

Headmaster's logs for Ewelme Primary School, 1908-1979

The following years are missing: 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1968, 1969, 1970.

1908	
Sept 14	Infant school re-opened after 6 weeks vacation. Each child provided with medical card according to new regulations.
Sept 18	Log Book supplied to Mr Herman head teacher in accordance with HMI's suggestion.
Nov 17	Medical inspection held. Attention skills were good this term.
1909	
Jan 11 -Mar 16	Dirty heads [keep recurring]. Children sent home. Attendance poor due to influenza (13 children).
May 18-19	School inspection by HMI. Very bad term for attendance.
June 9	Copy of report (actually in the Archive) "The school ranks among the foremost in the County."
	Points discussed - More healthful postures in the reading and writing lessons. Registers should be checked at least once a quarter. Managers are to be congratulated upon the success with which this historical building has been adapted to modern school requirements. Playgrounds for both schools are most desirable.
June 15	Boy returned after being absent since Feb 9th. Doctor certified his head free from vermin.
June 24	Boy pupil sent home, he behaves in a very strange manner and is not fit for school. Dr Bircham, Watlington, has granted him exemption for 6 months.
July 23	Half holiday given for school treat.
Sept 20	School opened after 7 weeks holiday. Extra week given on account of the very backward state of the harvest owing to bad weather.
Oct 1	Three children excluded on Doctors orders (Impetigo).
Oct 27	Chicken pox. Attendance very poor due to illness and bad weather.
1910	
Jan 5	Agnes Lawrence died suddenly. Ring worm appears.
Mar 15	Mr Bartlett HMI brought Mr Carr Chief Inspector of Nigeria. Children very interested never having seen an African before.
June 9	This afternoon a terrible storm raged- attendances were cancelled.
June 10	Weather still very stormy so attendance poor.
July 17	School closed on account of whooping cough.
Oct 17	School re-opened - whooping cough not quite clear.
Dec 16	Attendance poor - very bad weather.
1911	
April 24	Dr Birch again excludes complete family for having heads in 'an unclean state'.

June 5/6	Two days holiday given as school closed during Coronation Week.
July 12	Pupil who had fits returned to school after absence of some years. Though 10 yrs old he was ignorant of alphabet and must work in the infant class for some time.
July 24	Roll 77. School closed in fine weather. After games children given ice cream by staff. In morning many parents and friends attended an end of term service in church. School closed with assembly and prayers - Head Teacher "I leave it on record for any successors that from Ewelme Pageant the managers hold a sum of approx £135 to be spent on installing water in the class room, of this there may be as much (as a surplus) of £60 still to come to the school after water is installed. As a result of our sports days we have in balance in Barclays Bank in Wallingford of about £41. This has been given on the understanding that some educational amenities of substantially permanent value eg Radio, Records, Pictures, Films etc. A working balance of approx £15 is required for next sports days expenses.
1920	
Mar 18th	Mrs Pearce (Nit Nurse?) found several children with dirty heads. [REDACTED]
Mar 24th	Dr Birch, School Doctor, found [REDACTED] dirty and again excluded them.
July 22 nd	Mr R T Franklin (Manager) visited and found children present 55.
1921	
Mar 11 th	[REDACTED] sent home as he had fallen in the brook.
Sep 19 th	Fifteen children away with measles – School closed for a week.
Sep 29 th	School closed for Wallingford Fair [this was an annual closure at the end of September]
1922	
Jan 30 th	Twenty one children out of 56 away with influenza. School closed for 2 weeks!
Feb 27 th	Miss Champion left Miss Champion after 8 years' service and was presented with an attache case as a small recognition of her kindness and careful teaching.
Feb 28 th	Closed school for Princes Mary's Wedding Day.
Mar 31 st	[REDACTED] sent home for insubordination. In the past the father had accused the Master of unfair punishment. It was agreed with Managers that in future the boy be sent home and the father held responsible.
Apr 3 rd	Minnie Winfield commenced duties in this school
Nov 17 th	School closed as headmaster away from home.
1923	
Apr 16 th	Dentist at the school all week.
Apr 26 th	School holiday for a day at request of the King
May 30 th	Mr Franklin inspected school and 56 children present
Oct 1 st	Mrs Minnie Winfield Harris resigned – Miss H Payne commenced duties.
1924	
Apr 21 st	School closed as whooping cough broke out – reopened June 2 nd . Closed again until June 23 rd .
1 Oct 10 th	Several children away with impetigo.

Oct 29 th	Mr Herman left the school after 34 yrs. School closed for 2 days for him to move. But as new master cannot commence until the New Year Mr Herman to continue in post until the end of December.
Nov 11 th	Children attended war shrine.
Nov 5 th	Miss Jones commenced duties as infant teacher.
Dec 12 th	Mr Herman's last entry – Dr Birch visited the school as several children had been excluded with impetigo.
1925	
Jan 5 th	Mr R C E Quixley commenced duty as headmaster. Children numbered 71. [Although
Feb 10 th	Chicken Pox – 14 cases and 9 children away as contacts. School closed for a fortnight on the 13 th .
Jan 4 th	Miss Payne had left last November. Mrs Minnie Harris recommenced as Temporary Assistant Teacher (Uncertificated).
Apr 12 th	A new Admissions Register brought into use owing to dilapidation of old one. Elizabeth Cherrill assisting Miss N Jones in Infants Room, Sarah Handscomb to help Mrs Harris with Lower Division.
May 31 st	██████████ won the Ewelme Scholarship of £30 p.a. for 4 years. She also won the Bishop's Prize at the Diocesan Inspection.
1926	
Dec 17 th	HMI report on school mentioned Mrs Harris as being young and inexperienced, needed more direction and supervision from headmaster. Her manner with the children is kindly but a considerable improvement in method and attainment will be looked for at the next visit.
1927	
Mar 14 th	██████████ reported her son ██████████ had been pushed by ██████████. ██████████ told headmaster he had fallen over a chair. He had a nasty injury to his eye. ██████████ told the next day after a Managers meeting she was on no account to lay a hand on the children and a future complaint will be reported to Oxford.
Mar 23 rd	██████████ awarded the Bishops Prize. Left for Wallingford Grammar later on.
Mar 28 th	██████████ removed to Isolation Hospital with diphtheria. ██████████ isolated.
Dec 22 nd	Roads too frosty only 32 children could reach school. Afternoon attendance was 54.
1928	
Mar 22 nd	██████████ sent home as he was in a dirty, untidy condition. Mrs ██████████ complained to the mangers and said he would not return until she had heard from Oxford. The headmaster to report to Oxford that the ██████████ children are consistently in a dirty and smelly condition.
April 20 th	██████████ admitted as an infant with ██████████.
June 11 th	Outbreak of mumps.
June 15 th	Attendance only 58 out of 83. The summer holidays were subsequently shortened.
Sep 3 rd	Miss N Jones resigned to get married.
Sept 10 th	Miss V C Moss appointed to infants dept.
Oct 2 nd	██████████ kept in for half an hour at dinner time for laziness and bad behaviour. His

	father kept him away from school in the afternoon. Reported to S.A.O.
1929	
Feb 26 th	Influenza outbreak plus snowstorm. Only 9 present in morning and 11 in afternoon.
Mar 1 st	Influenza and colds so prevalent only 6 children attended. All teaching staff except the headmaster also away ill. Oxford ordered headmaster to carry on!
Mar 4 th	Headmaster's daughter [REDACTED] has scarlet fever. As no teaching staff available Oxford ordered the school to be closed for two weeks.
Apr 12 th	Four children - [REDACTED] left school at 9.0 am at their parents' orders as no fires were lighted. Fires were lit and headmaster sent for children to return which they did. [REDACTED] was exceedingly rude and defiant, and I have reported the case to the managers.
Apr 15 th	Case reported to Oxford. [REDACTED] refused entry until he attains 5 yrs of age.
Apr 16 th	Reported youngest Quixley daughter had scarlet fever to Oxford – headmaster ordered to stay out of school for 2 weeks.
Apr 18 th	Mrs E M Chaundy taken over school on instructions from Oxford.
Apr 29 th	Mr Quixley resumed duty as he is sleeping away from the house and his daughter is segregated.
June 26 th	Mr S Heaton County Horticultural Instructor visited school to inspect the garden.
Sept 9 th	Pupil teachers, [REDACTED] left having passed exams. Older boys proceed to Dorchester on Monday afternoons for instruction at the Woodwork Centre.
1930	
Jan 8 th	Miss D M Williams commenced as supplementary teacher. Classes organised as Standards 1 and 2 Mrs Harris. 3 and 4 Miss Williams. 5, 6, and 7 Mr Quixley.
Jan 31 st	Miss V E Moss left.
Feb 25 th	30 children away out of 84 with jaundice, mumps and chicken pox.
Dec 8 th	Mr Quixley away in afternoon suffering to lumbago.
1931	
Oct 9 th	[REDACTED] away from school for operation for tonsils and adenoids.
Oct 19 th	Miss E E Walker commenced duty as an uncertified teacher.
1932	
June 24 th	Thirty one cases of measles. Average attendance 45 out of 80.
June 27 th	Mrs [REDACTED] brought her two daughters to school at 11.15 am – it appears that the elder child has been playing truant.
June 29 th	Two [REDACTED] children brought to school at 9.20 am by Mrs Foster. They were found crying in a field and the elder child said they had been chased by a man. On questioning the younger girl apart, she denied the story.
Oct 14 th	Had to speak to Mrs Harris as [REDACTED] fell off a desk in the playground and Mrs Harris made no attempt to attend to her. I had to attend to the child and Mrs Harris said she wasn't hurt and in any case, it was her own fault. [REDACTED] stayed away in the

