing	1 man	
Thomas Tilbury	Floyds Farm	6 acres			
John Ginger		2 acres			

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>5 Visitors</u>
59 Agricultural labourers	80 Lacemakers aged 7 years upwards	22 Scholars	170 were born in Lacey Green
1 Shepherd	2 Straw platters (born at Gt. Missenden)	The youngest were 4 years - only 1 aged over 10 years	82 more within 3 miles of Lacey Green
13 Sawyers	1 Schoolmistress (born in Devon)	42 under 4 years	22 in Bucks
1 Turner	6 Servants - resident in houses	Not all children went to school	2 unknown
1 London Carrier			10 far away including the school mistress from Devon
2 Carters			
1 Timber dealer			
1 Postman			
2 Shopkeepers			
6 Shoemakers			

## Column Headings:

Name Denotes name and surname of each person who abode in the house on the night of the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1851

Rel Relationship to the Head of the Family

Age Age on the night of 30<sup>th</sup> March 1851

Occupation

Where born

4 Households could be missing from this list as schedule starts at No 5.

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## House No.5

William Lacey	Head	28	Ag. Lab	Lacey Green
Mary Lacey	Wife	30	Lab. wife	Risborough

Fanny Lacey	Sister	14	Lace maker	Lacey Green
William Lacey	Son	5	Scholar	Lacey Green
Jabez Lacey	Son	2		Lacey Green
George Lacey	Son	8wks		Lacey Green

## House No 6

William Ginger	Head	50	Ag. Lab	Lacey Green
Elizabeth Ginger	Wife	49	Lace maker	Longdown
Thomas Ginger	Son	21	Ag. Lab	Old House
Susanah Ginger	Daughter	16	Lace maker	Lacey Green
William Ginger	Son	10	Scholar	Lacey Green

## House No 7

Thomas West	Head	34	Ag. lab.	Loosley Row
Bethsheba West	Wife	34	Lace maker	Loosley Row
John West	Son	6	Scholar	Loosley Row
Horatio West	Son	2		Loosley Row

## House No 8

John Janes	Head	29	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Elizabeth Janes	Wife	23	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Elizabeth Janes	Mother	60	Lace maker	Lacey Green

## House No 9

William Saunders	Head	37	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Mary Saunders	Wife	37	Lace maker	Worminghall
Richard Saunders	Son	19	Ag. lab.	Turnip end
Henry Saunders	Son	16	Ag. lab.	Turnip end
Sarah Saunders	Daughter	10	Lace maker	Turnip end
John Saunders	Son	8	Scholar	Turnip end
William Saunders	Son	6		Turnip end

## House No 10

John Hickman	Head	22	Sawyer	Lacey Green
Jane Hickman	Wife	22	Sawyers wife	Speen

Frederick Hickman	Son	1		Lacey Green
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## House No 11

Soloman Randle	Head	33	Ag. lab.	Risborough
Rhoda Randle	Wife	31	Lace maker	Risborough
Emma Randle	Daughter	9	Lace maker	Risborough
Ann Randle	Daughter	7	Lace maker	Risborough
Caroline Randle	Daughter	2		Risborough

## House No 12

Levi Lacey	Head	35	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Pheby Lacey	Wife	27	Lace maker	Naphill Common
Ellen Lacey	Daughter	3		Lacey Green
Thomas Lacey	Father	60	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green

## House No 13

Thomas Bowler	Head	50	Ag. lab.	Unknown
Elizabeth Bowler	Daughter	24	Lace maker	Lacey Green
William Bowler	Brother	63	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Ellen Bowler	Niece	17	Lace maker	Lacey Green

## House No 14

Sarah Janes	Head	50	Lace maker	P. Risborough
Johnathan Lacey	Son	18	Shepherd	Lacey Green
Henry Janes	Son	14	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Mary Janes	Daughter	9	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Elizabeth Janes	Daughter	7	Lacey Green	

