

ST. PETER'S INFANTS' SCHOOL LOG BOOK - 1932-1951

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SCHOOL LOG BOOK.

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Transcriber's Notes.

1. The cover of the Log Book carries a label that identifies it as “St. Peter’s Infants’ School 1932-1951”,
2. After the 1870 Education Act, all schools, paid for by taxes, were visited by inspectors. On their visits, the inspectors would read the school diary or log book to find out what had been happening. The head teacher was to record, at least once a week, details of staff and pupil absences, visitors, and illnesses - anything that affected the daily running of the school. However, many entries have been found, in various log books, where the head teacher has simply recorded, “Nothing unusual”. Many instances have been found where, when the head teacher has been ill and away for a long period, the assistant head mistress has taken over the recording.
3. The log book is sometimes confused with the ‘School Register’ or “Admissions Book”, which it is not. No copies of Bexhill School registers have been found though some may have survived.
4. It is normal practice, when transcribing, to write down exactly what one sees and never correct or try to interpret what it is thought that the author intended to say. In this Log Book, the writing is reasonably easy to understand and the spelling is, generally, good so I have only added punctuation where it is obvious, to me, it should have been and will make the sense clearer - as none of the entries is of earth-shattering importance, I feel that this is acceptable.
5. I have added, in square brackets, the page numbers as an aid to quickly finding a specific entry in the original book. It is only approximate as I have tried to keep paragraphs together and avoid, as much as I could, splitting any so that part appeared on one page and part on another. I have used three digits for all page numbering – starting at page 001 instead of page 1 – this, I felt, would be clearer on occasions especially where computers may be used to index the pages, such as on a spreadsheet.
6. As with all the other St Peter’s log books, and in general with all such log books, this volume is split into two sections – the first section comprises pages identified with a letter of the alphabet while the second section has its pages identified numerically. The alphabetical pages, generally, carry information on the Teachers and the Staff with occasional other notes on the school. The log book records appear on the numerical headed pages.

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The Log Book - Alphabetical Section

In this section, the following notes appear on the pages indicated:-

Page "A" St Peter's Infants' School
New Log Book commenced 14th July 1932
School Accommodation 112

	Dimensions	Accommodation
Main Room	33½ ft x 18ft	48
Class room	22½ ft x 18ft	40
Class room	13ft x 18ft	24

Page "B" Baynes-Smith Mabel Reg. No. - commenced duties on July 10th 1922

Page "D" Dumbrell, Ethel Olive Mary 6th Oct 1878
Uncertificated 1901
Transferred from Girls' School 1st Feb 1932

Page "M" Miss Doris Mitchell - commenced duties 10th Jan. 1944

Page "S" Saunders, Hannah Goninan
Born Nov 10th 1905
Commenced duties on 1st may 1927

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Staff

Head Mistress	Mabel Baynes-Smith
Assistant "	Hannah G. Saunders
" "	Ethel E. M. Dumbrell

Diocesan Reports

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The Log Book - Numerical Section

1932 [Page 001]

- Jul 14th The new log book was commenced today. Miss Dumbrell was absent this afternoon as she had to visit the Hospital for treatment and to interview the Doctor. Her class was taken with Class I for the first half of the afternoon.
- Jul 18th Miss Dumbrell left school at 11.15 a.m. in order to visit the Hospital to interview the Doctor. She returned at 2.30 p.m.
- Jul 21st Miss Dumbrell left school at 2 p.m. for treatment at the Hospital.
- Jul 26th Nurse came in yesterday afternoon to inspect the heads of the children. Miss Dumbrell left School at 2 p.m. today for treatment at the Hospital.
- Jul 28th Miss Dumbrell left School at 11.5 a.m. to visit the hospital.
- Jul 29th The School closed for the Summer Holiday at the close of the afternoon's session.
- Sep 5th The School re-opened this morning after the Holiday. 15 Std II boys have been transferred to the Boys' Department.
- Sep 23rd today has been very wet and cold, so the attendance both sessions has been poor.
- Sep 26th On account of the continued cold and damp weather the Caretaker has heated the School today.

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- Sep 29th The Deaconess was present this morning for Opening Prayers and during the lesson for Religious Instruction.
At 9.45, Mr Markham, H. M. I. accompanied by Mr Mills H. M. I. visited the School, but departed again after making enquiries as to accommodation and numbers.
- Oct 5th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- Oct 6th The Deaconess was present this morning for Prayers and took the 1st Class for a lesson.
- Oct 13th Miss Jones H. M. I. arrived at 1.20 p.m. and stayed until 3.45 p.m.
- Oct 19th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- Oct 20th The Deaconess came in this morning for the Scripture lesson. The Rector came in this morning to check the registers.
- Oct 24th 10 children have been promoted from Class I to join the lower division in Std I, and 11 children from Class III to join Class II working with Class I.
- Nov 2nd The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- Nov 3rd The Deaconess came in this morning for the Scripture lesson.
- Nov 4th The Rev A. E. Harris was present for Prayers this morning. The School will be closed all day on Monday the 7th for the mid-term holiday.

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- Nov 10th The Deaconess came this morning for the Scripture lesson.
- Nov 11th At 10.55 a.m. the children assembled in the main room to keep the "Two minutes silence".
- Nov 21st The Doctor and Nurse are attending this afternoon and tomorrow afternoon for the Medical Re-inspection. 42 children should be inspected.
- Nov 23rd The children did not go to Church this morning as the weather was too uncertain.
- Dec 7th The children went to Church this morning at the usual hour.
- Dec 12th Compared entries in Summary with entries in Daily attendance Registers. Checked return quarter ending 30th of Sept 1932 & found them correct. Wm. Jas. Hague, Sec.
- Dec 21st The children went to Church this morning.

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- Dec 22nd The children were assembled in the main room at 2 p.m. and enjoyed and entertainment of gramophone records and recitations and carols by the children. Crackers were then distributed and pulled, and a red in the paper hats and caps, the children marched round and dipped into a huge cracker four bags of chocolate's and basket oranges.
- Dec 23rd The School will close at the end of the morning session for the Christmas Holidays.

1933

- Jan 9th The School re-opened this morning. 10 Std I boys have been transferred to the Boys' Department and 23 Std I girls have been transferred from Sidley Infants to this school. 20 of the children were admitted this morning.
- Jan 14th The attendance has been poor this week – 72% due to influenza and measles.
- Jan 21st The attendance is low this week – 65% due to more cases of influenza.
- Jan 24th As there was only one teacher in the Girls' Department, Miss Dumbrell went in to help.
- Jan 26th Miss Dumbrell is absent today.
- Jan 30th Miss Dumbrell returned to duty this morning.
- Feb 13th Nurse visited the school and inspected the heads of the children.

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- Feb 15th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- Feb 16th The Deaconess took Class I this morning for Scripture.
- Feb 23rd The School will be closed all day tomorrow. (Friday)
- Mar 1st The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

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- Mar 8th The older children went to Church this week at 9 a.m. and will continue to attend each Wednesday during Lent.
- Mar 9th The Deaconess took the Scripture lesson with Class I.
- Mar 15th The older children went to Church as usual.
- Mar 16th The Deaconess took Class I with Scripture.
- Mar 21st Mr Hague was in school this afternoon to discuss organisation as a result of the Std I girls at Sidley being retained in that school.
- Mar 22nd The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- Mar 23rd The Deaconess taught Class I as usual.
- Mar 29th Mr Markham, H. M. I., and Mr Hague came at 12.15 to discuss organisation.
- Apr 3rd A new Educational year commenced this morning. 36 girls have been transferred to the Girls' Department. Miss Dumbrell has gone to St Barnabas Girls' till Easter.
- Apr 4th The Diocesan Inspection took place at 9 a.m. At 10.15 a.m. the children were dismissed for the day.
- Apr 10th The older children will be going to Church each morning as it is Holy Week.

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- Apr 12th The School closed at the end of the afternoon session for the Easter Holidays.
- Apr 24th The School re-open this morning. Miss Dumbrell returned to her duties in this school. 4 children were admitted.
- Apr 28th This week the attendance has been a record one. The percentage being 98.6. Two classes had one absent mark only.
- May 1st Two children have been admitted today. Albert Perry – age 7 yrs, who has not attended school since Jul 1932, and by Dr's orders can attend mornings only for 6 weeks, and Roy Marston – age 6, who has not previously attended school through ill-health.
- May 3rd The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- May 15th The Medical Inspection was held this afternoon and will be continued on the 16th and 17th.
- May 17th The Medical Inspection was finished this afternoon. 49 children have been inspected and 3 toddlers.
- May 18th The Report of the Diocesan Inspection was received on the 16th. The report reads as follows: –
“This school was visited by the Rev A. Miles who makes the following report.”

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“The visit to this school took place at a moment when things were far from normal – oh into the beginning of a new school year and difficulties of changing staffs. Under the circumstances a brief report will probably estimate the situation.”

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"The general character of the school seems to have been well maintained, in spite of a broken time has experienced. The little folk are being trained in habits of reverence and the devotional tone is delightfully marked."

"The Babies were again in the hands of a supply teacher who had not had much experience with such small children – but she was giving of her best and the little folk were busy and happy in their work."

"In the upper group – the teaching was simple and full of interest and it was marked by a sincere earnestness and quiet reality. Pictures are well used and hand work has its place. On questioning the children, it is evident that a good deal of the work previously done had been quietly assimilated."

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"It is hoped that the new school year may bring with it less in the way of changes and that a period of really steady work may ensue. The regular members of the staff are certainly doing all they can to minimise the ill effects of a broken time."

"Some further pictures would be a valuable asset in the way of equipment."

H. E. Stevens H. W. Maycock.

The "impression" that Miss Dumbrell was a Supply Teacher was a mistaken one due to the fact that she helped at St Barnabas School in the absence of two teachers owing to illness.

May 24th Empire Day. This morning lessons were carried on as usual but language lessons were about the Flag and Empire. At 11.50 a.m. the children assembled in the playground for the saluting of the flag and singing of the National Anthem.