	afternoon.
Oct 20 th	██████████ run into by a bicycle after leaving school and fainted. Mrs Harris sent for me to attend to him as he is in my class.
Oct 21 st	Mrs Harris arrived at 1.30 pm exact. As the bell rings at 1.20 pm and the register is to be marked at 1.25 pm I considered she was late for school.
Nov 30 th	Miss Terry the Physical Training Organiser visited school but could not see children at drill as the HMI was here.
Dec 7 th	Miss D M Hart County Instructress of Needlework visited to inspect children's' work.
1933	
Jan 20 th	Head had spoken to Mrs Harris re her criticising him to the other teacher Miss E E Walker. This has gone on for some time and has to stop.
Jan 23 rd	Only 43 of the 75 children attended due to influenza outbreak and intense cold weather.
Feb 2 nd	Headmaster away with influenza.
Feb 3 rd	Mrs Harris away with influenza. Oxford ordered school to close for one week.
Feb 15 th	Inspectors report critical of Mrs Harris's methods of teaching infants.
Mar 21 st	Infants allowed to leave school too early at lunchtime, two days running.
Apr 6 th	Mrs Harris interfered with headmaster's criticism of the work of a class in which her son is a pupil. Considered to be a distinct breach of professional etiquette and school discipline and reported to School Managers.
May 13 th	Inspectors report urgent need for whole school to start the year with the adaption of the revised syllabus in every class.
1934	
Mar 2 nd	██████████ granted special leave of absence in order to be confirmed. At 2.45 pm Upper Division of the school attended the Confirmation Service in the church.
June 22 nd	Mr J Halliday County Handwork Organiser visited the school to examine the handwork.
July 30 th	Warned Miss Walker against habit of slapping children and pulling them about! ██████████, somewhat troublesome, must not be worried in this way as she is inclined to be hysterical.
Sept 10 th	Miss Isabel Quixley commenced training as a student teacher Standard 3 and 4 under supervision of headmaster.
Nov 29 th	Holiday for wedding of HRH The Duke of Kent.
Dec 18 th	██████████ awarded prizes in National Handwriting Competition organised by the Childrens Newspaper, London.
1935	
Apr 8 th	Headmaster to attend a Science Class at Oxford. Mr Potter taken over as temporary headmaster for the week.
May 6 th	Two days holidays given for HM The Kings Jubilee Celebrations.
May 10 th	HMI remained whole day. As a result headmaster had to warn all children about talking and lack of concentration on their work.
May 15 th	Scarlet Fever broken out in the village. Only 38 out of 73 children attended.
May 17 th	School to close for one week for fumigation.

Sept 27 th	██████████ insolent to headmaster during arithmetic class and was punished. Entered in Punishment Book.
Nov 13 th	██████████ obtained 134 th place out of 707 candidates for examination for the Army Apprentice Trades Corp.
1936	.
Jan 28 th	No school owing to the funeral of King George V
Apr 1 st	Warning to ██████████ re her behaviour outside the school premises. Warning given in front of Miss Walker. The child stayed away from school in the afternoon.
May 21 st	Warned ██████████ about carrying tales home re her sisters treatment in school.
July 30 th	No school due to village flower show. This was an annual occurrence.
Nov 11 th	Four boys, ██████████ attended Eye Clinic at Benson and were away all afternoon.
1937	
Jan 15 th	Outbreak of measles, only 22 out of 55 attended. Oxford ordered school to be closed for one week and thoroughly cleansed.
May 11 th	School broke up for the Coronation and Whitsun Holidays.
June 1 st	Fifty seven pupils. Letter received from Correspondents informing the Oxford Education Authy decided to reduce the teaching staff. Mrs Harris leaves the school and Miss Walker takes over the Infants Dept from today as part of the reorganisation scheme which must be arranged asap.
June 9 th	Diocesan Religious Inspection. Annual Event.
1938	
Mar 8 th	Religious instruction in church from 11.30 am to 12 noon. This arrangement will continue throughout Lent.
Mar 11 th	Special holiday granted to enable children to see the film 'Victoria the Great'. Whole Upper Division attended.
June 30 th	Capt Hirst RSPCA visited school and gave lecture on Kindness to Animals.
June 30 th	Diocesan Inspection Report. Children generally showed a good knowledge of the work and manifest interest which should be developed along sympathetic lines in the sense of Dean Inge's phrase 'Religion is caught, not taught.'
July 4 th	Miss J Livesey County Needlework & Domestic Science Organiser visited the school and informed headmaster that a Domestic Science Class for the Senior Girls had been arranged for each Tuesday all day, commencing after the summer holidays. To be held at Dorchester.
Nov 21 st	Headmaster was unable to take a full part in teaching owing to an attack of rheumatism and lumbago.
Dec 21 st	Severe snowstorm, only 37 out of 52 children attended.
Dec 22 nd	Only 20 children attended due to severe weather.
Dec 23 rd	Only 17 children attended. Xmas holidays from mid day.
1939	.
Jan 30 th	██████████ were awarded Ewelme Scholarships
Feb 2 nd	School closed at noon so children could attend funeral of Lester Palmer Esq., one of the

	School Managers.
Jan 12 th	Diocesan Inspector pleased to see the real interest shown by the top class in the Parish Church. Average attendance 48 out of 51.
Apr 5 th	First influx of children of the RAF Aerodrome commenced attendance at school.
Apr 17 th	More RAF children bringing the number up to 72. Managers asked to request LEA for another teacher.
June 5 th	Miss E Williams commenced duty as an uncertificated teacher to the infants.
June 16 th	██████████ passed examination for Army Apprentice Trade Corps.
Sept 6 th	School should have resumed but owing to outbreak of war practically all the RAF children have been sent away. A party of children evacuated from London arrived and attended for registration.
Sept 11 th	Ewelme children numbered 60. London Evacuees Register was 51. The majority of these are from St Saviours C of E School, Paddington and the remainder from West Ham. On Oxford's instruction serious instruction is not being carried out – school time being devoted to nature studies, country rambles, and physical training and organised games, gardening and any other method of occupying the children in the open air. [A teacher accompanied one school – Mr Beal. He is the man in a dark suit supervising the boys digging – photo in village book].
Sept 18 th	Five London children returned home.
Sept 19 th	Mrs Sandilands, School Health Visitor found a number of dirty heads.
Sept 21 st	Miss Wilson, school dental surgeon, visited to inspect teeth.
Sept 25 th	Four London children returned home.
Sept 29 th	Forty two London children remain. Every opportunity taken to get out of doors – the London children benefited very much from the sunshine and fresh air.
Oct 13 th	Ewelme children 59, London children 36. Five had returned home.
Oct 20 th	Four more London children returned home.
Nov 3 rd	The summer weather has now broken up and school work is now taking its normal course. London children 33, Ewelme children 56.
Nov 25 th	Mr W Herman, late headmaster, visited today and recalled the fact that he took up his duties exactly half a century ago this day.
1940	
Jan 2 nd	Miss D Sims commenced duties. Seven London children returned home. Ewelme children 55, London children 23.
Mar 21 st	Attendance low over last 3 months due to bitterly cold weather, measles and influenza.
Apr 1 st	Headmaster in charge of the LCC [London County Council?] children. Ewelme children 50, London children 15.
April 9 th	School visited by LCC HMI Mr Bereford Ingram and Mr Young late HMI representing the LEA. The LCC HMI criticised the writing of the London children and asked me to give them proper training. Agreed.
May 3 rd	A large number of children taken to Whipsnade. [Obviously zoos not closed then]
May 18 th	Rector informs me Miss Sims has resigned.
May 22 nd	LCC evacuees transferred to Garsington by orders of the Billeting Authority.

May 23 rd	Due to Miss Sims departure Upper Room Standards 2, 3, 4 5, 6 and 7 Mr Quixley. Lower Room Standard 1 and Infants – Miss Walker.
June 14 th	██████████ started school. (RAF father).
Aug 26 th	██████████ commenced school.
Sept 16 th	██████████ evacuated from London.
Sept 20 th	Ewelme children 50, evacuees 4.
Dec 13 th	Ewelme 53, evacuees 16.
1941	
May 2 nd	Ewelme 58, Evacuees 16.
Sept 9 th	Immunisation carried out on Infants by order of County Schools Medical Officer.
Sept 22 nd	Miss F Coombes commenced duty as Infants teacher. From this date all attendance of non-village children are to be counted in as one total with Ewelme.
Nov 10 th	School closed for potato picking.
1942	.
Jan 19 th	Heavy snowfall meant only 34 children out of 68 present
June 12 th	Miss Courtenay HMI, visited the school at 2.0- pm in connection with the local British Restaurant.
July 1 st	Childrens Groups – Upper – 24, Lower 20, and Infants 21.
Oct 23 rd	Small number of children away potato picking.
Nov 13 th	Eight children granted leave to go potato picking.
1943	
Jan 14 th	Mr Moyes, Assist Horticultural Organiser gave a lantern lecture on ‘Garden Pests and Pruning’.
Jan 28 th	Only 30 attended out of 58 due to bad colds.
Feb 10 th	Diphtheria inoculations today by Dr Birch.
June 1 st	County Intermediate Scholarship. ██████████ passed, and admitted to Technical Training Institutes in Liverpool. ██████████ won Bishops Prize.
Aug 23 rd	School reopened after summer holidays. (It closed on July 29 th).
Aug 27 th	School broke up again in order to commence potato picking. [1943 - ██████████ can remember being paid 6d an hour, 4 hours a day, 5 days a week! ██████████ was only paid 4 1/2d an hour for leading the cart horses around the fields when harvesting].
Oct 4 th	School reopened. [War effort disrupting term times]
Dec 7 th	Miss Livesey, County Domestic Science Organiser, visited school to make arrangements for midday meals for children in the New Year.
1944	
June 9 th	Diocesan Scripture Report – <i>“Owing to there being some difficulty in grouping the children for Religious Instruction, it has not been possible to adhere too closely to the Diocesan syllabus. However, the Lower Group and Infants answered well and brightly and showed a good knowledge of the chief events of Our Lord’s life. The Upper group were attentive and interested in their work. They were being taught to realise the practical side of belief in Christ in the building up of character. At the service of Morning Prayer with which the inspection concluded, they were able to find their places</i>