## No 15

John Janes	Head	34	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Emma Janes	Wife	25	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Maria Janes	Daughter	3		Lacey Green

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## No 16

Levi Parslow	Head	28	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Sarah Dennis	Housekeeper	28	Straw platter	Missenden
George Dennis	Illegitimate	4 mths		Missenden
Emma Dennis	Visitor	22	Straw platter	Missenden
George Clark	Visitor	20	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Sarah Clark	Visitor	2		

## No17

Levi West	Head	39	Ag. lab.	Unknown
Elizabeth West	Wife	39	Lace maker	Hampden
Fanny West	Daughter	7	Lace maker	Hampden
Charlotte West	Daughter	2		Lacey Green

## No 18

David Wooten	Head	26	Ag. lab.	Owlswick
Esther Wooten	Wife	26	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Sarah Wooten	Daughter	11	Lace maker	Longwick
Fanny Wooten	Daughter	9		Longwick
Susan Wooten	Daughter	7		Lacey Green
Ellen Wooten	Daughter	2 mths		Lacey Green

## No19

James Gomme	Head	50	Ag. lab.	P. Risborough
Louisa Gomme	Wife	30	Lace maker	Loosley Row
Sally Gomme	Daughter	21	Lace maker	P. Risborough
Able Gomme	Son	12	Ag. lab.	P. Risborough
Sophia Gomme	Daughter	1		P. Risborough
William Gomme	Grandson	2		P. Risborough

## No 20

Thomas Loosley	Head	33	Ag. lab.	P. Risborough
Jane Loosley	Wife	31	Lace maker	P. Risborough
Susannah Loosley	Daughter	11	Lace maker	Lacey Green
William Loosley	Son	7	Scholar	Lacey Green
Jessy Loosley	Son	5	Scholar	Lacey Green
George Loosley	Son	3		Lacey Green
John Loosley	Son	1 mth		Lacey Green
Rebecca Hughes	Mother-in-law	54	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Jaber Hughes	Brother-in-law	21	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green

## No21

John Janes	Head	42	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Rhoda Janes	Wife	38	Lab. wife	Walters Ash
Amos Janes	Son	7	Scholar	Lacey Green
Mary Ann	Daughter	4		Lacey Green
Enos Janes	Son	3 mths		Lacey Green
Thomas Ives	Father-in-law	83	Ag. lab.	Turnip End

## No 22

John Floyd	Head	31	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Mary Ann Floyd	Wife	36	Schoolmistress	Devon, Thorncombe
Jane Floyd	Daughter	9	Scholar	Lacey Green
May Ann Floyd	Daughter	6	Scholar	Lacey Green
Albert Joseph Floyd	Son	4	Scholar	Lacey Green

## No23

Jacob Dell	Head	46	Shopkeeper	Speen farm
Rebekah Dell	Wife	46	Lace maker	Speen
Uriah Dell	Son	16	Ag. lab.	Speen
Miriam Dell	Daughter	11	Lace maker	Speen
Mary Ann Aphia	Daughter	4		Speen
Dell				
Charles Francis	Son	1		Speen
Dell				