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This afternoon at 2.45 p.m. and Empire concert was given, consisting of Songs and recitations and an Empire Play by the Std I children. At the close prizes earned by the children in the previous school year were distributed.

May 25th The older children assembled this morning for Church as it was Ascension Day, and after Church they were dismissed, Ascension Day being they holiday.

May 31st The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

Jun 2nd The School closed for the Whitsun Holidays at the end of this afternoons session.

Jun 19th The School re-opened this morning after the holiday. The attendances still poor owing to chicken-pox.

Jun 27th The Rector visited this morning and checked the registers and signed the Scripture Report.

Jun 28th The School will be closed this afternoon for the Girl Guide Rally.

Jul 10th On account of the visit of Chapman's London Circus & zoo the school opened at 1 p.m. to enable the children to attend the afternoon session at 3.30 p.m.

Jul 11th The School will be closed for the whole day tomorrow for the Sunday School Treats.

Jul 21st The School will be closed this afternoon for the Bexhill & District Schools Athletic Association Sports.

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Aug 2nd The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

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- Aug 4th The School will close for the Summer Holidays at the close of this afternoon's session.
- Sep 11th Re-opened School this morning after the Summer Holiday. 5 children have been transferred from Class I to Standard I and 9 from Class III to Class II.
- Sep 25th The Rector came in this morning to check this registers.
- Oct 5th The temporary nurse arrived at the school this afternoon (Thursday) and 2.20 p.m. to inspect the children's heads without any notice and did not leave until 3.5 p.m.
- Oct 6th Ronald Haffenden in and had an accident in the play ground during the afternoon recreation and badly cut his nose. He was taken home by a teacher with advice to see a Dr but no action was taken.
- Oct 11th Mr Bradman – the School dentist Annie School Nurse arrived at 11.20 a.m. instead of 10.30 a.m. as arranged to inspect the children's teeth. 88 were inspected. They left at 12.20 p.m.
- Nov 1st The older children went to Church this morning as it was All Saints Day.
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- Nov 3rd The School will be closed all day on Monday, the 6th for the half-term holiday.
- Nov 29th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m. The Medical Re-inspection was held in the afternoon. 19 children were inspected. 3 children were absent.
- Dec 12th Checked Registers and found them correct. Wm. Jas. Hague, Sec.
- Dec 21st Visited School & found number of attendances well above average. C. S. Meads
- This afternoon the entertainment which was given to parents and friends on Tuesday afternoon was repeated – three visitors being present. The children then had a happy half hour with crackers and all received an orange when they went home.
- Dec 22nd The School closed at the end of the morning session for the Christmas Holidays.
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- Jan 8th The School re-open this morning. 5 children were admitted. 6 children have been transferred from Class 3 to Class 2, and 4 from Class 1 to Standard 1.
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- Jan 18th Miss Jones, H. M. I., arrived at 9.10 a.m. during the opening prayers, and stayed until the children were dismissed at the close of the afternoon session.
- Jan 30th Nurse came and 2.30 p.m. today for Head Survey. She remained until 3.20 p.m.
- Jan 39th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- Feb 5th The Rev Denison came in this afternoon.
- Feb 9th The attendance throughout the school has been poor this week owing to the prevalence of colds, especially in the lowest class where the attendance fell to 57%

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Feb 14th This morning being Ash Wednesday, the older children were taken to Church at 9 a.m. At 11 a.m. lessons were interrupted for 15 minutes when a representative of Ovaltine came to present Mary Lennard with a Cosmic Stencil Set, which she gained in a Drawing Competition the children under 9 years of age.

There were 9,987 entrance Mary one the 2nd prize for girls over 7 and under 9 years of age.

The following consolation prizes were also awarded: –

1st - Peter Simms who received 9, 6d cakes of Ovaltine Chocolate

2nd - Brenda Meadows who received 6, 6d cakes of Ovaltine Chocolate

and Ronald Haffenden, Mary Barnes, Jeane Nugent, Violet Ambrose, and Pat Lennard, who each received one 1/- cake of Ovaltine Chocolate.

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Feb 21st The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

Feb 27th John Ashdown had a fit in school this morning. His mother was sent for and when he recovered she took him home.

Feb 28th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

Mar 7th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

Mar 9th The piano-tuner came this afternoon at 3.30 p.m. to tune the piano.

Mar 14th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

Mar 12th Nurse came in at 2.30 p.m. for Head Survey.
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Mar 21st As the weather was so uncertain and colds were prevalent among the children we did not go to Church this morning.

Mar 22nd The School will be closed all day tomorrow for the Annual Schools Examination.

Mar 26th Checked the registers & found all correct. A. B. W. Denison.

Mar 28th The older children have been to Church each morning this week as it is Horny Week. The School closed this afternoon for the Easter holiday.

Apr 9th The School re-opened this morning. 70 [?] Boys have been transferred to the Boys' Department. 17 Std girls are remaining in the Department until the end of term. 9 children have been admitted.

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Apr 10th The Rector brought to the Government Report this morning. It reads as follows: –

“Inspected 18th January 1934”

“Report by H. M. I. Miss F. A. Jones”

“The premises of the school remain the same and there are 110 children on roll taught by three teachers, the Head Mistress having the highest class.”

“The children are well trained in good habits and the teacher's pay great attention to their comfort and welfare. The best sections make quite good progress in Reading, Recitation, Writing and Number, and answer nicely when questioned on their work; and the needs of the weaker scholars are kept in mind. Drawing and Hand work are taught carefully but some further

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consideration might be given to the sequence of lessons in these subjects. This was discussed as were also some points in connection with Number and English.”

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Previous year were distributed and the School then closed for the Whitsun Holiday

- May 28th The School re-opened this morning with an attendance of 93%.
- Jun 1st The Education Sub-Committee visited the School this afternoon to decide upon renovations and repairs to be executed during the Summer Holiday.
- Jun 13th Checked the registers & found all correct. H. B. W. Denison.
- Jun 13th The School closed on the afternoon of the 6th June on the occasion of the School Sports.
- Jun 27th The School will be closed this afternoon for the Girl Guide Rally.
- Jun 28th The School will be closed all day tomorrow for the Teachers' Refresher Course at Lewes. On the 27th at 9.25 a.m. the Dentist and Nurse arrived for the Dental Inspection which lasted until 11 a.m. 105 children were inspected.
- Jul 4th The School closed this afternoon for the Boy Scouts' Rally.
- Jul 10th The School will be closed all day tomorrow for the Sunday School Treats.
- Jul 18th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m. today.

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- Jul 23rd The School assembled at 1 p.m. and dismissed at 3 p.m. on account of the Children's Procession in connection with Gala Week.
- Jul 25th The Rector came in this morning to check the registers.
- Jul 26th The School assembled at 1 p.m. and dismissed at 3 p.m. on account of the Carnival Procession in connection with Gala Week.
- Jul 31st The School assembled at 1 p.m. and dismissed at 3 p.m. on account of the Children's matinee at the Circus.
- Aug 1st The older children went to Church this morning as usual.
- Aug 3rd The School closes at the end of the Afternoon Session for the Summer Holiday.
- Sep 10th The School re-open today after the Summer Holiday. 17 St. II girls have been transferred to the Girls' Department. 9 children were admitted.
- Sep 19th The older children went to Church this morning at 9 a.m.
- Oct 1st The classes were re—arranged for the opening of the new quarter. The new Milk Scheme was commenced.

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- Oct 10th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- Oct 24th The older children went to church at 9 a.m.
- Oct 31st Under the new Milk Scheme 1748 bottles of milk were purchased during the month of October.
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- Nov 2nd The School will be closed all day on Monday, the 5th November for the mid-term holiday.
- Nov 7th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- Nov 19th The School will be closed all day tomorrow for the Wedding of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent.
- Dec 3rd Checked the Registers & found all correct. H. B. W. Denison.
- Dec 20th The afternoon was spent in a recreative manner. Before the break the children listen to gramophone records and afterwards they sang carols and after receiving a small gift and an orange they were dismissed.
- Dec 21st The School closed for the Christmas Holidays at the close of the afternoon session.
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- Jan 7th The School re-opened after the Holidays. 6 children were admitted making 132 on the registers.
- Jan 25th The attendance this week has been very poor due to chicken-pox and severe colds. 67%.
- Jan 30th The children will not go to Church until the epidemics die down.
- Feb 1st the percentage of attendance is still low – he was 68%.
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- Mar 6th The Dentist and Nurse visited the School for Dental Inspection this morning. 116 children were present and 23 absent.
- Mar 15th 8 children accompanied by Miss Dumbrell went to the Clinic for Dental Inspection.
- Mar 25th Checked the registers & found them all correct. H. B. W. Denison.
- Mar 28th The Dr and Nurse have been in School in the afternoons of Monday, Tuesday and Thursday this week. 52 children have been inspected. 7 were absent.
The School will be closed all day tomorrow for the Annual Schools Examination.
- Apr 1st 18 girls have been transferred to the Girls' School and 12 to the Boys' School. The new year commenced with 115 on books.
- Apr 17th The School closed at the end of the afternoon session for the Easter Holiday.
- Apr 29th The School re-opened this morning after the Easter holiday. 5 new children were admitted and 3 transferred from other schools.

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May 3rd The School will be closed on the 6th, 7th, and 8th for the Silver Jubilee of Their Majesties, the King and Queen.

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May 22nd The Diocesan Inspector's arrived this morning that 9.30 a.m.

May 30th Yesterday was Ascension Day. The children went to Church in the morning and then went home.

Jun 6th The Rector came in this afternoon and checked the registers.

Jun 7th The Report of the Diocesan Inspection reads as follows: –
“The children are in excellent order and a noticeable feature of the opening service was the appropriate selections of prayers and responses. These are based upon ‘Prayers for Infants and Junior Classes’.”
“A suitable lesson on the appearance of our Lord by the Lakeside was given in the Babies Room.”
“An Easter lesson was a subject in the Middle Class, and the Top Class gave evidence of careful teaching on the Life of our Lord.”
“It should be noted that the school year has only now begun.”
“Complete records of lessons are kept by the teacher and the children are accustomed to do expression work.”