	<i>in the Prayer Book. Thus the children showed they could take their part in the public worship of the Church which, with private prayer, is to sustain them in the Christian life."</i> The Bishops Prize was awarded to [REDACTED] and the two Certificates to [REDACTED].
July 12 th	Special days holiday for school sports in connection with National Savings Week.
Sept 22 nd	School broke up for potato harvest.
Oct 9 th	School reopened.
1945	.
Mar 27 th	Schools Music Organiser Miss Pilkington, visited to discuss future schemes
Apr 11 th	School reopened 2 days late due to redecoration of Infants room being incomplete.
May 1 st	Mr Moyes, Assnt Horticulture Instructor gave demonstration on grafting to gardening class.
May 8 th	School closed for days holiday in celebration of the Allied Victory over Germany.
Aug 29 th	School reopened a day late as the decorators had not cleared up.
Oct 28 th	School closed for 2 weeks for potato harvest. [Have been told children were paid 6d an hour for potato picking. However, an RAF billet boy was only paid 4 1/2d per hour for leading the cart horses round the fields for the carts to be loaded.]
1946	
Jan 15 th	Mr Postgate representative of Oxford Education Committee visited to examine and report on condition of school in connection with the new Development Plan.
Jan 21 st	Weather bitterly cold. Children who attended had to have lessons around the fires.
Apr 1 st	David Winfield has passed the entrance exam for Magdalen College School, Oxford.
Oct 18 th	Nine children given leave to go potato picking.
1947	
Jan 16 th	School reopened 3 days late as redecoration work had not been completed.
Jan 24 th	A number of RAF children have joined the school and headmaster asked for a further stationery allowance of £7. Attendance 88.
Jan 27 th	Severe frosts and heavy snowfalls seriously affected attendance. On books 89. Monday 62, Tuesday 63, Wednesday 48, Thursday 49 and Friday 50. Intense cold makes it difficult to warm the rooms and the children had to sit near the fires all the day.
Feb 7 th	Heavy snowfall, 12 children away owing to impassable roads. Fifteen away with chicken pox.
Feb 14 th	Attendance only 52 out of 89 due to bad weather and chicken pox.
Feb 24 th	Bitterly cold weather. Temperature below freezing in upper room. Children had to sit around stoves all day.
Mar 9 th	School closed by order of OEC for teachers to attend a series of UNSCO lectures in Henley. Unfortunately trip impossible as snowfall had blocked the roads.
May 7 th	Headmaster notified by Director of Education that the children over 11 will be transferred to Dorchester Secondary Modern School after the summer holidays.
July 25 th	Miss Coombes resigned.
Sept 8 th	School reopened as a Voluntary Primary School. Twenty eight children have left. Twenty three seniors to Dorchester Modern. Four to Wallingford Grammar and [REDACTED]

	██████ left for Surrey. Mrs J Winfield commenced duty as temporary teacher in Infants Dept. Children on books 72.
Nov 20 th	Special Holiday on occasion of marriage of HRH Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip.
1948	.
Apr 26 th	Kings Jubilee half day holiday
June 25 th	██████ sent home suffering from Impetigo.
Nov 24 th	First Intelligence Entrance Examination held. Fourteen candidates and ordinary lessons suspended while it was in progress.
1949	
Jan 28 th	Ninety one on the books.
Feb 2 nd	Mr Kenzie School Attendance Officer visit in connection with reported influx of RAF children in the new married quarters.
Feb 3 rd	Mrs H Orpwood, Canteen Supervisor, visited the school to introduce her successor Miss Gill.
Feb 14 th	Miss Barton, Senior Canteen Organiser, visited the School Canteen.
Mar 29 th	Letter from Director of Education to ██████ that in view of ██████ appearance and physical condition she should remain at Ewelme School and not go to Dorchester. [The photographs show ██████ had dwarfism – she did subsequently go to Dorchester].
Apr 5 th	Mr David Jones, the new headmaster brought to school by the Rector K Jenkins [his personal friend] and introduced. Mr Quixley spent an hour with him going through various matters. A Police Sergeant from Watlington gave a special lecture on pedestrian crossing and traffic. Miss Moorhouse, Assnt Education Officer from Oxford called to go into staffing and accommodation. Handed matter to Rector.
Apr 7 th	Miss Gill School Canteen Supervisor, visited canteen during dinner time.
May 30 th	Mr W T Herman the late headmaster, visited the school and recalled that he commenced his duties in this school exactly 60 years ago.
July 22 nd	Children on books 99.
July 27 th	Attendance 81 out of 98. School broke up at midday. Mr Quixley's last entry. He retired to Cornwall.
Sept 7 th	Mr David Jones took over as headmaster. Mrs Foster commenced duties in the canteen.
Sept 9 th	Arrangements made for transfer of Infants to new annexe and for removal of Upper Juniors to Ground Floor leaving Lowe Juniors upstairs where most expansion is probable and possible. Mr T Orpwood and Rector Rev Ken Jenkins consulted on this matter.
Sept 20 th	Miss Moorhouse visited. Reported the matter of stationery deficiency and text book requirements; also cloakroom and lavatory question for annexe.
Sept 28 th	Mr T Orpwood [School Manager] approached headmaster re letting of school for meetings.
Oct 7 th	Miss Rabley advised max of 20 in annexe, and urged formation of new class with extra assistant as soon as possible.
Oct 10 th	Miss Moorhouse spent 3-4 hrs assisting Mr Gidman with the Infants. She recommended the new room for use as Standard 4 only. Infants to revert to large room in main building, and a reorganisation of 4 classes for Miss Walker to receive class up from Mr Gidman. Message from director that a piano is coming.

Oct 13 th	Delivery of Brinsmead Piano to annexe.
Oct 31 st	Miss Moorhouse informed that no 4 th teacher was to be appointed. I pointed out that no internal organisation could take place under the circumstances. Architect called re books and lights in annexe.
Nov 23 rd	Attendance 96. Have written for extra teacher. Buffer Test received and given.
Dec 16 th	Managers approved appointment of Mrs E Jones, School House, to assist in place of Mr Gidman who leaves this term.
1950	
Jan 9 th	Mrs Alice Harwood appointed as supervisor for Infants in playground. Mrs Miners appointed to canteen staff. 88 children dined. 105 children on roll today.
Jan 10 th	Overcrowding in dining room. Two sittings required 70 and 25.
Jan 12 th	Standard 3 and 4 – 25 children. Standard 1 and 2, 50 with Miss Walker. Infants 30 with Mrs Jones. Congestion in Infant's class means proper work is impeded. Handwork and PT are out of the question for middle and upper group who have always combined those subjects. Up to 94 dinners served daily. Kemps Motorbus have been informed of transport congestion and danger. They supplied an extra coach for our 61 passengers but others, adults and Grammar School and Crowmarsh children were also packed in, therefore no better. Mr Kemp will remedy.
Jan 16 th	By moving headmasters desk into a former cloakroom an extra table was made available downstairs to enable one dining session. This avoided supervision of non-dining pupils. Rector called re 4 th teacher who has still not arrived.
Jan 23 rd	Requested Mrs E Jones to be appointed as permanent 4 th teacher and ask for a supply teacher until Miss F M Coombes could return.
Feb 6 th	Architects representative called to check up work done by Mr Godden (repairs etc) and take note of work required.
Feb 7 th	Miss Gill visited with cook from Benson and her apprentice cook. Attendance 108.
Feb 8 th	Mr W J Herman [then over 87 yrs old] former headmaster who began here over 60 years ago visited, and spent some time going over the building and meeting the scholars. He remarked on the alertness and intelligence of the children and on their good physique. From his remarks and inquiries it appears that a red log book is missing. Miss Walker said Mr Quixley had it on his last school day.
Feb 10 th	Long report on provision of emergency teachers.
Feb 13 th	Headmaster had to take his class upstairs with Miss Walker. Mrs Jones had Infants downstairs. Fortunately attendance still very low 74/105. Miss Pilkington suggested the new piano should be upstairs – rather a problem of removal. Also promised melody of national songs.
Feb 14 th	Mrs Jenkins telephoned to say she could not come to assist teaching as she was indisposed and would in fact, not be coming at all. What could we do with the children arriving and the school all arranged, books, desks materials, all transferred ready for 4 classroom? Asked Mrs Harwood to take Infants, Mrs J Winfield being unable to attend. Reported to Oxford. This is the most serious dislocation of work yet and most harmful to the school. Mr Wildey called about shrubbery..
Feb 15 th	Rector phoned with 'probably' supply teacher. I lose count.
Feb 20 th	No supply arrived. Mrs Poupart comes to see to Infants – not so good after all, but doing her best.
Feb 28 th	Mrs Wardle qualified by E T scheme arrives to take Infants for remainder of the term. Rector informs me Mrs E Jones now appointed as permanent fourth teacher. Saw ██████████