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No 24					No 28				
Levi Janes	Head	27	Sawyer	Lacey Green	William Janes	Head	46	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Martha Janes	Wife	22	Lace maker	Hamden	Sophia Janes	Wife	44	Lace maker	Wycombe Heath
Ann Janes	Daughter	17	Lace maker	Lacey Green	Jabez Janes	Son	20	Sawyer	Lacey Green
Ruth Janes	Daughter	8 mths		Lacey Green	Ann Janes	Daughter	18	Lace maker	Lacey Green
No 25					No 29				
Sarah Lane	Head	35	Lace maker	Walters Ash	Charlotte Parslow	Head	38	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Jejoy Lane	Son	14	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green	Fanny Parslow	Daughter	14	Lace maker	Lacey Green
William Lane	Son	12	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green	Jane Parslow	Daughter	12	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Jabez Lane	Son	10	Scholar	Lacey Green	Jejoy Parslow	Son	10	Scholar	Lacey Green
Emma Lane	Daughter	10	Lace maker	Lacey Green	Ann Parslow	Daughter	4		Lacey Green
George Lane	Son	4	Scholar	Lacey Green	No 30				
Ruben Lane	Son	1		Lacey Green	Thomas Janes	Head	52	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
No25					Sarah Janes	Wife	50	Lace maker	Saunderton
Joshua Dell	Head	50	Sawyer	Speen farm	Henry Janes	Son	19	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Ann Claydon	Sister	35	Invalid	Speen farm	Jane Janes	Daughter	16	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Jabez Claydon	Nephew	13	Postman	Lacey Green	Caroline Janes	Daughter	10	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Eliza Claydon	Niece	10	Lace maker	Lacey Green	Charlotte Janes	Daughter	9	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Mary Claydon	Niece	7	Lace maker	Lacey Green	No 31				
Sophia Claydon	Visitor	19	Lace maker	Lacey Green	John Ginger	Head	45	Farmer of 2 acres	Lacey Green
No 26					Celia Ginger	Wife	43	Lace maker	Loosley Row
John Attarway	Head	26	Sawyer	Lacey Green	George Ginger	Son	19	Carter	Lacey Green
Fanny Attarway	Wife	20	Lace maker	Speen	Caroline Ginger	Daughter	14	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Ellen Attarway	Daughter	1 mth		Lacey Green	Gains Ginger	Son	12	Carter	Lacey Green
No 27					Jane Ginger	Daughter	10	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Thomas Janes	Head	54	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green	Emily Ginger	Daughter	8	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Rebecca Janes	Wife	50	Lace maker	Lacey Green	Ellen Ginger	Daughter	6	Scholar	Lacey Green
Bethsheba Janes	Daughter	18	Lace maker	Lacey Green	Sarah Ginger	Daughter	2		Lacey Green
Daniel Attarway	Nephew	23	Sawyer	Lacey Green					

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No 32					No37				
Joseph Hawes	Head	43	Sawyer	Lacey Green	Joseph Bowler	Head	46	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Jane Hawes	Wife	43	Lace maker	Saunderton	Ruth Bowler	Wife	36	House wife	Lacey Green
Jabez Hawes	Son	16	Turner	Lacey Green	Henry Bowler	Son	19	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
John Hawes	Son	13	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green	Emma Bowler	Daughter	15	Infirm	Lacey Green
Dan Hawes	Son	11	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green	James Bowler	Son	11	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Bethsheba Hawes	Daughter	9	Lace maker	Lacey Green	Isabella Bowler	Daughter	9	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Sarah Jane Hawes	Daughter	7	Lace maker	Lacey Green	Sarah Bowler	Daughter	7	Scholar	Lacey Green
No 33					No 38				
Charles Webster	Head	31	Farmer of 86 acres	P. Risborough	George Bowler	Son	1		Lacey Green
Lucy Webster	Wife	38	Farmer's wife	Halton	Benjamin Lacey	Head	47	Timber Dealer	Lacey Green
Mary Ann Webster	Daughter	6		P. Risborough	Mary Lacey	Wife	37	House wife	Dorton
Emma Ann Webster	Daughter	3		P. Risborough	Peter Lacey	Son	16	London Carrier	Lacey Green
Sarah Webster	Daughter	1		P. Risborough	Emmily Lacey	Daughter	14	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Mary Ann Barefoot	Servant	16	Servant	P. Risborough	George Lacey	Son	8	Scholar	Lacey Green
Daniel Ginger	Servant	19	Ag. lab.	P. Risborough	Sophia Lacey	Daughter	5	Scholar	Lacey Green
No34					No39				
Ann Dell	Head	31	Lace maker	Lacey Green	Joseph Floyd	Head	56	Shopkeeper	Lacey Green
Sarah Dell	Sister	26	Lace maker	Lacey Green	Jane Floyd	Wife	51	Housekeeper	Lacey Green
Rebekah Dell	Sister	23	Lace maker	Lacey Green	Eliza Floyd	Daughter	23	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Roschannah Dell	Sister	19	Lace maker	Lacey Green	Emma Floyd	Daughter	19	Lace maker	Lacey Green
No 35					No 40				
William Currel	Head	61	Sawyer	Combs	Dan Floyd	Son	15	Shoe maker	Lacey Green
No 36					No 40				
Charles Brown	Head	55	Farmer of 347 acres.18 labourers	Kent, Greenwich	Sarah Jane Floyd	Daughter	12	Scholar	Lacey Green
Sarah Brown	Sister	66	Annuitant	Kent	Thomas Hickman	Head	23	Sawyer	Lacey Green
Frances Powell	Niece	28	Annuitant	P. Risborough	Eliza Hickman	Wife	24	Lace maker	Saunderton
Jane Goodchild	Servant	18	House Servant	Bledlow	Thomas Hickman	Son	3		Saunderton
					George Hickman	Son	1		Lacey Green

