

Headship Miss Beatrice Whittingham ending September 1935 with start of Headship of Miss Stonehouse November 1935.

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Feb. 7th 1924 The Rev. E. Deacon, the Diocesan Inspector, paid a visit of inspection this morning.

" 12th " The following report has been received from the Diocesan Inspector, "The Religious Instruction is being given on right lines with very good results, all through the school.

In the upper division an excellent start has been made with self-teaching methods; the children are being trained to think for themselves and also to help themselves. The standard of work reached is most satisfactory.

The Infants' division is an exceptionally good one; the brightness and responsiveness of the children are quite remarkable."

W. B. Smithwater

Feb. 13th Mrs Horobin is absent today owing to illness

The Cookery Class is not being held.

14th Mrs Horobin absent.

15th Mrs Horobin has resumed duties.

20 Beatrice Whittingham is absent today in order to keep an important appointment. Permission to do so was obtained from the Rector.

The Cookery Teacher is not yet able to resume duties.

24th See previous entry.

Mar. 4th Owing to a very heavy fall of snow, only two Infants and twenty five older Children have come to school. The registers

20.5.24 stration on "Methods of Self-Teaching with reference to Religious Instruction".

May 22nd Mrs Horobin will be absent this afternoon (by permission) in order to attend the Educational Exhibition of the County Borough of Stoke-on-Trent.

" 28th The school will be closed tomorrow - Ascension Day. The children will attend Church.

May 30th I have examined the Registers and found them marked correctly.
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" " Miss Beatrice Whittingham terminates her engagement as an Assistant Teacher in this school today.

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Feb. 10th 1925

to attend the funeral of the
choirmaster.

" 11th

Eight cases of Measles have been
reported, and nine children are
absent owing to Influenza colds.
The Medical Officer has been
notified.

. 13th

More cases of Measles and Influenza
have been reported; there are
only 38 children present out of
a possible 43.

14th

This morning an order was
rec^d from the Medical Officer
that the school must be closed
for one week owing to the
prevalence of Influenza.

23rd

School re-assembled this
morning. There were 26 children.
The M.O. was at once informed.

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June 18th Mrs Norton Philips and Miss Philips visited the school this morning.

" 24th The registers will be closed at 1 p.m. this afternoon, in order that the children may be dismissed at 3 p.m. to attend a Fête.

" 26th The Head Teacher will leave school at 2.15 this afternoon in order to attend a Meeting.

" 30th Mrs Cooke terminates her engagement as an Assistant Teacher in this school today.

July 1st Mrs Ball has been engaged as a 'Supply' teacher until Dec. 31st, and commenced duties this morning.

" 8th Mrs Norton Philips visited the school this morning.

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July 14th 1925 Mr. Stevens visited the school this morning.

July 30th School closes at noon today for the Midsummer holidays, four weeks.

Aug. 31st School re-opened this morning. There were 41 children present out of a possible 44.

Sept. 2nd Owing to increase in numbers in the Infants' Division, the classes have had to be re-arranged.

Mrs. Ball, a certificated Assistant, has been given charge of the Infants together with St. II, whilst Mrs. Hordley, a Supplementary Teacher, has charge of Sts. III & IV.

" 4th Miss C. Phillips visited the school this afternoon.

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Oct. 23rd
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Nine new dual desks and a black-board and easel have been rec^d today.

Oct. 28th The children attended Church 9.0 - 9.40. S. Simon and S. Jude.
The Light Woodwork Class commences today, from 1.0 to 3.30 Ten boys are to attend and Mr. Sawyer has been appointed the Teacher.

School closes this afternoon for the Mid-term holiday - Thurs. Friday and Monday.

Nov. 3rd
" 6th

School re-opened this morning. Examined the registers & found them correctly marked.
Chas. Stevens

" 9th Mrs. Ball is absent from duty owing to sickness.

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Jan: 22nd 1926.

There are only 24 children in attendance, owing to very bad weather. The registers have not been marked.

Jan: 24th The School will be closed tomorrow on account of the Parish Tea.

Feb. 1st The Head mistress is absent from duty owing to illness

Feb. 2nd The children attended Church for the "Feast of the Purification"

Feb. 9th The Medical Officer & nurse visited the school & examined the children born in 1914. & all regular cases.

Feb. 16th School will be closed this afternoon - Shrove Tuesday -

Feb 17th The children attended Church this morning. 9 - 9.40. Ash. Wednesday.

Feb. 18th The Rector visited the school & examined the registers & found them correct.

Feb. 24th The children attended Church this morning 9 - 9.40.