	████████ re psychiatrists visit and ██████████.
Mar 2 nd	Shrubs arrived for bank outside school. Mr Wiley arrived to advise on same. Reported ad state of playground to rector, drainage of cesspits interrupts PT and not very pleasant for dinners and equipment left in playground over lunchtime.
Mar 8 th	Miss Barnes, Clinical Psychologist to see ██████████ and ██████████ and parents.
Mar 10 th	PC Pickford called to interview 2 children MW and ED from Downs direction, concerning suspicious male character who had hailed them on way home.
Mar 13 th	Mrs Wardle confirmed she will not continue teaching as she is pregnant. Mrs Harwood continues with infants. Attendance 91 out of 108. Miss Sidgwick HMI inspected needlework. Knitting was of a very pleasing standard.
Mar 15 th	Miss Jarvis, a friend of Manager Mr Orpwood, to teach till end of term as she is Emergency Trained.
Mar 17 th	Miss Rabley HMI and Lady Helen Asquith called to inspect premises and made suggestions re improving playgrounds, working facilities and lavatories. Miss Jarvis arrived with Mr Orpwood and the stationery arrived. Mrs Harwood's last teaching day and she can recommence playground supervising duties.
Mar 23 rd	Miss Jarvis put into practice the idea of indoor recreation break. I did not think it successful and informed her of my ideas of law and order without fear of corporal punishment. I am afraid the Emergency Colleges give them experimental ideas which might work with a well-trained 'old hand' but which it is unfair to suggest to one year trained and inexperienced young folk. Reported conditions of cess pit to Mr West.
Mar 24 th	Police Sergeant Jones of Watlington gave Safety First Talk.
Mar 27 th	Have written about appointment of a caretaker.
Apr 24 th	Miss Jarvis did not return. Mrs Harwood continued with Infants. Lower Jnrs in Annexe was 31 – far too many. Attendance 106/113
May 22 nd	Cases reported of cruelty to birds and nests.
Jun 5 th	Miss Coombes returned after 1 years leave for training. Refuses to sign 'in' and 'off' book.
Jun 16 th	Headmaster spoke to staff about refusals or omissions to sign times of arrives. As I have a very definite reason for this book there must be compliance. It is professional bad manners for any members of staff to go against a headmasters wishes as regards running and organisation.
Jun 19 th	Rector visited with Swedish party. Flt Lt Cronin Retd. Edcn officer visited – 'contact and courtesy'. Attendance 108/112.
Jun 27 th	Miss Gill resigning, and brought in Miss Auckland our new canteen organiser.
Jun 28 th	Sports to be held to suit recent division of school into Houses. Success will be awarded on points, not prizes. Houses are Suffolk (blue) led by Miss Coombes. Chaucer (Red) led by Miss Walker, De la Pole (yellow) led by Mrs Jones. Each House to have a Girl and Boy Captain and Vice-Captain.
July 25 th	School Sports Evening. House Trophy to Suffolk. Victor Ludorum to ██████████ of Chaucer. Hoddinott Challenge Cup for best individual performance to ██████████. Brother Kenneth of the Society of St Francis came to speak to the children.
Sep 6 th	Start of term. Infants III and II Miss Coombes - 35. Lower Jnrs Cl 1 and Std I – Mrs E Jones - 27. Middle Jnrs Std II and III Miss E E Walker - 32, Upper Jnrs Std IV and V Mr D Jones - 16. Attendance 93/111. Sixty children were from RAF Benson!!

Sep 11 th	Radiogramophone given as gift from village Social Club Committee - who used it during the War to raise funds for servicemen.
Sep 19 th	An incident of unsympathetic discipline in Miss Walker's class.
Sep 21 st	School closed for Thame Show.
Sep 29 th	Interview with [REDACTED] re missing 1/6d her daughter's dinner money. Traced to a boy who admitted taking a purse and shilling from [REDACTED] too. I consider his actions not as stealing for itself but as an expression of some disturbance in his makeup which I advised his father to trace and settle.
Oct 3 rd	Notice from Mrs [REDACTED] that she is removing her child [REDACTED] from School because 'this type of school does not suit his temperament.'
Nov 13 th	Cesspit overflowing constantly and field wet. Children kept in.
Nov 16 th	Headmaster took over 10 pupils from Miss Walker's class in the hope their work will be less static and they will respond to less drastically unsympathetic handling.
Nov 23 rd	Word on drainage to commence by Mr West Builders. School to close for 3 days.
1951	
Jan 8 th	Mrs Alice Harwood to canteen duties from playground supervisor. Roll 115, but attendance low due to chicken pox epidemic.
Jan 10 th	Mr Orpwood reported case of [REDACTED] alleged to be irregularly employed on a local newspaper round.
Feb 2 nd	A Parents Teachers Assn was formed at a meeting held in the school.
Feb 10 th	Parent Teachers letter re proposals re sanitation. Mr Orpwood made suggestion of school lavatories and annexe extension to be situated in the present School House Gardens precincts. My plans were asked for a meeting with Mr West Builders.
Feb 24 th	Met with Managers to discuss development plan. Possibility of RAF school opening. Aided status decided on as initial measure. Breakdown in meeting when Rector suggested the headmaster should pay jointly for sweeping of playground. I then left.
Mar 1 st	Telephoned by BBC by visit of their staff to study reception of programmes in school on March 7 th .
Mar 31 st	Appointed Mrs K M Hutchins playground supervisor and Miss E Whant, extra cleaner for annexe.
Apr 6 th	Miss Freda Young gave travel talk with exhibits to older children.
Apr 11 th	Electric fires being installed in annexe.
Apr 19 th	Clinical Psychologist tested [REDACTED] aged 8, and found him to be 6 yrs advanced in mental age.
May 3 rd	Ascension Day. No school after church service, holiday coincides with Festival of Britain opening.
May 31 st	Mr Dorrell Deputy Director, discussed school extending to Reading Room.
Jun 21 st	[REDACTED] awarded scholarship in Reading School. He will go as a boarder.
July 28 th	Attendance 106 out of 122.
July 2 nd	Mr Dorrell spoke to Parents & Teachers Assoc on press report of projected aerodrome school for 100 pupils and retention of Ewelme as a 5-11 yr 2 class school on account of its historical importance and interest. Attendance 123.
July 21 st	Informed that Village Reading Room will be used from September with expected

	increase in numbers.
July 24 th	Sports Day. House Trophy Suffolk. Hoddinott Cup - Peter Miners.
July 25 th	End of Term Service with parents and Friends. Lessons and solos by almost all leaving children. Many expressed their enjoyment of the pleasurable and reverent contributions by the children and of the conduct of the school as a whole. Prizes awarded. Bishop's Prize – [REDACTED]. Bishop's Certificates, [REDACTED]. Headmaster's prizes – [REDACTED]. Teachers' prizes – [REDACTED]. Rector's Prize- [REDACTED]. Week to close with a Pageant in Ewelme to celebrate The Festival of Britain. Many children will take part in Maypole and Morris Dancing, Jack in the Green, Hobby Horse and juvenile parts in historical scenes.
Sept 5 th	Middle Jnrs class and stock transferred to Reading Room. Lower Jnrs moved to upper room in main building, and top class to the annexe. Mr West (Builder) said the Rector had instructed no work done on school in the holidays i.e. window cleaning would be sanctioned. Accordingly I asked Frank Godden to clean windows and present his bill to the Educ. Office. School featured in 'Times Education' (Aug) with artists drawing. Total Roll 124. Infnts 38. Top Inf and Lower Jnr 33. Mid Jnr 38. Upper Jnr 15.
Sep 7 th	Lower floor flooded due to storm. No school. Mr Chunter Ede, Home Secretary, called to look round the school.
Sep 12 th	Middle Jnrs vacated Reading Room as it is Women's Institute Day. Had remainder of lessons in the open, as it was a fine day!
Sep 14 th	Insufficient buses supplied, one small bus overcrowded and no double decker in a.m. As a last resort I asked Police Sgt Pickford for his help.
Sept 18 th	Canteen problems. Dinners have increased to 116 incl staff. No school service and no reply from the Rectory!
Sept 26 th	Letter to D of E re difficulties of accommodation, staffing and canteen. Anticipate having to refuse all comers [new pupils] in January!
Oct 4 th	Asked for 2 new canteen staff – 30 hrs per month. Attendance 113/129.
Oct 12 th	Mrs Strickland and Mrs Winfield (Kings Pool) appointed for canteen. 7 tables and 12 forms arrived.
Oct 16 th	It should be put on record that on Saturday 13 th Oct the school managers confirmed their decision that the Rector K J Jenkins M.A. should no longer be a 'correspondent' and that T C Orpwood Esq of Levers Farm should take over his duties. On visiting the church I find there is <u>no School Service!</u>
Oct 30 th	First School service this term in church. Rector taking it.
Nov 1 st	Miss Cooling HMI inspected girls' needlework and was very pleased. Also suggested boys should attempt knitting and mending and girls should be acquainted with technical terms, size of needles etc.
Nov 5 th and 6 th	Steps inside school leaving to the exit towards School House have been partly repaired. Three only have been levelled. The flooding trouble (the raising of the threshold or provision of a chourfered 'still') has not been done and water continues to our in on a rainy day.
Nov 8 th	Miss Flowerdew called with a washable baby doll.
Nov 15 th	Notification that new school will commence in RAF Benson after Xmas. Attendance drops.
Nov 21 st	Miss Bott, School Meals County Organiser inspected canteen working under new conditions and was satisfied. Mr Orpwood intimated that the question of the loyalty of a