H. B. W. Denison

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Jun 7th The School closes for the Whitsun Holiday at the end of the afternoon session.

Jun 17th The School re-opened this morning after the Whitsun Holiday. 2 children were admitted.

Jun 26th The School will be closed this afternoon for the Girl Guides Tea.

Jun 27th The School will be closed all day tomorrow for the Teachers' Refresher Course.

Jul 19th The School will be closed all day tomorrow for the Sunday School Treat.

Jul 19th 7 children have been reported today as suffering from Chicken-pox. The older children went to Church yesterday morning (Thursday) instead of Wednesday.

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Sep 9th School re-opened this morning. 20 children were absent, due in most cases to Chicken-pox.

Sep 26th Checked the registers & found them all correct. A. B. W. Denison.

Oct 23rd The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

Nov 1st The School will be closed on Monday for the Half-term holiday.

Nov 5th The School will be closed all day tomorrow by the request of H. M. The King on the occasion of the Wedding of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Gloucester.

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- Nov 13th The School will be closed tomorrow so the General Election.
- Dec 4th The Rector visited the School and checked the Registers.
- Dec 12th The School will be closed this afternoon for the Opening of the De La Warr Pavilion by their Royal Highness the Duke & Duchess of York.
- Dec 18th This afternoon was spent in a recreative manner with dancing, games, and carols. About 2.30 p.m. Father Christmas arrived to distribute gifts from two Christmas Trees. Each child received an orange before going home.
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- Dec 20th The School closed for the Christmas Holidays at the close of the afternoon session.
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- Jan 6th The School re-opened this morning after the holiday.
- Jan 17th The attendance very poor owing to cold and wintry weather. Mr Bradman came at 9.45 a.m. for dental inspection. 97 children were inspected.
- Jan 24th The percentage of attendance is 70 this week. This is due to heavy colds and bad coughs.
- Jan 27th The School will be closed all day tomorrow as a token of respect and esteem for the funeral of the Late King George V.
- Feb 26th The older children went to Church this morning as it was Ash Wednesday. Weather permitting they will do so each week in Lent.
- Feb 28th 14 children were taken to the Dental Clinic for routine inspection.
- Mar 5th The School Nurse attended in the afternoon for Heads inspection.
- Mar 11th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- Mar 12th The Schools will be closed all day tomorrow (Friday) for the East Sussex Annual Schools Examination.
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- Mar 30th Checked the registers & found them all correct. H. B. W. Denison.
- Apr 1st 27 girls have been transferred to the Girls, School and 7 to the Boys'. 101 children remain on the books.
- Apr 8th The School closed this afternoon for the Easter Holiday.
- Apr 20th The School re-opened this morning after the holiday. 4 children were admitted.
- Apr 29th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- May 11th Nurse came today at 10.30 a.m. for preparation of the children for the Medical Inspection tomorrow – the 12th.

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- May 13th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- May 20th The children will go to Church tomorrow – Ascension Day – at 9 a.m. and the rest of the day will be a holiday.
- May 29th The School will be closed all next week for the Whitsun Holiday. Prizes were distributed at the end of the afternoon.
- Jun 8th The School re-opened this morning after the Whitsun holiday. And entertainment will be given in the School at the end of the afternoon.
- Jun 15th Checked the registers & found them all correct. H. B. W. Denison.

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- Jun 16th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m. today.
- Jun 24th The School will be closed this afternoon as many of the children are taking part in a Pageant “The Acts of St Richard” in the Rectory Garden at 3 p.m.
- Jun 25th The School will be closed all day tomorrow for the Teachers' Refresher Course.
- Jul 1st The School be closed this afternoon for the Girl Guide Rally.
- Jul 7th The School will be closed for the whole day tomorrow for the Sunday School treats.
- Jul 20th Miss Doris Wright has come for a fortnight for observation before entering a Training College.
- Jul 22nd The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- Jul 24th The School will be closed this afternoon for the School Sports.
- Jul 31st The School closed this afternoon for the Summer Holiday.
- Sep 7th The School re-opened this morning after the Summer Holiday. The two smaller classrooms and cloakrooms have been distempered. A new cupboard has been placed in the main room.
- Sep 8th Mr Burley, H. M. I., visited this school for a few minutes this morning to view the buildings and obtain particulars.

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- Sep 10th Nurse came in for Head Inspection and 10.30 a.m.
- Sep 30th 5 children will be transferred from Class 3 to Class 2 at the beginning of the new quarter.
- Oct 1st Mr Evans, H. M. I., came in at 9.30 a.m. to obtain information. Doctor and Nurse came this afternoon for Medical Inspection.
- Oct 7th The older children went to Church this morning at 9 o'clock.
- Oct 30th The School will be closed on Monday, November 2nd for the half-term holiday.
- Nov 4th The older children went to Church this morning at 9 o'clock.
- Nov 18th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

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Dec 22nd This afternoon the children had a special afternoon. The older children entertained the younger ones with dancing and carols. Before going home the children received a present from the Christmas Tree; a cracker and an orange. About 3 p.m. the Rector came in to check the registers.

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Dec 23rd The School closed this afternoon for the Christmas Holiday.

1937

Jan 11th The School re-opened this morning following the Christmas Holidays.

Jan 15th The attendance this week has been poor – 79%. Two cases of Mumps have been reported.

Jan 22nd The percentage of attendance has dropped to 68 this week due to the prevalence of Influenza and Mumps.

Jan 29th The attendance has dropped again this week – 57%. The percentage for Jan has been 68.

Feb 9th The School Medical Officer attended the School for Medical Re-inspection and 11 a.m.

Feb 10th The School Dentist held a Dental Inspection this morning 9.30 a.m. to 11.15 AM

Feb 17th The children will not attend church today as coughs are so prevalent.

Feb 19th The percentage of attendance for the week is 65. This is due to Whooping-cough and Mumps.

Feb 26th The attendance today has dropped to 50% and four the week 58%.

Mar 5th There have been more cases of Hoofing-cough and Mumps this week and the attendance has been lower still 56.9%.

Mar 9th The School Dentist attended at 9.30 a.m. to inspect the absentees on Feb 10th but only 11 were present. The Rector came in this afternoon to check the registers.

Mar 12th The attendance drop this week to 52.5%.

Mar 19th Nine fresh cases of Mumps have occurred this week. The attendances 54.5% this week.

Mar 24th Four more cases of Mumps have been recorded this week. The attendances 53.5%.
The School closed at the end of the afternoon session for the Easter Holiday.

Apr 5th 24 girls have been transferred to the Girls' Department and 24 boys to the Boys' Department. 9 children were admitted.

Apr 14th The School Dentist again visited to inspect children who were absent at his two last visits. 24 children were inspected.

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Apr 28th The Medical Inspection was held yesterday at again today.

May 5th The School will be closed tomorrow for Ascension Day. The older children will attend Church at 9 a.m.

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May 7th His Worship the Mayor and the Mayoress came at 10 a.m. accompanied by Mr Meads (Chairman of the Education Committee), Mr Hague (secretary of the Education Committee) and Mr Dallaway.
The Mayor wore his robe and chain of office and was preceded by the mace bearer with the Mace. Two small girls presented bouquets to the Mayoress and Mrs Meads after which the Mayor spoke to the children and then the children received the Coronation Books and Sixpences. After the singing of the National Anthem, Peter Balsiger thanked the Mayor and Mayoress on behalf of the children and led the cheers.

May 11th The School closed this afternoon until May 24th.

May 24th The School was opened after the Whitsun holiday.

Jun 2nd The older children went to Church and 9 a.m.

Jun 11th Prizes for the last school year were presented to the children this afternoon.

Jun 15th The Rector checked the Registers this afternoon.

Jun 16th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

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Jun 24th The School will be closed tomorrow to enable the teachers to attend a Refresher Course at Lewes.

Jul 13th The School will be closed all day tomorrow for the Sunday-School Treats.

Jul 23rd The School will be closed this afternoon for the School Sports.

Jul 26th As it was too wet for the Sports on the 23rd, they are to be held today at 3.30 p.m. to enable the children to be there in time, the afternoon session began at 1 p.m.

Jul 30th The School closed at the end of the afternoon session for the Summer Holiday.

Sep 6th The School re-opened this morning after the Summer Holiday. 6 children were admitted will names of 5 children taken off the registers.

Sep 9th Mr Stewart the Diocesan Inspector came to School this morning as the children were assembling. He was present during prayers and stayed until the end of the Scripture period.

Sep 22nd The older children went to the Church at 9 a.m.

Sep 29th The Medical Officer and Nurse came in at 10.30 a.m. for Medical Re-inspections. Afterwards Nurse made her Head Inspection.

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Oct 1st The attendance in the lowest class has been low this week due to several cases of Measles.

Oct 6th The attendance throughout the school has been poor due to more cases of Measles.

Oct 15th The percentage of attendance this week is 68. Several fresh cases of Measles have occurred in all classes.

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- Oct 18th Nurse and Dr came in this morning and inspected the 57 children present. Two children were sent home. The Medical Officer recommended that the children should spend as much time as possible in the open air.
- Oct 19th Checked the registers found them correct H. B. W. Denison.
- Oct 22nd The Diocesan Report reads as follows: –
“There are no changes in Staff since the last Inspection but there are but appears to be about 20 less children on the books. The continually changing personnel of the pupils adds to the difficulty of the teacher’s work.”
“Worship and lessons are carefully set out in a definite plan for the year by the Head Teacher. A good point in the former is a share taken by the children by means of responses; good points noticed in the latter were the contact with the children’s own experience woven into the lesson and the use of the black board for illustration on Class 3. The need of these little folk for activity appears to be well understood by all the Staff.”
“The Inspector has no doubt that under the present Head Teacher and her staff, the school is well fulfilling its *raison d’être* or as a Church School.” H. B. W. Denison.