Mar. 8th The Head Teacher resumed duties this morning, after an absence dating from Feb. 1st.

" 9th H. M. J. Mr. Platts inspected the school today.

" 10th The children attended Church; 9.0 - 9.40

" 14th See previous entry.

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March 18th

Mrs Ball is absent from duty today on account of sickness.

" 19th

Mrs Ball returned to duty this morning.

School is closed this afternoon on account of the rite of Confirmation being administered in the parish.

Inspected on 9th March, 1926.

Report by H. M. J. Mr. H. Bartley.

" This is a pleasant school to visit; the teachers work steadily; the children, who come from the homes of farm workers, are in teachable condition; their courtesy and willingness are readily noticeable. The inspection took place shortly after the return of the Head Mistress from an absence, owing to illness, of five weeks. The Assistant staff has been for the last

two years, and still remains, unsettled; an unsatisfactory teacher worked for about a year; she was followed by a temporary mistress who is due to leave shortly.

These changes have had an adverse effect upon the scholars who show in the lower half of the school a moderate, and in the upper part a fair, quality of attainment.

In her uphill task the Head Mistress has attempted, with encouraging success, to secure reasonable efficiency in the 3 R's. The lowest section consists of twenty eight pupils with an age range of five to nine years; the instruction is vigorously carried out, but there is a relatively large proportion of backward children. The Supplementary Teacher is responsible for sixteen scholars; within the limits of the instruction fair progress is

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made. The brightness of the classroom and the variety of the hand work are the outstanding features in this part of the school. This teacher is successful in the training of all the girls in Singing and Dancing, including the Maypole; the girls sing pleasantly and perform their movements gracefully; there appears to be no reason for excluding the boys from the physical activities.

In the upper division the efforts are mainly directed towards a consolidation of the 3 R's; the scholars work diligently; their written exercises are carefully done. Handwriting is of good style. Satisfactory results were obtained from a test in mental Arithmetic; the test scripts in composition showed an evenness of commonplace expression.

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The older scholars carry out a good variety of Handwork: the provision of a course in Woodwork recently for the senior boys is a happy innovation.

Further progress will be accelerated by a settled and competent assistant Staff: this condition would then allow the Head Mistress to concentrate upon the needs of the senior scholars, who, if provided with a more efficient training in the earlier stages, would be capable of undertaking more advanced work in the top standards; at present there is too little difference in the scope of the instruction in these classes and in the ability of the pupils in this part of the School.

W. Drinkwater

March 31st 1926

Sept. 28^{ch} School is closed tomorrow on account of the "Wakes". 124

" 30^{ch} Mrs Doolan terminated her engagement as a Supply Teacher today.

Oct. 1st Miss Collier commenced duties as an Uncertificated Teacher in this School today. She is in charge of the Infants' Division. The children attended Church for the Harvest Festival 9.0 - 9.40.

Oct. 18^{ch} St. Luke's Day. The children attended Church 9.0 - 9.40.

" 21st School will be closed tomorrow in order that preparations may be made for a Sale of Work on Saturday to defray the cost of concreting the play-ground.

Mar: 21st 1924

Mrs Horobin is still absent owing to illness.

" 25th

Mr. Humphrey Philips has presented a Four Valve Wireless Set with Loud Speaker to the Parish and School.

Mr. Philips visited the school yesterday, and the children "listened in" from 2.30 - 3.30.

" 28th

A Course of Lessons for the school children in Folk Dancing has been arranged by the Head Teacher for Saturday afternoons.

The Instructress is Miss Williams, a member of the E. F. D. S.

The Course commenced on Mar: 26th

April 1st

The School is closed today - the first day in the Educational Year - in order that the required Forms may be completed.

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8th Sept. 1924

The School will be closed at 3.15 this afternoon, in order that the children may attend "The Catechism" Treat.

16th Sept:

A gramophone has been bought out of the proceeds of the School Sale of Work, and has been used for the first time today. Gym: shoes have also been provided from the same fund.

24th Sept:

School is closed tomorrow on account of the "Wakes."

29th "

St. Michael & All Angels. The children will attend Church 9.0-9.40

30th Sept.

Mrs Horobin terminates her engagement today as a Supplementary Teacher in this School. Owing to a decrease in the number on the roll, the School

will now be divided into two groups.

The Infants together with Stds I & II will be in the charge of an Uncertif. Teacher, and Stds III to VII will be taught by the Head Teacher.

Oct. 11. I have checked the registers today and found them marked correctly.