	member of staff was giving grounds for uneasiness. I was aware of this, but very relieved to have it ventilated with the correspondent himself.
Nov 27 th	Letter from D of E saying that in January I should still continue to admit RAF children already 5 yrs old before the start of the term. I have written to request another teacher and another room.
Dec 4 th	Lady Malise Graham had taken up the case of [REDACTED] whom she had found in a cold and distressed state on the way home. It was not a case for the NSPCC as there was no deliberate maltreatment and the health visitor and everyone had helped in whatever way they could. The case would be handed to the Children's Dept by D of E.
Dec 6 th	RAF Edcn Officer called for briefing on conditions demanding accommodation of RAF children separately on camp.
Dec 13 th	Mr Dorrell Deputy of D of E came to outline a proposed scheme for absorbing RAF children until suitable provision can be commenced on the camp. The effect on Ewelme is that from January until further notice, no child of any age from RAF Benson can be admitted to the school unless there is a child from the same family already in school. Others, it is hoped, will be accommodated in a neighbouring school. Attendance 109/124
Dec 17 th	Lower Jnrs and Infants Xmas parties and excellent little Nativity plays given by both sections.
Dec 18 th	Carol Service in church taken by Rector. Miss Coombes Nativity Play and Carols repeated before the familiar faces of Cloister folk.
Dec 19 th	School breaks up. Early departure of RAF pupils to Camp party. Miss Husk, who has been teaching the Infants, left for Slough to a permanent position.
1952	
January	During holiday letter from DoE confirming Mr Dorrell's information of Dec 13st. Also informing me that Miss Wilson will be doing temporary supply work until about mid-February when Mrs Jones is expected back. Canteen roof repaired and step repaired above and outside stone flight from entrance hall – this should prevent flooding.
Jan 9 th	School re-opens. Miss Wilson not coming a Mrs Tyrrell of Dorchester will 'supply' for Mrs Jones with Lower Jnrs.
Jan 10 th	School appears to be settling down much more comfortably than for a long time. 119/132!
Jan 15 th	When all school and staff have been in church some time for the listed school service, a message is received (9.10 am) stating that the Rector has cancelled it. The school returns immediately to its classrooms for prayers. There would appear to be no reason why the very curt message, if necessary, could not have been phoned to me earlier. <u>The effect on the school was not good.</u>
Jan 22 nd	Church serve taken by Rector after he apologised for the first time, for last week's occurrence which I said was a bad experience for the children. The Rector became abusive, swore at me and threatened violence. This in the church. I attempted to phone him later inform him of a report I intended to make, but his wife rudely put the phone down. I asked Mr Orpwood (Correspondent and Peoples Warden) to come to see me and I make a verbal report to him. Mr Jenkins had, in the meantime, come down to my class and just outside the door repeated each item complained about.
Jan 29 th	Church service cancelled by Rector at 8.15 am.
Feb 5 th	I witnessed an infant dashing into the road from the playground, where the gate is missing, and almost being hit by a lorry. I spoke to Miss Coombes about children being left unattended there in school time and again warned all the pupils.
Feb 6 th	Examined all the pupil's clothing and footwear as there has been some slackness and lack

	of proper attention to appearance by a growing number. This morning had a service in School in which prayers were said on the occasion of the death of HM King George VI announced yesterday. Prayers were also said for our new Queen, Elizabeth II and the Royal Family.
Feb 7 th	Spoke to Miss Coombes about unofficially admitting a child to her Nature Walk and later to her classroom. In view of criticism from those whose children were refused admission, it is unwise to make such relaxations, especially so without my knowledge.
Feb 15 th	Ordinary lessons interrupted by broadcasts of funeral of King George VI through London. Two minute silence observed by classes in their own rooms at 2.0 pm as the gun carriage reaches the Royal Chapel, Windsor. The top class witnessed the scenes on TV in the School House. 114/129.
Feb 20 th	Mrs Tyrrell supply terminated and Mrs E Jones resumed her normal duties.
Feb 21 st	Mr Orpwood visited with confirmation in writing of Brig. Lord Malise Grahame's appointment as School Manager County Council rep in place of Miss Somervell.
Mar 7 th	Spoke to Miss Coombes on the matter of an attitude which tends to spoil relationships within the school. There is a reluctance, among other things, to accept in full the implications of dinner duties which do fall rather heavily on wet days, though these have been very infrequent this year.
Mar 20 th	One child with unclean head - whose parents complained to the Health Visitor that she was infected at school. This is proved untrue therefore. Children weighed and measured for Medical Officer Dr Harris.
Mar 25 th	No church. I asked for Wednesday and Thursday as alternatives but received no reply from Rev K J Jenkins. Dr Harris saw 65 – 70 children and commented on excellence of clothing, cleanliness and physique.
May 6 th	School reopens. Fires still lit due to cold wet weather.
May 10 th	Attended managers meeting to report that conditions had now eased somewhat and with regard to amenities re certain repairs and renewals were required, e.g. gate to playground, felling of tree bases in playground, the path, loose masonry on walls. Managers agreed to provide water right through the school with Ewelme Pageant money.
May 30 th	Miss Coombes terminated her employment. Became head of Rotherfield Greys school.
June 18 th	Parents held School Fete in grounds of Saffron Close (Mrs Rouse). This raised £65 for books etc. Letter from Diocesan Adviser that Ewelme is now a Controlled School. Miss D Lewis of Cowley appointed Infants Teacher in place of Miss Coombes. Mrs Jones to resign for health reasons w.e.f September. Mrs Kyd accepted as her temporary replacement.
June 22 nd	Sports Day - Champion House was Suffolk; 2 nd de la Pole.
Sep 9 th	School reopened a day late due to decoration work. Miss Lewis commenced duties. Infts 35 under Miss Lewis downstairs. Lwr Jnrs 27 Mrs Kyd in Annexe. Middle Jnrs 32 Miss Walker in Reading Room. Upper Jnrs 24 Mr Jones Upstairs Room.
Sept 15 th	New Rector inducted and visited school. Rev Arthur Bolton formerly Headmaster of Magdalen College School, Brackley, Northants.
Sep 18 th	Service in church with new Rector.
Oct 2 nd	School building has begun at RAF Benson. Ewelme would not accept further RAF children.
Oct 17 th	Head told school Miss Walker had taught here a full 21 yrs and voiced appreciation of her long and loyal service to Ewelme children. Managers presented her with a writing case in church the following day, a token of appreciation for her services.

Oct 22 nd	? Kantu, Saga Chief of Kiata District of Toro in Uganda visited with Mr H P Nkojo, Premier of that province of Uganda to see a typical rural school in operation.
Oct 26 th	Parents presented Miss Walker with a gold brooch for her long service.
Oct 30 th	Mr Brookes and Miss Kinross, producers of BBC Schools Broadcasts visit to question children on radio lessons.
Nov 26 th	Only 69 in school – mumps epidemic.
Dec 11 th	Mr Dorrell visited to give short notice of reorganisation – as from beginning of next term. There would be a reduction to 3 classes, and transfer of RAF 5+ and 7+ group and intake of 8+ and 11+ from Swyncombe.
Dec 17 th	We say goodbye to about 30 RAF children at the end of a happy and harmonious term.
1953	
Jan 7 th	Headmaster learns that for a term Ewelme would retain the 4 class organisation and a number of RAF children scheduled for transfer were still at Ewelme. Roll 104.
Jan 23 rd	Rector, Deputy Director, Architect called to discuss improvements.
Mar 2 nd	Mrs Strickland to deputise for Mrs Scaldwell as cleaner.
Mar 11 th	Mrs Saunders HMI visited and looked at new plans A and B for proposed new toilets. Miss Auckland visited and confirmed new canteen arrangements. Mrs Scaldwell, Mrs A Harwood and Mrs Miners to remain and share work equally. One small sitting approx. 20 upstairs and 40 downstairs.
Mar 23 rd	Reorganisation of 3 classes – Small Infants in annexe. Lower and Middle Jnrs Main School, Upper Jnrs upstairs. Removal of children and materials effected from Reading Room which is no longer used. Mrs Kyd to leave at end of term. Numbers now returned to 80+ as in 1948.
May 21 st	Headmaster gave talk on forthcoming coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II as a culmination of much work and enthusiasm in all departments of the school occasioned by the event. The school received Her Majesty's portrait as a gift from LEA and a book about the coronation as well. Children are reviving the Maypole dances under Mill Walker's tuition.
June 4 th	New headmaster appointed. Mr Jones having accepted headship of a larger school. Sqdn Ldr Guthrie RAF Education Officer called re admissions. Informed him position was such that consultation with County Hall necessary for each RAF case now. Acquainted Mr Dorrell by telephone of the position, and informed Mr Orpwood of the apparent beginnings of a difficult position again. Sqdn Ldr Guthrie expects a considerable influx.
June 5 th	Referred another pupil wishing to enter to the RAF Education officer.
June 12 th	Mr Dorrell phoned re admissions. I said we were practically at capacity.
July 6 th	School number is now 3752.
July 14 th	School Sports – Champion House Suffolk, 139. De la Pole 117. Chaucer 108. Miss Freda Young presented a 'Young Hopefuls' Cup for the 5, 6 and 7 yr olds. First winter [REDACTED] 18 points. Runner up [REDACTED] 6 yrs 10 points. During the evening Rector Bolton made a farewell speech and most handsome presentation of a cheque to myself from the Managers, Teachers and oother staff, parents, children and friends.
July 15 th	Diocesan Report said infants were bright and cheerful in answers showing they were receiving good and careful instruction in our Lords life and work. Upper classes eager to manifest their thoughtful knowledge and keen interest in their Christian faith and worship.

	Mr Dorrell visited to express the appreciation of the Education Dept on my conduct of the school during the vicissitudes of expansion and change, and to wish me goodbye and good fortune in my new post.
July 16 th	Church service taken by Rev Bolton MA the Rector.
	Further entries are made in an old Log Book begun in 1908. Very little of it has been used and a clear indication is made on its Title Page as to where the 1953 entries are begun in it.
Sept 8	Roger A Coles takes over headship. 75 on roll. Infant class Miss Lewis 19 children Miss Walker - Lower Junior 32 children.
Sep 9	Staff meeting to discuss teaching methods. Agreed to divide classes into groups for work on basic subjects. £10 to be spent on games and play materials.
Sep 17	First service in church conducted by Rector A Bolton.
Sep 25	Health Visitor inspected children - all clean but 2 need Halibut Live Oil - another should go to bed earlier - parents told. Welfare Officer calls - nothing to report.
Sep 29	Clinical Psychologist called to discuss a pupil - been referred to Child Guidance Dept because of timidity and resulting backwardness. Physical Education Adviser called to continue course of remedial exercises for 2 boys. Also to advise Head teacher of how to obtain PE Apparatus.
Oct 9	Parent interviewed to discuss unsatisfactory behaviour of son. Rector called to enquire about lighting fires for Sunday School.
Oct 20	Rector Bolton called at invitation to discuss school business.
Oct 22	Sgt Jones from Watlington police station addressed school on Safety First and tested childrens' bikes.
Oct 23	Sent annual schools selection examination form to Director of Education.
Oct 27	Miss Pilkington of County Music Committee called. Discussed with staff social training at meal times.
November	During this month - Reading tests - from the Helborn & Sleights Non Verbal Intelligence Test.
Nov 13	Head teacher authorised to spend money on chemical to reduce offensive smells from lavatories.
Nov 25	Parent Teacher Association addressed by Rector on future of school. A case was made for aided status.
Dec 15	School dentist - 38 children needed treatment.
Dec 18	End of term service in church. Fine Christmas dinner followed by plays and party games. Each child received bag of sweets and an orange.
Dec 18	Public meeting to discuss if people of Ewelme wished school to become an 'Aided School'. Committee formed to raise money (half the cost) to bring school building up to required standard.
1954	
Jan 25	Complaints from parents concerning treatment of children in class. Headmaster to be consulted before corporal punishment is administered - only as last resort.
Feb 4	Representative of County Architect took readings of light factor in both classrooms.