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No 41					No 46				
Philips Parker	Head	30	Ag. lab.	Stockenchurch	Richard Gomme	Head	24	Ag. lab.	P. Risborough
Harriett Parker	Wife	28	Lace maker	Bradenham	Sarah Gomme	Wife	27	Lace maker	P. Risborough
Elizabeth Parker	Daughter	5	Scholar	Lacey Green	Izac Gomme	Son	5	Scholar	P. Risborough
George Parker	Son	3		Lacey Green					
No 42					No 47				
James Hickman	Head	45	Sawyer	Lacey Green	Joseph Stone	Head	50	Sawyer	Lacey Green
Sarah Hickman	Wife	45	Lace maker	Lacey Green	Sarah Stone	Wife	49	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Ann Hickman	Daughter	17	Lace maker	Lacey Green	Caroline Stone	Daughter	18	Lace maker	Lacey Green
Simmion Hickman	Son	12	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green					
No 43					No 48				
John Smith	Head	47	Ag. lab.	Saunderton	Joseph Gomme	Head	32	Ag. Lab	Lockindon,Bucks
Thomas Smith	Son	19	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green	Mary Gomme	Wife	30	Lace Maker	Lacey Green
Jeptha Smith	Son	16	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green	Miriam Gomme	Daughter	7	Scholar	Lacey Green
					Eber Gomme	Son	2	Twin	Lacey Green
					Fanny Gomme	Daughter	2	Twin	Lacey Green
					Sarah Gomme	Daughter	7 mths		Lacey Green
No 44					Two houses uninhabited				
William Smith	Head	42	Ag. lab.	Saunderton	No 49				
Elizabeth Smith	Wife	35	House wife	Crowell	George Stone	Head	25	Sawyer	Lacey Green
Benjamin Smith	Son	11	Work as Odd Boy	Saunderton					
George Smith	Son	9		Saunderton	No50				
Able Smith	Son	6		Saunderton	Elizabeth Lacey	Head	73	Lacemaker	Lacey Green
Emma Smith	Daughter	4		Bradenham					
Ann Smith	Daughter	1		Bradenham	No51				
Ann Lacey	Lodger	39	Pauper	P. Risborough	James Smith	Head	30	Ag lab.	P. Risborough
No 45					Mary Smith	Wife	28	Lacemaker	P. Risborough
Benjamin Loosley	Head	50	Ag. lab.	P. Risborough	George Smith	Son	7	Scholar	P. Risborough
Elizabeth Loosley	Wife	32	Lace maker	Elesborough	Joshua Janes	Father-in-law	60	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green