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- Oct 22nd More cases of measles have occurred this week, and the attendance for the week is 53%.
- Oct 28th The School will be closed tomorrow Friday and on Monday for the half-term holiday. The attendance continues to drop. This week it is 42%.
- Nov 5th The attendance continues at the same low level of 42%
- Nov 12th The attendance in Classes 1 and 3 have slightly improved this week and the percentages 51.9.
- Nov 19th The attendance continues to improve in all classes.
- Nov 26th two cases of chicken-pox have been repeated this week and three suspicious cases sent home.
- Nov 29th Nurse visited the School at 10.30 a.m. for head inspection. During the inspection she found four children who had suspicious spots and excluded them for observation.

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- Dec 3rd The attendance is slightly fallen this week.
- Dec 17th The attendance for this week is 65% Many more cases of chicken-pox had been reported.
- Dec 20th The temperature in all rooms was very low this morning – 49, 50, 54 respectively.
- Dec 21st An open day was given on Tuesday afternoon. The children sang Carols and Std I gave a play called “The Fairies’ Christmas”. Many parents were present.
- Dec 22nd The children in Std I gave their play a game for the other children and several friends. Then the half hour following was spent in a happy spirit. All children received handkerchief and an orange before leaving.
- Dec 23rd The School closed this afternoon for the Christmas Holidays.

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Jan 10th The School reopened this morning after the Christmas Holidays. Four children were admitted. 101 children were present. Only 4 cases of Chicken-pox have been reported.

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Jan 28th A Dental Inspection took place this morning at 9.30 a.m. 92 children were inspected.

Feb 1st 71 children, under the care of a teacher, visited the Clinic this morning for dental inspection. They were absentees last Friday.

Feb 17th The children were fitted for their shoes to wear for Physical Exercises and 9.30 to 10 this morning.

Feb 23rd The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

Feb 25th Molly Jeffery has permission to leave school on Friday afternoon for an extra music lesson from 3.15 to 4 p.m. to prepare her for the Hastings Festival.

Mar 2nd The older children went to Church this morning at 9 a.m. as it was Ash Wednesday.

Mar 8th 8 children who were absent at the Dental Inspection were taken to the Clinic by a teacher at 9.15 a.m.

Mar 22nd Have checked the registers & found them all correct. H. B. W. Denison.

Mar 25th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m. today.

Mar 30th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

Apr 1st 16 girls were transferred to the Girls' School and 15 boys to the Boys' School.

Apr 6th The top class went to Church at 9 a.m.

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Apr 13th As it is Holy Week the top class have been to church each morning this week. The School closed for the Easter Holiday at the close of the afternoon session.

Apr 25th The School reopened this morning. Three boys were admitted.

May 4th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

May 17th Nurse came both Morning and Afternoon to prepare for the Medical Inspection.

May 18th Inspection by the Medical Officer both sessions.

May 19th Doctor and Nurse completed the Inspection this morning. This afternoon the School will be closed for the Hospital Fair, as this is the Children's Day. Four children from the school presented 8 apples to the value of £2.

May 25th Tomorrow is Ascension Day, so that children will go to Church and 9 a.m. and the rest of the day will be a holiday.

Jun 3rd The School will be closed next week for the Whitsun Holiday.

Jun 13th The School re-opened this morning after the holiday.

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- Jun 15th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m. today.
- Jun 23rd The School will be closed all day tomorrow so that the teachers can attend a Refresher Course.
- Jun 28th Check the registers & found them all correct. H. B. W. Denison.
- Jul 12th The School will be closed tomorrow for the Sunday school treat.
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- Jul 22nd The School will be closed this afternoon for the School Sports.
- Jul 29th The older children went to church this morning at 9. At the end of the morning the School closed for the Summer Holiday.
- Sep 5th The School re-open this morning after the Holiday. 8 children were admitted.
- Sep 14th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.
- Sep 27th Have checked the registers & found them all correct. H. B. W. Denison.
- Oct 3rd 7 children were transferred from Class 3 to Class 2, and 5 children from Class 2 to Class 1.
- Oct 10th The Medical Officer and Nurse were present this morning for the Re-inspection.
A new boiler has been installed and is now in use.
- Nov 7th The Head Teacher was absent from School from Oct 26th to today, Nov 7th suffering from Laryngitis and sore throat.
The School was closed for the half-term holiday from Friday Oct 28th to Tues, Nov 1st.
In connection with the Pound Day at the Bexhill Hospital the children contributed about 70lbs worth of goods and these were collected on Thursday, Oct 27th before the mid-term holiday.
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- Nov 8th The School was visited by the Rev L. F. Taylor-Milton, Vicar of St Augustine's & everything found in good order.
- Nov 11th The School assembled in the main room at 10.55 a.m. for the 2 minutes silence at 11 a.m.
- Nov 25th Are paid a visit to the School this afternoon and was pleased to go round to see the work being done. N. J. Bailey
- Dec 7th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m. today.
- Dec 21st Owing to a heavy snowfall the percentages of attendance for the two sessions were 38 35 respectively.
- Dec 23rd Owing to the continuance of thick snow the percentage of attendance for the week is 57.
The School closed this afternoon for the Christmas Holidays.

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- Jan 9th The School reopened this morning after the holiday. 2 children were admitted.
- Jan 13th Miss Dumbrell has been absent today owing to illness.

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Jan 17th Miss Dumbrell returned to School this afternoon.

Jan 20th Mr Bradman came this morning at 9.30 for Dental inspection. 103 children were present.

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Jan 23rd The temperatures throughout the School were very low this morning and the two rooms centrally heated remained cold all day.

Jan 24th The pipes were cold this morning and the temperatures 49°. It was not till the end of the afternoon that it was found that the chimney was blocked.

Feb 1st The older children went to Church this morning at 9 o'clock

Feb 6th Miss Dyke arrived at 9.30 a.m. to take the Physical Exercises.

Feb 10th The attendance has been very poor this week due to heavy colds and coughs.

Feb 14th 4 children are absent from the Dental Inspection went to the Clinic at 11.25 a.m. with a teacher.

Feb 15th The Medical Inspection by the School Medical Officer with the School Nurse was held this afternoon.

Feb 22nd The older children attended Church 9 a.m. as it was Ash Wednesday. They will be going to Church each Wednesday during Lent.

Mar 1st The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

Mar 8th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m.

Mar 27th The Head Teacher was absent from School with a severe chill from March 17th. She returned to duty this morning.

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Mar 28th The A. R. P. Organiser came this morning with Mr Hague the Secretary to talk over suggestions for the safety of the children in an emergency.

Mar 29th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m. in charge of Miss Saunders.

Mar 30th The Rector came in this morning to check the registers.

Apr 5th The School closed for the Easter Holiday at the end of the afternoon session. Five boys were transferred to the Boys' School on Apr 3rd.

Apr 17th The School reopened this morning after the Easter Holiday. Four children were admitted.

Apr 26th The top class went to Church at 9 a.m.

May 10th The top class went to Church at 9 a.m.

May 16th As the Medical Inspection will be held in the School this week the children will be placed in two groups on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

May 17th The School will be closed tomorrow for Ascension Day. The children will attend Church at 9 a.m.

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May 26th The School closed at the end of the afternoon session for the Whitsun Holiday.

Jun 5th The School re-opened after the holidays and four children were admitted.

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Jun 6th I have today visited the School and checked the registers. J. Powell.

Jun 28th The older children went to Church at 9 a.m. This afternoon the School will be closed for the Girl Guides' Rally.

Jun 30th 16 cases of Chicken-pox have been reported the last few days and 2 cases of Whooping-cough.

Jul 11th The School will be closed tomorrow for the Sunday School Treats.

Jul 19th As the weather was so uncertain the children did not go to Church this morning.

Aug 2nd The children went to Church as usual this morning.

Aug 4th The School closed this afternoon for the Summer Holiday.

Sep 18th Many children came to school on Friday, 15th Sept to be acquainted with the arrangements for carrying on the work in Schools. The School re-open for lessons this morning.

Oct 6th The attendance was poor this morning due to heavy rain.

Oct 9th The attendance this morning was only 54% as very heavy rain fell. This afternoon as the heavy rain continued the attendance did not improve.

Oct 24th The Nurse visited the School this afternoon for inspection of heads.

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Oct 27th The percentage of attendance was only 57 this morning as the rain was very heavy.

Nov 2nd The School will be closed tomorrow for the half-term holiday.

Nov 14th The School Medical Officer and School Nurse were in attendance this afternoon for Medical Inspection. The School Nurse also attended in the morning of yesterday for Preparation.

Nov 27th Until further notice the School will assemble in the afternoons and 1.15 p.m. and dismiss at 3 p.m. to permit time being made available to the Caretakers for cleaning before black-out time.

Dec 8th The attendance this week has been poor owing to bad weather and many cases of whooping cough. 78.5%

Dec 20th The afternoon was spent in a recreational way with games, singing, etc. At the end of the afternoon the children received presents and oranges.

Dec 22nd The School closed for the Christmas holidays at the close of the afternoon session.

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Jan 2nd The School reopened this morning after the Christmas holiday. 75% of the children were present.

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- Jan 22nd The School was closed on Jan 17th on account of a very heavy fall of snow – only 2 children were present – and remained closed until Monday Jan 22nd when 16 children were present. The registers were not marked. 15%.
- Jan 23rd Owing to the continuance of severe weather and the bad conditions of the roads the attendance still very poor – 28 in the morning and 35 in the afternoon, so the registers were not marked. All the offices are frozen.
- Jan 24th The attendance has been again below 50% so the registers have not been marked. The numbers were 47 morning and afternoon.
- Jan 25th There were 54 children present this morning and 56 this afternoon, so the registers were marked.
- Jan 26th The attendance has again been small, 55 this morning and 57 this afternoon.
- Jan 29th The roads were very treacherous today after a keen frost and the attendance was 42 in the morning and 14 the afternoon.
- Jan 30th Snow has been falling heavily all night and is still falling. Only 13 children were present so they were sent home.
- Jan 31st A sudden thaw has set in and the roads are most dangerous. One cloakroom is flooded due to a fault in the roof and the play ground covered with ice, so the 15 children were sent home.
- Feb 1st The roads are very treacherous and so the attendance is small - 30 for this morning 35 in the afternoon. The registers were not marked.