	Bright sunshine and reflections from snow.
March 1	Discussion if possible accommodation of more children from RAF Station. Head teacher said it would be educationally wrong to increase number of children in any class but would compromise by forming another class.
July 10	Fete held in Manor grounds to raise money for cost of aided status £210 raised.
July 23	School closed for summer holiday -it rained!
July 7	School opened 78 on roll.
Oct 26	School meals now arrive from Littlemore. Infants school canteen.
Nov 4	School manager decided to apply for aided status.
1955	
Feb 25	Possibility discussed of using Muniments room as possible extra classroom in emergency. Room considered too dark to use.
Jun 15	Oxford Diocesan Inspector of Schools. <i>"It was a pleasure to visit the school. The tone and atmosphere was that of a friendly and family nature based on Christian faith and practice."</i>
Nov 17	Power failure at 11.10 am - no electricity to heat annexe classroom light school or heat water or hot plate in canteen.
Nov 18	Power restored.
1956	
Jan 1	Open for Spring Term - 98 on roll. RAF bus provided to bring children from camp.
Jan 12	No bus for RAF station as from today distance only 1.5 miles but road narrow and heavy traffic.
Feb 3	Temperature not risen above 40F. Clerk of Works recommended paraffin convector heaters in addition to electric reflector heaters.
April 4	Headmaster and architect and school manager meet to discuss modified plans.
July 21	Fete held at New Place. Opened by Dowager Viscountess Hambleden. £130 raised.
Nov 1	School went to Benson Aerodrome to see Queen on official visit to Queens Flight. Mrs N Harwood concluded 7 years serving as a playground supervisor. Staff and children presented her with heavy duty electric lamp as token of appreciation.
1957	
Jan 6 th	Cupboard built into disused fireplace in annex classroom. New steps outside north door.
June 16 th	Violin Recital by Jelly d'Aranyi in Ewelme Church in aid of Ewelme Foundation School appeal £1,000 is still needed. £220 raised.
July 4 th	Headmaster informed chairman of manners possibility of school being overcrowded by September.
Sep 25 th	Practise of regularly inspecting children for cleanliness is now discontinued.
Nov 12 th	Chairman of school managers said Minister of Education has approved plans for improving school amenities.
Nov 27 th	Mr Sanders HMI called to give table of childrens ages whether lived RAF Benson or Ewelme. 46 RAF, 40 Ewelme.

Nov 28 th	Clerk of Works checked number of solid fuel fires.
1958	
Jan 14 th	School managers met in annexe to discuss 2 additional classrooms at RAF Benson school.
Jan 28 th	Sub officer Gibbs of County Fire Service installed a fire extinguisher in annexe and inspected those in main building.
Jan 29 th	Poliomyelitis vaccination cards delivered by Health Visitor.
Feb 10 th	Cards collected - one parent refused.
Feb 28 th	Doctor and headmaster discussed a pupil's progress. Decided to keep him a further year as there are no vacancies in special schools for ESM children other than transfer to secondary school.
Mar 3 rd	Clerk of Works called to check on repair to extension of annexe.
Mar 12 th	Mrs Palmer spent day in school observing teaching methods in infants class and upper junior class.
Mar 21 st	Mrs Chalkin reported a boy who was spending excessively in her shop. Headmaster telephoned the boys father who promised to investigate the matter.
Mar 29 th	44 children and parents attended Childrens Homes Festival of Queens in Oxford Town Hall. Our elected Queen with attendants and purseholders took part in ceremony.
Apr 15 th	School dentist completed treatment of 21 children.
Apr 22 nd	A discussion by Mr Warner, Mr Bassett and chairman to cut out non-essential items in building scheme so that cost would come within amount available.
Apr 22 nd	A mother complained her boy was unhappy because he was shouted at by his teacher. Headmaster promised to investigate and discussed matter with the teacher in question on class control in light of educational aims of the school.
May 7 th	Mr Forsete Deputy Public Health Officer called to inspect the sanitary arrangements. Headmaster outlined building plans.
May 2 nd	Doctor Harris and Mrs Douglas the Health Visitor examined 41 children. Action for children requiring treatment, and for those placed under supervision taken.
May 16 th	Meeting to discuss building programme. Want to start 2nd June - toilet block first job to be tackled. Temporary toilets to be built in playground.
May 19 th	Meals supervisor called. It was agreed that 3 helpers each work 1 hour plus free dinner. Washing up to be sent to Watlington until new canteen is built.
June 2 nd	New drinking fountain installed in place of broken one out in playground.
June 4 th	Rev Bolton conducted weekly service for school for last time. Retired from living because of ill health. Messrs Boshers of Cholsey began building work on school. Temporary toilet block built in playground.
Sep 8 th	Re-opened. 82 on roll.
Sep 9 th	Discussed with architect provision of temporary east door until passage to house is built. Also heating at school.
Oct 10 th	Rev Sinclair Lewis now Rector introduced to staff and children.
Oct 24 th	Slow combustion stoves removed and electric 'Nightstar' heaters connected. School re-opened after extended half term holiday.
Nov 17 th	School meals now sent from Benson kitchen.

Dec 18 th	Closed for Christmas. Classroom painted by Messrs Reeves & Jones of Oxford. Other building work continues.
1959	
Feb 12	A mother complained that certain boys caused her son to be unhappy by saying he was smelly. Headmaster interviewed the boys.
Feb 19	New toilets in use but locker equipment not fixed.
Feb 20	New rates of pay discussed for canteen staff.
Feb 23	Mrs Orpwood assisted with opening of new scullery. Working hours and pay adjusted for helpers and playground supervisor.
Feb 24	Headmaster accepted keys of new building from contractor.
Mar 2	31 children out of 92 absent - influenza and streptococcal throat.
Mar 10	Dentist began treatment using new medical room.
Mar 18	Mrs Orpwood called for experiment with sick filling arrangements. At present teaching staff attend to this and are willing to help but make it clear that this kindness should not become an established principle.
April 13	Headmaster's study decorated after repair to floor (woodworm and dry rot).
July 21	Lord Bishop of Oxford conducted a thanksgiving. Church then at school for completion of work of modernisation.
Sep 7	School open. 94 on roll.
Oct 8	School closed for day - used for local polling station.
Dec 17	Juniors acted Pinocchio and sung carols for 'Over 60's' in Reading Room.
1960	92 on roll.
Mar 30 th	Mr Khoda Bax, an Indian from Mauritius gave a talk on his islands - showed coloured slides.
April 21 st	Sample of school playground removed for analysis. Headmaster complained at undue deterioration again!
Apr 28 th	Representative of Brook Bond Tea Co. Showed 2 excellent colour/sound films - Life in Ceylon - Wild Life in Africa.
May 6 th	School closed on occasion of wedding of HRH Princess Margaret to Mr Anthony Armstrong Jones.
May 11 th	Mrs Orpwood (School meals supervisor) delivered new equipment and discussed desirability of employing fourth canteen helper.
May 13 th	BBC made recordings of school life as part of present day development of the Trust. Material is primarily intended for broadcast in North America.
July 15 th	Mrs Langdon of London Institute of Education tutor observed teaching plan of school.
July 20 th	Annual school sports held on new recreation ground - first occasion it has been used.
	<p>Inspection 30th May - 23rd June. Report by HMI Inspectors. Excellent report. 101 children on roll - 3 classes. Infant and Lower Juniors use 2 rooms in main building both used for mid-day meal taken by 65 children.</p> <p>Top Juniors work in former stable known as annexe. Headmaster, 2 teachers and 2 part-time teachers. A peripatetic teacher to help with background readers. A pleasant and interesting little school.</p>

Sept 6 th	81 on roll.
Nov 7 th	Heating fixed, children wear coats in class.
1961	
Jan 5 th	School opened - winter not admitted!
May 1 st	Mr Brookes, BBC Education Officer for Southern Area joined Junior class for Junior Science broadcast lesson.
June 15 th	Headmaster granted leave of absence to attend interview. Accepted appointment of headmaster at Brenchley CE School.
Sept 4 th	New floor laid.
Sept 6 th	63 on roll.
Sept 16 th	Mr E Nicholas appointed new Headmaster.
Oct 21 st	Toy Fair and Exhibition of modern and antique dolls held in school. £35 raised for Crib Figures Fund.
Dec 19 th	Cheque presented to departing Headmaster from managers, parents and friends.
Dec 31 st	Roger Coles leaving to take appointment at Brenchley in Kent. He gives thanks to God for many and varied experiences also great happiness he has enjoyed whilst serving Ewelme School as Headmaster. Page 119
1962	
Jan 1 st	E Milton Nicholas takes over the Headship of Ewelme School. The snow lies deep everywhere!
Jan 10 th	66 on roll.
Jan 15 th	Staff meeting - most important that discipline should be more firm! (Without being at all restrictive to initiative and enthusiasm - vital to encourage an attitude of pride in doing worthwhile things well.
Feb 23 rd	Assistant Director of Education visited. Seemed to approve of Head's desires and offered generous amount of £40 for books and apparatus.
Feb 28 th	Parents meeting - formal homework to be discontinued - life at school would be busier.
May 9 th	School closed. Half children and some parents taken to Oxford Show by staff.
May 16 th	Head showed films of children going to church Mothering Sunday - end of term service - in playground etc. First visit of Queen to Ewelme Church.
May 17 th	With approval of managers showed film to Elm Club - A Grand - parents Teachers Association.
June 7 th	Problems of organisation. Probability of this being a 2 teacher school at some time impedes progress.
July 4 th	Tribute paid to Miss Walker resigning after nearly 30 yrs devotion to school. E W Horner Diocesan Advisor noted each Wednesday of week during school term - service of Common Prayer is held - whole school attended.
July 23 rd	Day trip to London, Buckingham Palace, river trip, debate in House of Lords, Westminster Abbey, West End. Great success.
September	67 on roll. Enlarged Upper Junior class brought back from the annexe to upper classroom. Middle Juniors in annexe. Infants downstairs. [Now three classes in the school]. Many overseas visitors this term - Mr Ngam - Cameroons. Mr Matsaha - Basutoland. All visitors commented on superb attitude of pupils - especially infants.