W. S. Drinkwater

13th The Harvest Festival. The children attended Church 9.0 - 9.40

18th St. Luke's Day. The children attended Church 9.0 - 9.40.

26th School closes this afternoon for the Mid-term holiday, Thursday, Friday and Monday.

Nov. 1st All Saints. The children attended Church 9.0 - 9.40.

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Jan. 9th

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School re-opened this morning. There were 51 children present out of a possible 53.

A boy and a girl attained the age of fourteen during the last school term, and two boys are now attending the Utroseter Grammar School.

Jan. 19.

I have checked the Registers this morning and have found them marked correctly

W. P. Drinkwater

Jan. 19th

Each Monday, 2.30 - 3.0 the elder boys and girls 'listen in' to "Boys and Girls of Other Days". Tudor & Stuart Times, whilst the younger ones follow on from 3.05 to 3.20, the subject then being "Great Stories from History & Mythology".

On Thursdays, 2.30 - 3.0 the children whose ages range from 10-14 'listen in' to "Out of Doors, From Week to Week".

2nd March

The Head Teacher resumed duties this morning after an absence dated from Jan: 30th.

5th March Mr. J. J. Hetherington visited the school this morning.

31st March Today is the close of the Financial Year.

1st April School closes this afternoon for the Easter holiday. The scholars will be dismissed at noon, but the staff will remain for the afternoon session in order to complete the Annual Returns etc.

13th April. School re-opened this morning. There were 36 children present out of a possible 39.

April. 16th I have checked the Registers & have found them marked

Mr B. H. Doolan has been appointed as a temporary Assistant during Miss Whittingham's absence.

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The following records were checked:-

- a. Attendance Registers,
- b. Summary Register,
- c. Admission Registers.

All entries were found correct.

~~In House~~
(Inquiry Officer)

May 26th. Corpus Christi. The children attended church, 9.0 - 9.40.

May 31st. The Nurse examined the children and reported them to be clean.

June 6th. Dr Wilson examined the children born in 1926.

" 13th. The Head Teacher resumed duties this morning after an absence dating from April 27th.

Jan: 23rd Miss Collier resumed duty this morning.
The Head Teacher absent.

Feb: 17th The attendance for the last five weeks has been poor, owing to the prevalence of influenza colds.

• 24th Heavy storms of snow have occurred during the day and the drifts are very deep. At 3 p.m. the children were dismissed - all being able to do so, were sent home by bus.

• 27th Owing to the roads being impassable in many parts, only 9 children are in attendance.

• 28th Owing to the above reason only 10 children are in attendance.
School will be closed at noon - Shrove Tuesday.

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9th April

The school is re-organised as a Junior School with accommodation for 94 children. i.e. with exclusion of the C.R. of 262.0' floor. auc. £15 HM1. 24/3/33.

The scholars who had attained the age of eleven years on or before 4th September 1933, have been transferred to Ulloxley Senior School.

There are 29 children present out of a possible 30.

9th May

The school will be closed tomorrow - Ascension Day.

15. 5. '34

Registers checked + found correct
J.W. Howse

18. 5. 34

School will be closed at the end of the afternoon session for the Whitsun holiday - one week.

28. 5. 34

School re-opened this morning. There were 30 children present out of a possible 32.

31. 5. 34

Dr. Wilson examined the children born in 1925

6. 6. 34 The Head Teacher resumed duties this morning after four days' absence due to a family bereavement.

Leave of absence was granted by the Rector.

June 18. 1934. I have examined the Registers and found them marked correctly

W. Drinkwater.

29. 6. 34 The Nurse examined the children and reported them to be clean.

6. 7. 34 From 2.30 - 3.30 the children on the First Class register will be taken round the Church-yard and Church to note objects of historical interest.

12. 7. 34 The Dental Surgeon visited the school this afternoon.

24. VII. 34. Visited the School:

G. H. Carter H.D., I.

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July 26th

The Dental Surgeon and nurse are in attendance today for extraction and fillings.

Aug. 1st

Miss Collier is absent from duty owing to a family bereavement.

" 2nd

Today is the end of the Educational year. School closes this afternoon for the Midsummer holiday, and re-opens on Septem. 3rd.

Three boys and two girls who have attained the age of eleven years will be transferred to the Senior School, Utöseeter.

Sept. 3rd

School re-opened this morning. There are 29 children present out of a possible 31.

The following Report has been received from Mr. E. H. Barier, H. M. I.

"This school has changed

considerably since the present Head Mistress first took charge.