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- Feb 2nd The attendance continues low – 38 both sessions, so the registers have not been marked. The percentage for the week is 30.
- Feb 13th Snow was falling heavily this morning and the attendance was therefore very low – 46% – so the registers were not marked. This afternoon there was a slight improvement and the attendance rose to 57%.
- Feb 26th The School now reverts to the normal time of opening in the afternoon – 1.30 p.m. and closing at 3.30 p.m.
- Mar 8th The Dental Inspection took place at 9.30 a.m. Only 68 children were present as there is much illness in the School.
- Mar 11th Head Mistress absent with Influenza.
- Mar 12th Miss Dumbrell away today. Miss Wratten lent to girls from the upper class to help with the tiny children.
- Mar 13th Miss Dumbrell is suffering from Influenza. Miss Roy from the Girls' Department came in to help as supply teacher was available. Two girls also came in for the morning session.
- Mar 14th No registers were marked this afternoon as owing to an unexpected heavy snowfall only 47 children were present.

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Mar 18th This morning Miss Chapman came in to help as the Headmistress and Miss Dumbrell was still absent.

Mar 20th The School closed at the end of the afternoon session for the Easter Holidays.

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Apr 1st The School re-opened this morning after the holiday. The attendance was poor owing to many cases of German Measles. The Headmistress returned to work in the morning and Miss Dumbrell in the afternoon.

May 1st The School will be closed all day tomorrow as it is Ascension Day. The older children will assemble and proceed to Church for 9 a.m.

May 6th Came to School this morning that 11 a.m. for the preparation of children for the Medical Inspection. Miss Dyke came at 9.30 a.m. and took two class for Physical Exercises. She left at 10.50 a.m.

May 7th The children were put in two groups today for the Medical Inspection.

May 10th The School will be closed this afternoon for the Whitsuntide holiday.

May 14th The School re-assembled this morning owing to the serious world situation. The children will have extra practices in air-raid drill.

May 16th Mrs Evans, H. M. I., came in School at 9 a.m. and spent half-an-hour with the head teacher.

May 23rd The Head Teacher had permission to be absent owing to family trouble.

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May 22nd Mr Bradman came at 11 a.m. to inspect the teeth of children who were absent on March 8th.

May 31st At 11 a.m. 15 children were taken to the Dental Clinic by a teacher to have their teeth inspected. They were absent on May 22nd.

Jun 11th The Head Teacher was sent for on Monday, the 10th, owing to the dangerous illness of her sister. She returned this afternoon.

Jul 9th The School will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday, for the Sunday School Treats.

Jul 10th The School was closed at 12 a.m. for the purpose of Registration of the children for the Government Examination Scheme. It will be closed tomorrow, Friday, as well.

Jul 15th The Head Teacher's left school at 2.45 p.m. to attend a meeting at the Town Hall for the Evacuation of School children.

Jul 16th Medical inspection of all children to be evacuated was carried out this morning. 41 children were inspected.

Jul 19th The School will be closed as from Monday the 22nd inst. until further notice.

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Jul 22nd 28 children set off from Bexhill with Miss Saunders and two helpers. This number included 3 from the Girls' School, 8 infants were transferred to the Girls', 1 to the Boys' and one each to the County Boys' and Girls' school.

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The Helpers accompanying the children were Miss Gordon Jones and Mrs Manners.

1941

- Aug 18th This school was re-opened today, having been closed on July 19th 1940. Seventy-nine children are on the books. There are two teachers, Miss M. Jeans and Miss E. O. M. Dumbrell.
- Aug 25th Six children have been admitted since school re-opened last Monday. There are now 85 on the books.
- Aug 26th Mr B????, H. M. I. Accompanied by Mr Evans, H. M. I. Visited school during the afternoon session, to obtain information respecting numbers on the books, staff, etc. Mr Evans examined the Scheme of Work and Time Table, and suggested that the 10 minutes taken for lunch should be added to the 20 minutes allotted to the Physical Training Lesson, and that lunch be included in the 15 minutes for play.
- Aug 29th The Borough Surveyor has pronounced the main room is unsafe, so for a time work will have to be carried on in the two smaller rooms.

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- Sep 12th During the past fortnight, the work of the school has been much interrupted by the noise of the work meant in the main room.
- Sep 19th The attendance continues to be very poor. Several children are away hop-picking.
- Sep 23rd Mr Evans, H. M. I., visited school during the afternoon session. He was accompanied by Miss Dyke, O. P. T. While Miss Dyke discussed the P. T. Time Table, Mr Evans listened to Miss Dumbrell taking a lesson in the small room.
- Oct 9th During the morning session Miss Dyke, Oh. P. T., Came to see the Physical Training of the children in the top class.
- Oct 29th Medical Inspection during the afternoon.
- Oct 30th Medical Inspection during the morning.
- Oct 31st School closed for one week. "Mid-Term Holiday".
- Nov 10th School re-opened this morning but had to send the children home as there was no fire & work men were working on the chimney.

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- Nov 11th Received Medical Certificate stating that Denis Cole is suffering from Chicken-Pox.
- Nov 14th Lilian Barker has mumps & has been told to stay away from school for 10 days.
- Nov 24th There are now 120 children on the roll.
- Dec 1st Mr Hague, Secretary for Education, brought Miss Stidson to assist with the teaching until Christmas.
- Dec 8th Caretaker did not arrive owing to illness. The fires had not been lighted.
- Dec 9th Temporary Caretaker until Friday.

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- Dec 12th No fire in the classrooms until 9 o'clock.
- Dec 15th Caretaker had not lighted fire in classroom because mica was slightly damaged.
- Dec 16th Able to have fired today.
- Dec 19th School closed until January 6th 1942 "Christmas Vacation".

1942

- Jan 6th Re-open school. 60 children transferred to other schools, chiefly to the Down Council Infants'.
- Jan 7th The Attendance Registers were not marked until today. Admitted seven children.
- Jan 13th Miss Dumbrell absent from school owing to illness.

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- Jan 15th Dr Donovan, S. M. Oh. & Nurse Bailey paid a visit during the Morning Session & made an inspection of all the children. Nurse Bailey particularly remarked about the clean hands of all the children.
- Jan 16th Miss Dumbrell is still absent.
- Jan 16th The attendance during the week has been poor owing to the snow. Several children are suffering from colds.
- Jan 19th Miss Dumbrell is still absent.
- Jan 22nd When I arrived this morning there was no fire in the anthracite stove, and the temperature of the main room was only 43°. The pipes were almost cold and have been all day.
- Jan 23rd The temperature of the main Room is still low, but as Miss Dumbrell is still absent, and there are only 43 children present, I am able to use the smaller room.
- Jan 23rd The attendance this week has been very poor owing to colds.
- Jan 26th Miss Dumbrell returned to her duties today.
- Jan 27th Reported burst water pipes.

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- Jan 28th Water pipes repaired today.
- Feb 2nd Temperature of main room at 9 o'clock was 45°.
- Feb 3rd Temperature of main room at 9 o'clock was 45°.
- Feb 4th Pipes in Maine room will call (in the main room) when I arrived at 8.30 a.m. The fire was out and Mr Griffin was lighting the fire in the anthracite stove in the other room. Mr Dallaway came along on other business & lighted the stove in the stoke-room.
- Feb 9th At 8.30 a.m. Mrs Miles was lighting the fire in the anthracite stove & the pipes in the main room will cold, as the fire in the stoke-room had only just been lighted. The whole of the morning had

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to be spent in endeavouring to keep the children warm by clapping, marching, singing, dancing and physical exercises.

Feb 11th The Rector call to enquire about the heating of the school. Councillor Evernden also called for the same purpose.

Feb 11th Mr C. E. Dallaway, Clerk to the L. E. A., visited during the "Morning Session".

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Feb 20th Doctor Donovan, S. M. Oh., Carried out a Routine Medical Inspection during the Morning Session; Six boys & 11 girls were examined.

Feb 24th The Rector and another gentleman came to see the heating apparatus.

Feb 26th Dorothy & George Freeman, 23, Silvester Road, are to be supplied with free milk.

Mar 2nd No fire in anthracite stove. Bars are broken. Youngest children are being taught in the small room.

Mar 9th Mrs Fuller commenced duties as caretaker.

Mar 12th Mr C. E. Dallaway, Clerk to the L. E. A. took the Admission Register to the Education Office, and mid-day today.

Mar 16th Admitted Shirley Ann Stevens and Joan Nora Hills to the Infants' Class.

Mar 16th Mr C. E. Dallaway, Clerk to the L. E. A. brought the Admission Register today.

Mar 16th The Weighing Machine has been overhauled.

Apr 1st Closed school for Easter Vacation

Apr 13th Re-opened school at the usual hour.

Apr 16th Received Medical Certificate excluding Brian Willard four 21 days. "Measles".

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Apr 16th John Banyard is excluded for 21 days. "Measles".

May 1st Nurse Bailey weighed and measured the children who are to be examined by Dr Donovan on Monday morning.

May 4th Medical Inspection took place this morning.

May 14th School closed all day. "Ascension Day".

May 22nd School closed for one week. "Whitsuntide Holiday".

Jun 1st Re-opened school. Admitted two children, both 5 years of age. There are now 86 on the roll.

Jun 19th John Farnfield is suffering with tonsillitis and is excused for 7 days.

Jun 26th The percentage this week's low owing to absence through illness, chiefly "measles".

Jun 29th Holiday all day. "St Peter's Day".