Dec 11 th	Miss Walker's 'tea party'. Large numbers of former pupils present - a film was made. Comments on colourful appearance of exhibits and decorations.
Dec 18 th	Education supervisor Miss Dyke made many encouraging remarks of progress of school. The life and vigour. Children entertained "Over 60's"
1963	
Jan 8 th	School opened though many children did not arrive. Deep snow and cold intense. 65 on roll. Because of cold and dangerous roads school closed 1/2 hr early.
Jan-Feb	Severe wintry conditions continued without letup till half term. Entire time spent in classroom - no playtime or dinner time. Epidemics of influenza but attendance's have been good.
Feb 28 th	One teacher absent through pneumonia caused by exhaustion of previous months. School split in 2 classes . 32 and 35.
Mar 25 th	Roll now 70. Should prevent County making this a 2 teacher school yet!
Apr 23 rd	73 on roll.
Apr 24 th	First student teacher practise (5 weeks).
May 31 st	HMI visit - commented "Great progress made." and "More power to your elbow".
June 23 rd	Post Office Engineers put telephone into school. School House no longer on phone.
July 18 th	Measles epidemic. This affected school Sports Day - 50% depleted.
Sep 4 th	62 on roll.
Oct 1 st	Over 50 German teachers visited school - organised by Oxford Rural Community Council.
Nov 8 th	Mr Brooks BBC, Miss Gibson HMI visited to observe use of BBC programme "Travel Talks."
Dec 16 th	PE Organiser called - possibility of swimming school at Benson.
Dec 18-19 th	Many Xmas parties in each class. Father Christmas visited - said to be for the first time. Exhibition of paintings and decorations drew many visitors to School. Visitors book bears testimony to pleasure that was given. School fund box benefited.
1964	
Jan 7 th	64 on roll.
Feb 17 th	Playing Fields team improved entrance to school field by constructing efficient steps. (Lady Hambleton approves). Also planted shrubs in various corners of school surrounds.
Feb-Mar	Much illness. Visitors from Kenya and Fiji (comment in Hindi in Visitors Book).
Mar 9 th	Mr Dav - Director Primary Schools in Fiji -3 day visit to study methods. Infants visited Cottesmore Farm to see lambs - now great activity in classrooms.
Mar 11 th	Visit to London Zoo.
Mar 12 th	Internal assessor from Culham visited Teacher Student - Assistant Education Officer also visited - complimented us by remarking " <i>Its good to see a school running to happily.</i> " Whilst she was here I had to deal with a pig in the cloakroom!!
Mar 15 th	Much snow lies around again.
Apr 13 th	School re-opened - Letter from Director indicating likelihood that School will be reduced to 2 teachers in September - roll expected to be under 60.
Apr 17 th	Mr Wells men called urgently - blocked drains causing floods in School hall.

May 25 th	Because of pressure of visitors I have persuaded several groups not to come!
Sep 9 th	School re-opened on basis of 2 teacher school. 55 on roll. Mrs Nicholas 23 in Infants. Head 32 Juniors.
Nov 5 th	Assistant education officer visited to see how the Nicholas' were coping under difficulties - they had suffered a car accident. Part time teacher to become full time for a short while.
Nov-Dec	Many more international Visitors.
Dec 17 th	Father Christmas again and architect to discuss re-decoration of building. Page 151
1965	
Jan 5 th	61 on roll.
Feb	Many visitors. Fiji, Monserat, Northern Nigeria. BBC School Broadcasts - History series. Somalia.
Apr 27 th	67 on roll.
June 7 th	Funeral of Mrs Scaldwell - 30 years caretaker at school. Rarely can a school have had such a devoted caretaker.
July 13 th	School closed to allow Headmaster to attend Conference of Headteachers at Culham College to discuss crisis facing College and problem with teacher practices. With 68 on roll and 2 staff it is difficult to cope with a situation like this!
Sep 8th	56 on roll.
Nov-Dec	More overseas visitors - Nigeria and British Guinea.
1966	
Jan 6 th	Term began 2 days late - decorating in Infants Room not finished.
Jan 25 th	Three pupils selected for Secondary School - 3 pupils for Grammar School.
Feb 18th - Mar 2 nd	Canteen, cloakrooms, staff room, entrance hall and corridors decorated. Half term - Friday – Tuesday to accommodate side entrance at rear of building.
Apr 19 th	Summer Term 69 on roll.
May 3rd	A third teacher appointed to work in Annexe with 15 children from Infants.
May 14 th	Managers interviewed candidates for Headmaster and Infant teacher. Mr and Mrs Sykes of Winchester appointed. <i>"Its good to be followed by such a happy choice."</i>
June 16 th	Day visit by Mr and Mrs Sykes. The roof of cloakroom leaked and water poured in. A faulty tap caused flood in staff cloakroom. Butchers van reversed over a pupil's bike. It rained and children were confined to classrooms.
July 21 st	Mr and Mrs Nicholas take their leave of the school. An article is published in "Commonwealth Today". <i>"It has been a joy to belong to this ancient place."</i>
Sep ?	Anthony P Sykes takes over headship of this historic school.
Sep 9 th	Miss Chamberlain, School Secretary. Teachers - Mr Sykes and Mr Richards.
Oct 14 th	Rain brought down large section of ceiling in boys' toilet.
Oct 21 st	Occasional closure to enable staff to attend meetings at Icknield School to discuss changes of Icknield becoming a comprehensive school.
Nov 10 th	A football match (the first for many years) against Dorchester. Ewelme won 2-1.
Dec ?	First Christmas Bazaar raises £77.
Dec 9 th	School closed. Flooding of cloakrooms. Tarpaulins blew off roof in night. Plumbers

	arrived in a 'Jaguar' to descale Sadia heaters. 6 years accumulation of limescale - school was not included in annual visits.
1967	
Jan 9 th	60 on roll.
Apr 27 th	Swimming to Turners Court - first time ever.
May 9 th	Mr Hill of Icknield came to speak on Comprehensive Education.
May 12 th	Forty seven children visited John Kennedy Memorial and Heathrow Airport - a most successful day.
June 20 th	Music Festival at Benson Primary.
July 5 th	South Oxfordshire Sports Day, Ewelme came third.
Sep 5 th	62 on roll.
1968	
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1971	
Jan 5 th	Mr G Cannon began duties as headteacher. Two other teachers, Mrs Taversham and Mrs Fussell. 77 pupils.
Feb 5 th	Police Constable Still visited to talk about road safety.
Feb 15 th	Decimal currency in operation from today. School paid back any outstanding meals money last week so were able to begin by asking 44p for 5 meals.
Mar 8 th	Postal services resumed after the postal workers strike.
Apr 6 th	Headmaster gave an address of welcome at parents evening. Some parents expressed a wish to have first class information about Icknield Comprehensive School.
Apr 27 th	School re-opened for summer term. 75 on roll. First day at increased school meal charges 12p. 51 children have school meals.
May 11 th	Nurse visited for routine inspections.
May 17 th	Mr Hill and Mr Edge visited to give talk on comprehensive education. A successful meeting.
May 20 th	Short Ascension Day Service in church followed by half day holiday.
June 23 rd	Trip to Windsor Castle and Safari Park. 65 children, 10 adults.
Aug 8 th	70 on roll.
Aug 13 th	Swimming recommenced at Turners Court. Charge 20p for coach and pool charges.
Dec 13 th	Nativity Plays presented in school - parents admitted.
1972	
Jan 5 th	Juniors attended Treasures at Tutenkhamun Exhibition.
Jun 8 th	School entertained Elm Club at Saffron House.
Jun 14 th	Parents evening to discuss TV, school programmes and reproduction. Most parents wanted children to see film.
July 6 th	Annual outing - coach to London to visit HMS Belfast, Tower Pier and launch to Westminster. Walked to St James Park for relaxation till return home.