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No52					No 58				
Benjamin Lovitt	Head	27	Ag. lab.	Askett	Thomas Stone	Head	35	Sawyer	Lacey Green
Charlotte Lovitt	Wife	28	Lacemaker	Askett	Caroline Stone	Wife	33	Lacemaker	Lacey Green
William Lovitt	Son	4		Lacey Green	Free Stone	Son	6		Lacey Green
Dan Lovitt	Son	2		Lacey Green					
Mary Ann Lovitt	Daughter	1 Mth		Lacey Green	No 59				
Hannah Beckett	Sister-in-law	13	Lacemaker	Stalybridge,Lincs	Thomas Stone	Head	73	Infirm	Lacey Green
					John Stone	Son	30	Sawyer	Lacey Green
No 53					No 60				
William Lovett	Head	24	Ag. lab.	Askett	Sarah Shard	Head	80	Land proprietor	Chipping Norton Oxfordshire
Elizabeth Lovett	Wife	19	Lacemaker	Lacey Green	Mary Ruth	Vistor	67		Chipping Norton
Mary Ann Lovett	Daughter	4 mths		Lacey Green	Elizabeth Ward	Servant	63	Housekeeper	Chipping Norton
No 54					Elizabeth Greaves				
Henry Bowler	Head	26	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green	Emma Hawes	Servant	17	Housemaid	P. Risborough
Martha Bowler	Wife	28	Lacemaker	Hampden Row	John Claydon	Servant	39	Day lab.	P. Risborough
No 55					No 61				
William Floyd	Head	26	Farmer 20 acres	Lacey Green	William Paine	Head	49	Farmer 180 acres	Cheltenham
Sophia Floyd	Wife	26	Housekeeper	Lacey Green	Ann Paine	Wife	47	Farmer's wife	Mddx.Willesdon
Lucinda Floyd	Daughter	7	Scholar	Lacey Green	Charlotte Nicoll Paine	Daughter	17		Chesham
Julia Floyd	Daughter	3		Lacey Green	Richard Paine	Son	9	Farmer's son	Saunderton
Cora Floyd	Daughter	1		Lacey Green	Ann Paine	Daughter	4	Farmer's daughter	Saunderton
Peter Floyd	Cousin	19	Shoemaker	Speen	Charles Paine	Son	5	Farmer's son	Saunderton
Benjamin Hawes	Cousin	22	Shoemaker	Speen	Sarah Paine	Daughter	3	Farmer's daughter	P. Risborough
No 56					No62				
John Hawes	one house building Head	72	Ag. lab.	Hughenden	Thomas Tilbury	Head	70	Farmer of 6 acres	North Dean
Hannah Hawes	Wife	67	Lacemaker	Lacey Green	James Tilbury	Nephew	27	Ag. lab.	Walters Ash
No 57					Elizabeth Tilbury				
Jessy Hawes	one house building Head	39	Shoemaker	Lacey Green	Richard Tilbury	Nephew	3	Lacemaker	West Wycombe



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Elizabeth Hawes	Wife	39	Housekeeper	Lacey Green
Moses Hawes	Son	11	Shoemaker	Lacey Green
Jessy Hawes	Son	7	Shoemaker	Lacey Green
Mary Ann Hawes	Daughter	4		Lacey Green

No 63

Jacob Janes	Head	50	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Hannah Janes	Wife	43	Lacemaker	Lacey Green
Benjamin Janes	Son	19	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Edith Janes	Daughter	13	Lacemaker	Lacey Green
Able Janes	Son	10	Ag. lab.	Lacey Green
Sarah Janes	Daughter	7	Scholar	Lacey Green
Elizabeth Janes.	Daughter	1		Lacey Green

The school attendance books consist almost without exception of twenty three surnames. Here is one to conjure with.