From 86 the numbers have dropped to 34, due to changes in the local population and to the fact that the school is now a Junior School, the older children having been transferred to the Uxcoeter Senior School. The Head and her Assistant are, however, adapting themselves well to the change in the organisation, and they are discovering that, amongst other things, much more can now be achieved with junior children than when the school retained children of all ages.

There is much to commend in the conduct of this little school; particularly, the refined tone and happy discipline, the craft work and the pupils' interest and initiative shown in the exercises,

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the neatness of the written work, and the care with which the internal examination is conducted. The Head Mistress' records of the pupils as they reach the top of this Junior School are such as might well be consulted by the Head of the Senior School to which they proceed.

The heavily-mullioned windows make the main room a little dull; it would be well to turn the desks around, as suggested to the Mistress, so that the children may work in a better light.

W. Dinkowski

Sept. 14. The nurse examined the children this morning and reported them clean.

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16th Oct. 1934 The Rev. B. R. Hibbert, R. D., Assistant Diocesan Inspector visited the School this morning.

25th Oct. School will be closed at the end of the afternoon session for the Mid. term holiday - Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

16th Nov. Dr. Wilson examined the children born in 1925

22nd Nov. The Milk Scheme commenced this morning.

28th Nov. The following Report on Religious Instruction has been received:
"I have no reason to qualify my previously-formed high opinion of the methods of instruction, and their results, in this Church School. There is, easily observable, that quiet training in

Feb. 14th Eric James, a boy of eleven years of age and a scholar at this school, was fatally injured yesterday afternoon.

The fatality occurred at Beamhurst opposite the boy's home.

He had just alighted from the bus and was crossing the road when he was knocked down by a lorry.

The boy's bus fare was paid by his parents, and not by the L. C. A.

Feb. 15th This afternoon the elder children will attend the funeral service of their late school-fellow. They will be in Church from 2.20 - 2.45

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March 5th

1935. Strove Tuesday. The school will be closed today at the end of the morning session.

" 8th

The nurse has examined the children and reported them to be clean.

" 13th

The Head Teacher returned to duties this morning after two days' absence owing to sickness.

" 29th

The scholars will be dismissed at noon, but the teachers will remain for the afternoon session in order to complete the Annual Returns.

April 11th

At approximately 11.45 a.m. on April 10th, Elsie Hawley, a girl whose age is 10 years and ten months, was sent by the Head Teacher to take a registered envelope containing National

Savings Stamps to the village Post Office. To do this she had to cross the main road.

At about sixty yards from the school, she was apparently crossing when she was knocked down by a passing motor, and was found lying in the road by a motor driver and brought into school at approximately 11.55.

A doctor was telephoned for and after doing all he could, she was taken to the H. S. - R. Infirmary where she lies in a critical condition.

The driver of the motor has not yet been traced.

The girl was most reliable and steady.

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April 17th 1935 School will be closed at the end of the afternoon session for the Easter holidays, and will re-open on April 29th.

April 29th Elsie Hawley (see previous page) is making very satisfactory progress.

" " School re-opened this morning. There were 29 scholars present out of a possible 32.

May 3rd The School will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, May 6th & 7th in order that teachers and scholars may participate in the Silver Jubilee celebrations of His Majesty the King.

" 8th To equalise the work of the School, the three eldest children from the Infant division have been transferred to the Juniors.

2nd Sept. School re-opened this morning. There were 32 children present out of a possible 33.

Being in a break down in health, the Head Teacher terminated her engagement on Sept. 1st.

2nd Sept. Miss Collier is in charge of the school for the present.

3rd Sept. Mr. G. W. Chester commenced duties as a Temporary Assistant this morning.

26th Sept. The Rev. L. E. Howard, the Diocesan Inspector visited the school this morning.

1st Oct. The Nurse examined the children this afternoon and reported them to be clean.

- Oct. 31st School will be closed at the end of the Afternoon Session for the Mid-term holiday, - Friday, Monday and Tuesday, and on Wednesday - the occasion of the Wedding of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Gloucester.
- Nov. 7th Miss Stonehouse took over duties of headmistress this morning. The School Doctor - Dr. Wilson examined "special cases" this morning.
- Nov. Dec. 5th Mr. Williams - head of the County Library visited the school.
- Dec. 11th School Nurse visited the school and found the children's heads very satisfactory.
- Dec. 20th School will be closed at the end of the afternoon session for the Christmas holidays - two weeks. This afternoon the children had a Christmas party - Christmas Tree - with presents and tea given by Mrs. Philips. The Infant Department did four small plays and the Juniors a Nativity Play. Coloured Lantern Slides