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- Jul 3rd Average Attendance = 49. Percentage = 56.3.
A very poor attendance. Many children are suffering with Measles and Whooping-Cough.
- Jul 10th Average Attendance = 50.7. Percentage = 58.2.
- Jul 31st The Attendance continues to be poor owing to illness.
- Jul 31st So far as Compulsory Education is concerned the children have holiday for five weeks, but the school will remain open for children who wish to attend. Miss Jeans, Miss Dumbrell and Miss Backshall will take "Holiday Duty".
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- Sep 7th Re-opened school. Miss G. E. Watson commenced duties as Certificated Assistant. A PR no, clock, and table have been brought to the school. They originally belonged to St. Barnabas Girls' School.
- Sep 11th The attendance is poor. Several children are away-picking.
- Sep 16th Dental Inspection took place today.
- Oct 30th School closed at the end of the "Afternoon Session" until November 3rd - "Mid-Term Holiday".
- Nov 3rd school will assemble at 1.15 p.m. and dismissed at 3.15 p.m. for the "Afternoon Session", commencing 3rd November, 1942 and terminating on Friday 26th February 1943.
- Nov 12th Medical Inspection during Morning's session.
- Nov 13th I relinquish charge of this school today. M. Jones.
- Nov 16th On my return from Stevenage in the reception area, I take up my post again of Head Mistress in the school. – M. Baynes-Smith
- Dec 7th And A-red warning was sounded at 11.40 a.m. and the All Clear at 12.35. When the children assembled at 1.45 p.m., only 60 children were present. – 63%, so the registers were not marked.

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- Dec 23rd School closed for the Christmas holidays.

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- Jan 11th Re-open school – admitted two children.
- Feb 1st The assembly-time return to 9 a.m. this morning.
- Feb 2nd Miss Dumbrell went out just before noon to see the Dr's. He sent her home for a few days as she was suffering from Laryngitis.
- Feb 22nd Miss Dumbrell returned to her duties this morning.
- Mar 4th All Schools will be closed tomorrow (Friday) for the Annual Schools Examination.
- Mar 9th Nurse came this afternoon to weigh and measure children in readiness for the Medical Inspection.

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- Mar 11th Dr and Nurse arrived at 10 a.m. for the Medical Inspection.
- Apr 21st The School closed at the end of the Afternoon Session for the Easter Holidays.
- May 3rd The School re-open this morning after the holiday. Morrison shelters have been placed in all class rooms and the cloak room.
- May 12th The School Nurse visited the School for Cleanliness inspection, and weighing and measuring children in readiness for the Medical Inspection.
- May 13th The Medical Inspection took place in the Morning Session.

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- Jun 2nd The School will be closed all day tomorrow as it is Ascension Day.
- Jun 11th The School closed this afternoon for the Whitsun Holiday.
- Jun 21st The School re-opened this morning after the Whitsun Holiday.
- Jul 9th Mrs Hewison and helper inspected and repaired gas masks on the afternoons of July 7th and 9th – 51 each afternoon.
- Jul 14th Mr S. Birley B. A. our new Education Secretary visited the school during the morning.
- Jul 28th The prizes were distributed at the close of the afternoon session.
- Jul 30th The School closed for the Summer holiday.
- Sep 6th The School re-opened this morning. 33 children have been transferred to other schools and one child to a private school. 9 children have been admitted. During the holiday the small class-room has been colour-washed.
- Sep 14th Dental Inspection was carried out this morning at 10.30 a.m.
- Sep 28th Nurse came in this morning to prepare for the Medical Inspection this afternoon. The children were weighed and measured.
- Oct 11th Mr Birley, H. M. I., came in for a short time this morning.
- Oct 14th Mr Bradman, the School Dentist, attended this morning for the inspection of absentees.
- Oct 18th Nurse attended this afternoon for inspection of heads and general cleanliness.
- Oct 28th The School will be closed tomorrow – Oct 29th and Monday – Nov 1st for the half-term holiday.

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- Dec 2nd The School assembled this morning at 9.15 a.m. This will continue for the months of December and January.
- Dec 20th At 10 a.m. this morning His Worship the Mayor, the Mayoress, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee and Mr S. Birley the Secretary visited the School to wish the children a Happy Christmas. Before leaving each visitor was presented with a small lavender sachet.

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- Dec 22nd A presentation from the teachers and scholars of this school to Miss Dumbrell on her retirement took place at 2.30 p.m. The Rector kindly made the presentation. The visitors included the Mayor and Mayoress, and the Chairman. During the afternoon the top class gave a Christmas play and selections from two classes of Percussion music.
- Dec 23rd At 2 p.m. the parents were invited to see the Christmas Play and hear the selections by the Percussion Bands. The School closed at 3.30 p.m. for the Christmas Holiday.

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- Jan 10th The School re-opened this morning after the holiday. Miss Doris Mitchell commenced duties at the School as the Trained Certificated Teacher.
- Jan 20th Mrs Hewison visited this school on the 13th, 17th and again today for the purpose of examining and repairing Gasmasks.
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- Feb 9th In connection with the Book Drive in the Borough, Mr R. Clory, representative from the Ministry of Supply visited the School today at 10.40 a.m. to talk to the children and asked them to help in the cause.
- Feb 10th Nurse attended the School this afternoon to prepare the children to the Medical Inspection.
- Feb 11th The School Doctor and Nurse came this morning at 10.30 a.m. for the Medical Inspection.
- Feb 15th Miss Mitchell is absent from school suffering from Laryngitis.
- Feb 25th Miss Mitchell returned to her duties today.
- Feb 28th Miss Mitchell is absent from school suffering from Tonsillitis.
- Mar 2nd The Schools will be closed tomorrow – Friday – for the Scholarship Examination.
- Mar 7th Mr Evans, H. M. I., came in School at the close of the Afternoon Session, but only stayed a few minutes.
- Mar 10th James Picknell and John Willard did not arrive at School this afternoon until 1.55 p.m. so they were marked absent.
- Mar 20th Miss Mitchell returned to her duties today.
- Apr 5th Closed for the Easter Holidays.
- Apr 17th School re-opened this morning after the Easter Holidays. Three children were admitted.
- May 17th The School will be closed all day tomorrow for Ascension Day.
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- May 19th Medical Inspection took place this morning at 10.30 a.m.
- May 25th Dental Inspection took place this morning.
- May 26th The School closed at the end of the afternoon session for the Whitsuntide Holiday.

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- Jun 14th In connection with the "Salute the Soldier" campaign, the Education Committee have granted a half-holiday on Wednesday, the 14th of Jun to all Elementary Schools in the Borough.
- Jun 16th At 9 a.m. this morning an Air-raid warning was in progress, and 17 children came to school. The All-clear was sounded at 11.15 a.m. and the children were sent home. In the afternoon a warning was sounded as the children were starting for school. 37 children were present and these were dismissed at 3 p.m. at the close of a very noisy raid. The Registers were not marked either session.
- Jun 22nd As an air-raid warning was in progress at 9 a.m. and the attendance was less than 60% the registers were not marked. Mrs Unison visited the School on Jun 15th, 19th and again this afternoon to examine and repair Gas-masks.
- Jul 3rd Owing to very heavy rain at 9 a.m. and a much disturbed night, the attendance is only 52%, so the Registers were not marked.
- Jul 21st The Diocesan Inspector visited this school this morning for the Diocesan Inspection. The children had to go to shelter several times. At the end of the inspection the children went home.

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- Jul 28th The children received their prizes for good and persevering work this afternoon.
- Aug 4th The School closed this afternoon for the Summer Holiday. Miss Doris Mitchell will go to the Downs Infants' after the holiday.
- Sep 11th The School re-open this morning after the Summer Holiday. All children who were 7 years and over on Sep 1st were promoted to Junior schools. The girls to St. Peter's and the boys to St Barnabas'. 44 children on the books at present.
- Oct 20th The Medical Inspection was made this morning at 10.30 a.m. Nurse came yesterday afternoon for weighing and measuring.
- Oct 26th The half-term holiday is on the coming weekend. School will re-open on Oct 31st.
- Nov 21st During the months of December and January the morning session will commence at 9.15 a.m.
- Dec 13th Nurse again visited the school this afternoon.
- Dec 22nd The School closed this afternoon for the Christmas Holiday. His Worship the Mayor, the Mayoress, the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Education Committee visited the School on Wednesday morning in order to wish the children are happy Christmas.

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- Jan 8th The School re-opened this morning after the Christmas holidays. 11 children were admitted and a few children returned after evacuation. The numbers on books are 87.
- Jan 30th The attendance today has been very poor due to heavy snow – 32%.
- Mar 1st The School will be closed tomorrow – Friday – for the "Schools Examination".
- Mar 23rd Medical Inspection 10.30 a.m.
- Mar 26th All children who were under 5 years of age were sent home.

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- Mar 28th The School closed for the Easter Holiday.
- Apr 9th The School re-opened after the Easter Holiday.
- Apr 11th On the advice of Mr S. Birley, the Education Officer, Pauline Chapman was admitted, but her name will not be put on the register until her 5th birthday – 26th May, 1940.
- Apr 19th The children were photographed this afternoon in the recreation period.
- May 8th VE Day. The small number of children who came to school were dismissed for the day and for the following day which was to be a public holiday.
- May 10th The School was closed as it was Ascension Day.
- May 16th Percy LeBeau and Hunter Mitchell came to school too late for registration.
- May 18th The School closed for the Whitsun Holiday.
- May 28th The School assembled this morning, after the holiday.

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- Jun 22nd The Medical Inspection was postponed on account of the indisposition of the Medical Officer.
- Jun 28th The Dental Inspection was held and 10 a.m.
- Jun 28th The School will be closed tomorrow for St Peter's Day.
- Jul 4th The School will be closed all day tomorrow for the General Election.
- Jul 27th An official farewell took place this afternoon for Miss Baynes-Smith on her retirement. The Mayor and Mayoress were present, also Councillor F. K. Clarke and Mrs Clark, Mr S. Birley, the Education Officer, Canon W. Godfrey Bell, and the Rev F. Walker. The Rector presented Miss Baynes-Smith with a Barometer, the gift of the children and past and present teachers.
- Aug 3rd The School closed this afternoon for the Holiday. My Work As Had Teacher Ends on the 31st August 1945. M. Baynes-Smith.
- Sep 10th School re-opened after the Summer holiday with out a Hd. Tr. Myself in sole charge (G. E. Watson). 29 Children transferred to Junior Schools.
- Sep 12th Mrs Pierce sent as Supply.
- Sep 25th Dental Inspection 10.45. Recent Admissions & former absentees.
- Oct 1st Commenced duties as Head Teacher - F. L. Lawrence.
- Oct 31st The School will be closed tomorrow – Thursday – for All Saints Day, and Friday and Monday for half-term holiday.