In a place called Lacey Green, "Lacey" sounds promising. Had you, not so long ago, and a "foreigner", that is someone who did not come from Lacey Green, set foot here, any "Lacey" would no doubt have told you that it was named after themselves. It's just a pity that in the seventeenth century it was marked on the maps, sometimes as Leasey Green. But information got passed down by word of mouth and who are we to say it is wrong if we cannot prove it, any more than they can. In the thirteen hundreds Princes Risborough belonged to the Black Prince, including Lacey Green, The stud farm where they bred the war horses was there. His secretary was Peter de Lacey. Could there be a link there? Was he given Lacey Green as a reward or favour? The Black Prince's papers are in the Records Office in Chancery Lane, London. I spent a day there, being completely absorbed in what I read, covered in dust from the old documents, and marvelling at the fact that they are still available for us today. Needless to say I did not find those words from the Black Prince's Register saying "I give this land to Mr. Lacey"

# Lacey Green School - Against all odds

## Conveyance of Lacey Green School 1875

I, Charles Brown, of Lacey Green in the Parish of Princes Risborough in the County of Buckingham, gentleman, under the authority of an act passed in the fifth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria entitled "an act to afford further facilities for the conveyance and endowment of sites for schools" and of the act of the eighth year of the reign of her present Majesty explaining the same, do hereby freely and voluntarily and without valuable consideration, grant and **convey unto the Minister and churchwardens of the Ecclesiastical District of St. John the Evangelist at Lacey Green** in the parish of Princes Risborough aforesaid and their successors. **All that piece or parcel of ground situate and being at Lacey Green in the Parish of Princes Risborough aforesaid, containing eleven poles or thereabouts be the same more or less and measuring in length adjoining the High Road there twentyone and a half yards or thereabouts and in depth sixteen yards or thereabouts as the same is now fenced out and divided from other land of the said Charles Brown and which piece of land intended to be hereby conveyed was many years ago given by the said Charles Brown for the purposes hereinafter mentioned and on which piece of land schools and other buildings have for some years been created and built** together with all easements, appurtenances and hereditaments corporal and incorporeal belonging thereto or therewith and all my estate right title and interest in or to the same premises to hold the same unto and to the use of the said minister and churchwardens and their successors for the purposes of the said act and upon trust subject nevertheless to the proviso hereinafter contained, to permit the said premises and all buildings thereon, erected or to be erected to be for ever hereafter appropriated and used as and for a school for the education of children and adults or children only of the labouring, manufacturing and other poorer class in the district aforesaid and as a residence for the teacher or teachers of the said school and for no other purpose. And it is hereby declared that the said school shall always be in union with and conducted according to the principles and in furtherance of the acts and assigns of the Incorporated National Society for promoting the Education of the poor in the principles of the established church throughout England and Wales - Provided always and it is hereby declared that the said Minister and churchwardens and their successors shall and may from time to time and at any time hereafter with the consent and at the request of the National Society for promoting the education of the poor in the principles of established church throughout England and Wales, otherwise grant or convey for educational purposes but not otherwise, to the body corporate or person the whole of the estate or interest hereby vested in their, or any smaller, interest in the said school in such manner and upon such terms as the said society shall as aforesaid direct and subject to the declaration aforesaid, the said school and the funds and endowments thereof and the selection appointment and dismissal of the school teachers and their assistants shall be in all respects under the management and control of a committee to consist of the Minister for the time being of the said Ecclesiastical District, the chosen Curate or Curates if the said Minister shall appoint him or them to be a Member or Members of the said committee, the churchwardens of the said District, if members of the Established church and subscribers of not less than ten shillings annually to funds of the said school and of three other persons being members of the established church and subscribers of not less than ten shillings annually to the funds of the said school and any vacancy which may occur in the said committee by death, resignation or otherwise of any of the aforesaid other persons, shall be filled up by the nomination on the part of the continuing or surviving member or members being bonafide in member or members of the Established Church and qualified as aforesaid. Provided always that the religious instruction to be given in the said school and the entire central and management of any Sunday school held in the school premises shall be vested in the said Minister for the time being or in his absence in the officiating Minister. And in case any dispute or difference shall arise on any matter respecting the religious instruction given in the said school an appeal may be made to the Bishop of the Diocese whose decision in writing upon the matter in dispute shall be final and conclusive and binding upon all parties. In witness whereof, I the said Charles Brown have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

Signed Sealed and Delivered by the above named Charles Brown in the presence of Thos: Parrott, Aylesbury, Bucks, Solicitor.