July 17 th	Mr Cannon took leavers to Avebury. Used school minibus for first time. On return minibus gave trouble and in Clacks Lane it stopped 2 miles from Ewelme. Had to start walking until various people gave us lifts.
July 20 th	End of term. School to be decorated.
Aug 10 th	Decorations at main school completed. Annexe to be done in Christmas break.
Nov 20 th	Silver Wedding Anniversary of HM Queen Elizabeth and HRH Prince Philip. We were granted a holiday.
1973	
Jan 1 st	58 on roll. The annexe was unusable so children walked to Muniments Room.
Jan 4 th	No heat or light in annexe. Children most unsettled in Muniments Room.
Jan 5 th	Heat in main school is off. Activities needed to keep children warm. Infants played games and older children went for a walk. Day was dry and sunny but cold.
Feb 2 nd	Night storage heating system has fused again annexe is without light on this foggy and frosty morning. Staff room being used for lessons.
Mar 3 rd	Electricity failure in heating system again. Annexe registered 46F. Top classroom 50F. We had lunch -a salad lunch - and sent children home after checking they could be cared for.
Jun 7 th	School closed - Elections for new Councils following redrawing of County boundaries.
July 5 th	59 on roll.
Sept 27 th	School used for evening classes - Yoga.
Oct 2 nd	Dental inspection.
Oct 3 rd	We heard with deep regret that Mrs Joan Buckley, our Foundation Manager has passed away. WE said a short prayer for her family. I should like to place a record that during my short period here Mrs Buckley has been a tremendous help to me and the children in the school. She will be greatly missed.
1974	
Mar 13 th	Parent teacher evening. Talk about Yenworthy Lodge where we are taking 12 of our children.
Mar 30 th	Number of children and parents went to Oxford Town Hall where our Queen presented a gift to National Childrens Home.
April 1 st	The New Oxfordshire took effect from today. Previous Director of Education Mr Dorrell replaced by Mr Garne
April 24 th	18 Culham students and 20 pupils began a 3 day project on Ewelme.
May 1 st	4 day exhibition of childrens' work began.
June 15 th	Mr Cannon and 12 children left for Yenworthy Lodge in Somerset.
July 10 th	Sports day postponed because of heavy rain.
July 11 th	Better weather - Sports Day.
July 18 th	Outing to Southampton Docks.
Sept-Oct	Many changes of children leaving to other schools and admission of several others.
1975	
Jan 21 st	Rev E W L May the Rector called in to say farewell to the children - he is retiring and the

	Parish has been placed under suspension for 3 years by the Bishop.
Mar 2 nd	Mr Edmund Verah Chev of Ewelme Almshouses died he has been devoted to the children and will be sadly missed.
Mar 18 th	New safety fence and gate erected in school playground (Mr Cannon notes - it is some 20 years since the idea was first suggested).
Mar 21 st	Mr and Mrs Cannon and 24 children go to Woodlands at Hay on Wye for 1 week.
May 20 th	Today was 500th Anniversary of death of Founder, Alice Chaucer. We marked the occasion with a service in St Johns Chapel. The children sang hymns near the tomb of Alice Chaucer - some inmates of the Almshouses joined us. Mrs Williams and Mr Theodore Winfield - he used to be a pupil at the school in the days of Mr Harmen. Today also marked the start of Christian Aid Week. Children and staff made cakes and sweets to sell - we raised £10.
July 8 th	Leavers trip to Avebury. We had the new minibus - it was a relief it would not let us down.
Sep 2 nd	No on roll - 58.
Sep 18 th	Visit to Thame Show.
Sept 27 th	Visit to Yenworthy - 12 children and 12 from Warborough for 1 week. (A service of Thanksgiving for the Foundation of Church Almshouse and School - see 20/5/75).
Oct 10 th	26 children from Fir Tree School in Wallingford visited with their American exchange teachers. They showed us slides of USA and sang American folk songs.
Dec 12 th	Christmas Bazaar raised £250.
Dec 16 th	First pupil to pass survival test for a Gold Medal in Ewelme School.
Dec 19 th	After end of term service closed for Christmas vacation. In order to conserve fuel the holiday is extended for 1 week.
1976	
Jan 13 th	Mr Cannon beginning 6th year at school. As part of plan to cut costs he was informed that staffing ratio for 76/77 is to be 2.8 teachers (w.e.f. Sept 1976).
Mar 4 th	First School Managers meeting since Rev May retired. Chair taken by Canon Swingler of Diocesan Board of Education.
Apr 28 th	Cycling Proficiency Training commenced today. It will continue for 1 week.
June 11-13 th	76 children and 3 staff camped in grounds of Mongewell School.
June 26 th	Visit to London Science Museum and Kensington Gardens and Natural History Museum.
July 24 th	Leavers visit to Avebury.
July 21 st	School Medical Officer inspected newly admitted children.
July 23 rd	End of Term service. 13 children leaving mainly to Icknield. This total represents about 1/5 of school population.
Sept 7 th	New School Year - 58 on roll.
Sept 16 th	Mr J Garne, CEO visited school and was impressed by atmosphere and courtesy of children.
Sept 21 st	A teacher was absent - in common with many other Oxon teachers she had gone to register her protest. [At pay cuts etc]
Nov 27 th	School Bazaar raised £270.

Dec 14 th	Annual Carol Service in church. Mr Williams our new priest in charge took part.
Dec 21 st	End of Term service conducted by Mr Williams.
1977	
Jan 4 th	Mr Cannon starts 7th year at Ewelme.
Jan 10 th	School Managers Rev Williams new Chair. Mr Cannon informs them staffing ratio is now set at 2.3 teachers.
Jan 19 th	A letter today informed me that any Capitation remaining unspent to date was frozen forthwith. This is a very drastic step in County's bid to save money.
Feb 14 th	The last week of recorded tapes from Henley AVA Centre. Another effect of Education cuts.
Mar 1 st	Post of cleaner in charge - hours cut from 15 hpw to 12.5. Another example of cuts in Educational Service.
May 9 th	School Managers meeting. We discussed setting up of a fund to be called The Ewelme Managers Jubilee Fund. A prize to be presented annually to a leaver who has been of all round service to the school.
June 3 rd	During the coming week we shall celebrate the 25th anniversary of HM The Queen's accession. Our children will receive a souvenir mug from the Parish Council and each will receive from the PTA a Jubilee Crown piece.
June 21 st	Outing to Winchester Cathedral and Marwell Park Zoo.
July 7 th	Headmaster and 20 children leave for Woodlands.
July 11 th	Children taken to church to see display of flowers for Jubilee Rose Festival. WE were delighted and honoured to meet Her Royal Majesty the Queen Mother in church. She spoke to the children and staff.
July 13 th	First Fire Practice after installation of new alarm system.
July 15 th	Presentation of Manager Prize to RB for all round service to school.
Sept 1 st	Start of term - 58 on roll plus 2 more to join later. With 60 children and 2-3 staff we have re-organised into 2 classes with 18 infants and 32 in the Juniors class. Both classes in main building. Dinner charges were increased with effect today 25p per meal. This has resulted in a drop in the number - many children are eating sandwiches (24 dinners - 26 sandwiches).
Sept 8 th	First swimming period I have decided to include the 7 year old from Infant class.
Sept 15 th	Thame Show today, the whole school were taken. This is an opportunity for the children to see a wide variety of top quality animals.
Oct 3 rd	School governors meeting. I was able to present a balance sheet of PTA Funds and explain my plans to use the annexe as a library and study room.
Oct 19 th	School nurse conducted eye tests.
Nov 15 th	In the view of the fact that there is a national strike by firemen the headmaster spoke on the need for safety precautions at home and at school. We had a fire practice today and the children vacated the building in a quick and orderly manner.
Dec 12 th	Carol Service in church 7 pm. The children did well despite the fact that we have had no music teacher this term.
1978	
Jan 4 th	63 on roll. 30 infants and 33 juniors.

Jan 13 th	Audiometrist visited to test hearing of children in infant class.
Feb 21 st	2 new frames placed in small windows in upper classroom because of draught and extra heat loss. The frames are a great improvement.
Apr 11 th	Start of term - 30 children from 5-8, 34 from 8-11.
May 1 st	The Government has instituted May 1st as a public holiday so school closed.
July 12 th	School sports day.
July 14 th	Last day of term - presentation of swimming badges. One gained his Silver ASA Survival Badge. Managers Jubilee badge also presented.
Sept 5 th	New term 57 on roll- 25 in lower class, 32 upstairs in juniors.
Nov 1 st	New Chief Education officer Mr Tim Brighthouse visited; he seemed most impressed with lovely surroundings in which school is set.
Dec 20 th	Presentation of many swimming awards. 2 Bronze ASA, 3 Stage I ASA, 2 Stage 2 ASA. Every child attending swimming lessons has passed at least 10 metre step. End of term service in church brought us to close for Christmas.
1979	
Jan 4 th	49 on roll.
Jan 10 th	Road Safety Officer PC Hopkins brought film about Road Safety.
Jan 18 th	The Peoples Theatre Group from USA presented Petruska - we all thoroughly enjoyed 'joining in the mime'.

Notes on some of the Teachers

Mr Herman remained in the village after his retirement in 1924. He was Parish Clerk for many years. He retired to Caversham but revisited the school on the 50th anniversary year of his appointment 1939, and on the 60th anniversary to the day - May 30th 1949 - of his commencing as headmaster at Ewelme. He was killed aged 90, by stepping out from behind a parked car into the path of another. He and his two wives are buried in the churchyard.

Mr Robert Quixley

Born in 1882 has been a British Army teacher for 23 years. He had served in India for approx. 5 years 1906-1911, and 1 year in Aden (on his homeward journey) and continued to teach in schools in Army camps in Britain, starting in Bulford. Before his appointment at Ewelme he had been headteacher at Aston Rowant School 1923-1924. He had two daughters and a son [Robert Jnr was born at the School House in 1928 - who is still alive and living in Cornwall]. Isabel Quixley was the first girl from Wallingford Grammar to qualify for Oxford University. Her son, also Robert, was born to Isabel (who had married to an RAF Officer) in the School House in 1948. They emigrated to Melbourne. Mr Quixley nicknamed 'Boss' was a strict disciplinarian and remembered for the mnemonics he taught the children. He steered the school through the difficult days of the Second World War – and coped with the initial influx of London schools, then evacuees, and RAF children. Generally, he was well respected, even loved, and recognised for enabling pupils to pass the 11+ to the Grammar School in Wallingford. Mr Quixley retired to Cornwall and died in 1972.

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