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- Nov 16th Medical Inspection.
- Dec 11th The children were photographed.

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- Dec 19th Parents were invited to school this afternoon to hear the Christmas carols. There were about sixty visitors
- Dec 20th The children had a Christmas party this afternoon.
- Dec 21st School closed for Christmas holidays.

1946

- Jan 15th School re-opened after the Christmas holidays.
- Jan 17th Leslie Bitton came to school to late for registration.
- Feb 19th Mrs Pierce started duty as supply teacher for extra class.
- Feb 21st Medical Inspection.
- Mar 7th The school will be closed tomorrow – Thursday – for the scholarship examination and on Monday for half term.
- Mar 19th Mrs Pierce finished Duty.
- Apr 1st Mrs Rawling started duty as supply teacher.
- Apr 11th School closed for Easter holidays.
- Apr 30th School re-opened after Easter holidays.
- May 10th Visit of Miss Latham.
- May 13th Medical Inspection.

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- May 30th School closed for Ascension Day.
- Jun 3rd Mrs Prothero commenced duty (permanent)
- Jun 5th Miss W. M. Kirby, M.A. School Organiser visited the school.
- Jun 7th School closed for Whitsuntide holiday.
- Jun 17th School re-opened after Whitsuntide holiday.
- Jun 19th Miss Kirby visited the school.
- Jun 19th The children were photographed.
- Jun 27th Children attended church service.
- Jul 3rd The school will be closed July 4 and 5 to allow staff to attend a refresher course at Lewes.
- Jul 9th The school will be closed tomorrow for the Sunday Schools outing.
- Jul 12th Miss Dyke visited the school and saw the afternoon Free Activity.

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- Jul 17th Dental Inspection.
- Jul 22nd The children attended church Service.
- Aug 1st The school closes this afternoon for the Summer holiday.
- Sep 3rd School re-opened. 36 children transferred to Junior Schools; 15 admitted. Canteen opened.
- Sep 26th The children attended church service this morning.
- Oct 11th Medical Inspection.
- Oct 25th The school closes today for half-term holiday.
- Nov 4th School re-opened.

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- Nov 4th Dr Winchester immunised children from both departments.
- Nov 5th Dental inspection of previous absentees.
- Nov 5th Mr Mitchell, School manager, visited the school to investigate complaints received mainly concern in the lavatories.
- Nov 6th Miss Dyke visited school. Children attended church service.
- Dec 3rd The children were photographed.
- Dec 11th The parents were invited to school to hear the Christmas carols.
- Dec 19th Christmas party in the canteen. Church service.
- Dec 20th School closed for Christmas holiday.

1947

- Jan 14th School re-opened after Christmas holiday.
- Jan 22nd Nurse inspected heads.
- Jan 23rd 4 chairs and 18 tables delivered.
- Jan 27th Temperatures on opening school 40° rose to 44° during day.
- Jan 28th Temperatures on opening 42°. Medical Officer of Health adviser school to be closed at mid today. Open tomorrow morning if conditions improve.

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- Jan 29th Very bad weather conditions, heating as before. Medical Officer of Health advised school to be closed until Monday 3rd February. Eight children arrived for the morning session and was sent home.

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- Feb 3rd No heat in any room. Caretaker ill, temporary caretaker lighting boiler this morning. Temperatures 37°. School closed for the day.
- Feb 4th School re-opened. Temperatures class I 47°; class II 42°; class III 47°. Attendance 58.
- Feb 20th School closed for half-term holiday Fri 21 Mon 24.
- Feb 25th School closed owing to frozen boiler and pipes.
- Mar 6th School re-opened this morning. Attendance 38 out of possible 97.
- Mar 24th Medical Inspection.
- Mar 27th School closed this afternoon for Easter holiday.
- Apr 15th School re-open. Nurse inspected heads.
- Apr 21st Miss Pierce started duty as part-time clerical and canteen assistant.
- Apr 28th Three children transferred to Sidley Inft Sch. Six children transferred to the Downs Inft Sch.
- May 15th School closed for Ascension Day.
- May 20th 28 children visited a book exhibition and puppet entertainment arranged by Messers W. H. Smith.
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- May 21st Architect inspected school.
- May 23rd School closes this afternoon for the Whitsuntide holiday.
- Jun 2nd School re—open.
- Jun 12th Medical Inspection.
- Jun 27th Very poor attendance at afternoon session owing to heavy thunderstorms at midday.
- Jul 4th Nurse inspected heads.
- Jul 8th School will be closed tomorrow for Sunday School outings.
- Jul 14th Miss Masters a student from Chichester College commenced a fortnight's teaching practice.
- Jul 15th Mrs Rock visited the school but did not see any P. T. Lessons.
- Jul 15th School will be closed tomorrow for St Peter's Fête and Garden Party.
- Jul 31st School will close this afternoon for the summer holiday.
- Sep 2nd School re-opened. The interior has been redecorated during the holiday. Thirty-two children transferred to Junior Schools; twenty-one five year old children admitted.
- Sep 8th Miss Kirby visited school re: accommodation.

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- Sep 15th Children immunised against diphtheria.
- Sep 18th Pianos tuned.
- Sep 26th Dental Inspection.
- Oct 10th School will close at 3 p.m. to allow staff to attend a Percussion band lecture.
- Oct 24th School closes this afternoon for mid-term holiday. Jumble sale for school funds at 4 p.m.
- Nov 3rd School re-opened.
- Nov 5th The whole school attended a Film and Puppet Show at the De La Warr Pavilion in connection with Road Safety Week. The school was closed from 10.20 – 12. Robin Swain was awarded a prize in the Poster Competition (Safety First).
- Nov 7th The children were photographed.
- Nov 11th Medical Inspection.
- Nov 15th Medical Inspection.
- Nov 19th School will be closed tomorrow to celebrate the wedding of Princess Elizabeth.
- Dec 11th The school was open to parents this afternoon. Each class gave an entertainment. There were about 100 visitors.
- Dec 18th The whole school went to the canteen at 2.45 for the Christmas party.

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- Dec 19th School closes this afternoon for the Christmas holiday.

1948

- Jan 13th School re-opens. Thirteen children admitted, six transferred, total 103.
- Jan 15th School nurse for head inspection.
- Jan 21st Miss Gilbert M. M. I. Visited the school and spent some time in each classroom.
- Jan 21st Electric fire and point installed.
- Jan 25th Miss Kirby called to talk about accommodation.
- Jan 26th Canon Bell visited the school.
- Feb 10th Medical Inspection.
- Feb 11th The children attended church for the Ash Wednesday service.
- Feb 12th School closes this afternoon for half-term holiday.
- Feb 17th School re-opened.
- Mar 10th Class I were out of school for $\frac{3}{4}$ hour this afternoon on a nature walk.

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Mar 18th The children attended church service this morning. School closes this afternoon for the Easter holiday.

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Apr 6th School re-opens. Nine children admitted. Total 107.

Apr 9th Miss Kirby visited the school reopened midday.

Apr 12th 10 boys were transferred to St Barnabas Boys' School; eight girls were transferred to St Peter's Girls' School. Class I (16) moved into the small classroom and class III (you were 35) moved into the large room. Four dual desks were taken to St Barnabas Boys' School.

Apr 20th Nurse examined heads.

Apr 26th School will be closed this afternoon to celebrate the Silver Wedding of The Cane and Queen.

May 5th Medical Inspection.

May 6th The children are attending church service today, Ash Wednesday, and the school will be closed.

May 14th School closes this afternoon for the Whitsuntide holiday.

May 24th School re-opens.

Jun 11th Class III piano tuned.

Jun 28th School will be closed tomorrow for St Peter's Day.

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Jul 1st School will be closed tomorrow to enable the staff to attend a Refresher course at Eastbourne.

Jul 13th School will closed tomorrow for the Sunday Schools outings.

Jul 29th School closes today for Summer holidays.

Aug 31st School re-opens.

Sep 2nd School nurse inspected hair.

Sep 14th Medical Inspection.

Sep 21st The children were photographed.

Sep 24th H. Lawrence absent Sept 17th – 23rd inclusive. Mrs Pierce on supply duty Sept 21st – 24th inclusive.

Oct 29th School closes today for mid-term holiday.

Nov 8th School re-open.

Nov 10th Dental Inspection by County dentist, Mr Manning.

Nov 15th School nurse inspected heads.

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- Nov 22nd Class III piano tuned.
- Dec 13th Miss Kuhne commenced duty.
- Dec 16th The School was open for parents to visit 2 – 3.20. The children gave an entertainment. A presentation was made to Miss Watson.
- Dec 20th The School closed for Christmas party.

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- Dec 21st Children attended church for a carol service. Miss Watson retires from the staff. School closes for Christmas holiday.

1949

- Jan 6th School re-open. Miss Kuhne married during the holiday and is now Mrs White.
- Jan 7th Nurse inspected hair.
- Jan 17th Miss Blythe, educational psychologist, saw John Robinson.
- Jan 17th Immunisation for children from both schools.
- Jan 26th Canon Bell and Mr Finch a new school manager, visited the school.
- Feb 3rd The children attended church service this morning.
- Feb 3rd Medical Inspection. 11 – 12.
- Feb 4th Medical Inspection. 11 – 12.
- Feb 10th Morning service was held in the Girls' School taken by Father Walker; after the service the presentation of a Fountain pen was made to Father Walker and a picture of the family as a mark of affection and appreciation for their work in connection with the schools.

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- Feb 14th Diocesan Inspection. Mr Hilton Wright saw each class in turn and had a discussion with the staff afterwards on method and approach in the Scripture lesson. The school closed for the rest of the day.
- Feb 17th Mr Hatton, church warden of St Peter's Church visited the school and talked to the children.
- Feb 24th The Diocesan Report received this morning.

“I visited this school at 9 a.m. on Monday February 13th. It was a pleasure to see the school brightened up with fresh paint but I could wish that the sweeping and dusting of the premises were better carried out. Perhaps the managers could look into this.”

“The opening act of Worship is taken separately in the three classes. This has its advantages but I think that it is a good thing to Worship as a school sometimes; it helps to create a standard.”

“The attendance seemed pretty good, and I was struck by the bright healthy appearance of the children in general.”

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“As very small children always find it hard to strike a note if the teacher can play the piano it does help the singing of the hymns. Worship again is not outside their compass and some opportunity should be given them for cultivating it. They also like to answer questions and a lesson in which these are freely used is more interesting to them than a monologue from the teacher.”

“Singing games based on Scriptural incidents are valuable for both instruction and entertainment.”

Signed W. Hilton Wright

Feb 25th Mrs Prothero fell over a milk crate and badly bruised and cut her legs, also injured her hand. School closes Friday for half-term holiday.

Mar 21st School closed owing to lack of heat in two classrooms, boiler receiving attention.

Mar 22nd Boiler repaired, heating more satisfactory than for some time, school open as usual.

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Mar 31st Piano tuned, Class IV room.

Apr 1st Mrs Finch visited the school and presented a picture to the school.

Apr 13th Canon Bell brought a Franciscan Monk to visit the school. He spoke to the children about the message of Easter. School closes this afternoon for the Easter holiday.

Apr 28th School re-opens.

May 11th Mr Hilton Wright in for prayers.

May 20th Medical Inspection.

May 25th The children will meet in the morning for church service after which they will return home. The school will be closed for Ascension Day.

Jun 3rd School closes today for the Whitsuntide holiday.

Jun 23rd H. Lawrence absent from school for afternoon session to attend Education meeting at Town Hall.

Jun 27th Mr Hilton Wright for prayers.

Jun 28th School will be closed tomorrow for St Peter's Day.

Jun 30th Children attended church service.

Jul 7th School will be closed tomorrow to allow the staff to attend a Teachers' Refresher Course held at the Downs Schools.

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Jul 12th School closed tomorrow for Sunday School outings.

Jul 28th School closes today for the Summer holiday.

Sep 1st School reopens. Mrs Prothero away on education course, Miss M. Pierce on supply duty.

Sep 7th PML tuned Class III

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- Sep 14th Mrs Prothero returned to duty.
- Sep 23rd Mr Mason inspected the new boiler installed during the Summer Vacation. Miss Alan visited the school and spent some time in each classroom. Medical Inspection.
- Oct 7th H. Lawrence absent during afternoon session owing to illness at home.
- Oct 13th The children were photographed.
- Oct 18th The children attended the "Road Safety" exhibition 10.30 – 12.
- Oct 26th School will be closed for the afternoon session while a Sale and Exhibition is in progress to raise funds for the Christmas Party and General School Fund.
- Oct 31st Mrs Prothero absent with colds and sore throat.

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- Nov 4th School closes Friday (p.m.) for mid-term holiday.
- Nov 14th School reopens. Mrs Prothero still absent. Mrs Foster commenced supply duty today.
- Nov 24th Mrs White absent from duty.
- Nov 28th Mrs Beddington commenced supply duty in place of Mrs White.
- Nov 29th Temperatures class I 47°, class III 49°.
- Dec 2nd H. Lawrence absent during part of the afternoon session owing to illness at home.
- Dec 12th Mrs White to return to duty. Temperatures class I 46°; class III 49°.
- Dec 15th School closed. Christmas party in afternoon.
- Dec 19th Mrs Prothero returned to duty.
- Dec 20th School closes today for Christmas holidays.

1950

- Jan 5th School re-opens after Christmas holiday. Twelve new admissions.
- Jan 10th School nurse inspected here and general cleanliness.
- Jan 10th Class II piano tuned.
- Feb 10th School closes this afternoon for mid-term holiday. 20.2.50, School re-opens.
- Feb 20th Nurse inspected hair. Medical Inspection.
- Feb 22nd Children attended church for Ash Wednesday service.

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- Feb 27th Class II room full of smoke for first one and a half hours owing to poor condition of stove, could not be used.
- Mar 3rd H. Lawrence attended Book Exhibition at Lewes.
- Mar 29th The school was open to Parents and friends from 3 – 3.30. About fifty people inspected the children's work and saw them using apparatus and hand work materials. Many children were anxious to read to their parents and considerable interest was shown in reading methods and new books. We propose to have one of these open sessions each month.
- Mar 30th Children attended church service. Mr Jones Assistant Administration Officer visited the School.
- Mar 31st Mr Watkins visited the school re: accommodation.
- Apr 4th School closes today for Easter holidays.
- Apr 19th School reopened. New stove in class II room. Five children were admitted.

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- Apr 24th Two students from Eastbourne T. C. on visit.
- Apr 24th Nurse inspected hair.
- Apr 26th Parents visiting day; the children gave a musical programme.
- May 2nd Student from Eastbourne Training College commenced three weeks teaching practice.
- May 15th Immunisation.
- May 18th Children attended Ascension Day Service. School closed for the day.
- May 22nd Medical Inspection.
- May 24th Class III piano tuned.
- May 24th Parents visiting day. The children gave items to show the development of music and movement with each age group.
- May 26th School closes today for the Whitsuntide holiday.
- Jun 5th School reopens.
- Jun 8th B.B.C. Representative called to talk about school broadcasts (Miss Williams).
- Jun 22nd Dental Inspection with parents attended (Mr Jenkins). 23.6.50 Mrs Pierce left.
- Jun 28th Parents visiting day. A Very Good Attendance of Fathers and Mothers. Classroom Activities.
- Jun 29th St Peter's Day. Children attended church service. School closed for the day.

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- Jun 13th School closed for Teachers Refresher Course. 3.7.50 Mrs Shephard commenced duty.
- Jul 3rd Pamela Burnham commenced a week's observation of the work in school.

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- Jul 12th School closed for Sunday School outings. Miss Allen called at the school.
- Jul 26th Parents visiting. A large attendance of parents and friends saw a short programme of Grammy ties nursery rhymes, a play, songs and hymns.
- Jul 28th School closes today for Summer holidays.
- Sep 4th School re-opens. 13 new admissions.
- Sep 22nd Mrs Sheppard left.
- Sep 25th Mrs Godsden commenced duty as canteen and clerical assistant.
- Sep 28th Medical Inspection.
- Oct 21st Mr Rood, H. M. I., Visited the school.
- Oct 25th School closed for afternoon session for the Annual Sale to raise money for the Christmas Party and School Fund, £19 was made.
- Oct 27th School closes today for mid-term holiday.
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- Nov 6th School re-opens after mid-term holiday.
- Nov 7th Class II piano tuned (Complaint sent about condition).
- Nov 29th Mr Thornley visited the school to see Mrs White re: her two year probationary teaching.
- Dec 13th Parents visiting day. A large attendance of parents and friends saw action songs and a nativity tableau.
- Dec 14th Carol service at church.
- Dec 19th Piano tuned in class II room at my request; seven hammers were broken. I suspect that the damage was done by boys getting into school while caretaker was doing outside work.
- Dec 19th School closed for Christmas party.
- Dec 20th Mrs White finishes duty here today. School closes for Christmas holiday.
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1951

- Jan 4th School re-opened. Many children absent with measles. Mrs Carr commenced duty replacing Mrs White. Class III piano was tuned during the holiday.
- Jan 19th H. Lawrence leaving school at 3 o'clock to catch a train, later trains too late to make connections.
- Jan 31st Parents Day. The police gave a film and talk on "Safety First" to the children and parents. Over 60 parents attended.
- Feb 7th School closes for half-term holiday – Thursday and Friday.

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- Feb 20th Medical Inspection.
- Feb 28th Parents visiting day. The children gave a short display of percussion band and dancing and the afternoon closed with some singing. There was a very good attendance of parents.
- Mar 15th H. Lawrence left school 2.10 p.m. to attend a meeting at Downs School.
- Mar 21st Children attended church service [at] 9.15. As it was a beautiful morning the whole school went for a walk afterwards.

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- Mar 22nd School closes this afternoon for Easter holidays.
- Apr 9th School re-opens. On roll 93.
- Apr 13th Nurse inspected hair.
- Apr 21st Piano tuned.
- Apr 25th Parents Visiting Day. Parents watched the children doing classroom activities.
- Apr 26th Mr Jones visited school inspecting decoration and lavatories.
- May 2nd Two children from Eastbourne Training College on observation.
- May 7th School closed for the day. Children attended Ascension Day service in church.
- May 9th Medical Inspection.
- May 11th School closes this afternoon for the Whitsuntide holiday – one week.
- May 21st School re-opens. Students from Eastbourne begin school practice.
- May 30th School closed for afternoon session. A choir taken to the Downs Modern School to take part in the Musical Festival.
- May 31st School closed for afternoon session. The children attended Festival of Britain entertainment at Downs School.

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- Jun 4th Immunisation. Infants and Juniors.
- Jun 5th Talk by police on the Road Safety.
- Jun 22nd Two students finish their School Practice Friday.
- Jun 27th Parents Day. Good attendance of Parents & friends.
- Jun 28th School will be closed tomorrow, Friday, four Teachers Refresher Course.
- Jul 3rd Class I taken on beach for an hour during the afternoon session in connection with their study of the sea-shore.
- Jul 10th School closed tomorrow – Wednesday 11th for Sunday Schools outings.

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- Jul 13th Mrs Car absent by permission of the rector, to attend Educational Conference at Society of Friends School.
- Jul 25th Parents Visiting Day. The children gave a short entertainment.
- Jul 27th School closes for summer holidays. F. L. Lawrence.
- Aug 31st Miss Lawrence's engagement as Head Teacher of St Peter's Infant School ended on 31st August, 1951.

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- Sep 1st On 1st September, 1951 this school was combined with the adjoining Junior School as one School, St Peter's C. E. Primary (Junior and Infant) School under one Head Teacher, Miss D. H. Reeve. Future entries concerning St Peter's C. E. Primary School will be made in the Log Book previously kept by the Junior School.

End of School Log Book.