

WITHERNWICK SCHOOL

1846 - 1996

A CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTING SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

", a new classroom would be a great advantage."

1908 HMI REPORT:

"Both rooms appear to be overcrowded !"

1995 OFSTED REPORT:

"There is a shortage of space in the school.....!"

Things haven't changed !

WITHERNWICK SCHOOL ROOTS

There is evidence that a school has existed in Withernewick since about 1823, as the sum of £1 per annum was paid to a schoolmaster for teaching gratis four poor children of the parish to read and write together with several other paying pupils. It is likely that part of St. Alban's Church was used for this purpose and that the schoolmaster was Thomas Palmer, who is listed in the "Baines Directory" of 1826.

In 1840 the Bethell family, of which Richard Bethell was prominent, allowed a small piece of land to be used to establish a free school for 17 poor children. The trustees were to be the Archdeacon of the East Riding of Yorkshire and the Parish Priest and then their successors. Interestingly, the 1841 census shows that 114 children of school age lived in the village, so it must have been difficult to select the seventeen.

Of greatest interest to us is the beginning of our school. In 1846 the core of the present building was erected, given the title of "National School". The master was still Thomas Palmer, who was also Parish Clerk. Then in 1858 the school was enlarged to accommodate infants. Attending school was voluntary until 1880 when it became compulsory to the age of 10 and voluntary to the age of 13.

The Master's house was built by W.F. Bethell Esq., in 1865.



September 22nd 1892	The secretary reported that the copy draft of the deed of gift from the Miss Bethell to the present school of the piece of land on which the same had been built had been forwarded to the Local Government Board for inspection, but had not yet been returned.
October 24th 1892	22 replies for Masters job.
June 1892	A washing bowl and two towels for the use of the scholars be obtained.
March 20th 1893	Withernwick Board School Master Edwin Close (certificated) appointed, March 20th 1893. Owing to the school being closed for nearly 11 months, he calls the children, "Extremely wild and noisy, but not impertinent. With regards to attainments, (as might naturally be expected) they are very backwards." Admitted 64 the first week. The Chairman of the Board (Revd. W. R. Welch) opened the school with prayer.
April 15th 1893	Master "respectfully" calling the Boards attention to the report of 7th June 1892 re bench backs for the Kindergarten Desks.
April 17th 1893	The gallery in the classroom must be fitted up with backs to the seats, to each of which should be fixed Kindergarten Desks for the row behind.
April 27th 1893	Children learnt their first song, "The blossoms on the Blackthorn."
August 4th 1893	Resolutions passed by the Board July 27th "That Mr Close be appointed school attendance officer at the salary of £2 per annum."

September 22nd 1893	Visited several of the parents whose children were not in attendance, with the result that all have promised to send them more regularly.
September 29th 1893	Very good attendance this week nearly every child in the Parish in attendance.
October 10th 1893	Mr Close and family ill - "Eruption of the skin and from fear of infection." Chairman of the Board, W.R. Wild, Vicar, takes Masters place.
October 12/13th 1893	At a Board meeting held at the vicarage it was decided that due to the illness of the Master and most of the school children, the school would be closed until further notice.
November 13th 1893	School re-opened after being closed for 4 weeks on the Medical Officers certificate.
November 1894	Masters pay increased (as he had been requesting from March) from £75 to £82 per annum.
January 11th 1895	Several cases of measles amongst the children also Eczema for which the school was closed in November 1893.
April 26th 1895	School closed on 25th for white-washing, painting and thoroughly disinfecting, by order of the Medical Officer (Dr. Solomon).
August 16th 1895	The clerk was instructed that a formal notice should be put up in the schoolroom after the summer holidays stating that attendance at school would be vigorously enforced during the winter months.
September 29th 1895	School re-opened (after harvest holiday) attendance very thin. Several children gleaned and two or three boys looking after pigs.
October 14th 1895	Master given 3 months notice to end employment. Master writes to Board asking for an "Explanation of his dismissal." Reply sent informing Mr. Close why, that the Board felt it would be "beneficial" to the school.

October 1895	Mr. & Mrs. Wright appointed at a joint salary of £100 per annum, rising by £5 per annum according to the inspectors reports. Tenancy of the house to go with the position but will also terminate with it.
January 22nd 1896	Examined Standard One and Infants and found that they know little or nothing of the necessary requirements.
February 20th 1896	The Schoolmaster was appointed as cleaner of the school at £2 per annum and also as School Attendance Officer at a like salary.
June 29th 1896	<p>Summary of H.M.I. report year end March 31st.</p> <p>Until the present Master came last January the school and especially the instruction of the younger children seems to have been quite neglected and even now the infants and the first standard are very backward.</p> <p>The third and fourth standards on the other-hand have had careful teaching latterly and show marked improvement. The class subject English, taken by the boys and the girls Needlework, deserve the lower grades. Order is fairly satisfactory but the children should be more attentive and quieter at work. New Reading sheets for the Infants and an instrument to accompany drill and teach singing are required.</p> <p>The old desks which shake should be gradually replaced by new ones.</p> <p>The registers were not checked at all until last February and no interest and attention seems to have been given to the school generally or to its requirements pointed out last year.</p>
July 1896	Piano or Harmonium requested for musical drill again by Master.
February 17th 1897	Floods in the Lambwaths prevented Ada and Jane Medforth from going to school for over a month.
January 9th 1898	The school closed in consequence of Diptheria which has visited the school-house.
January 24th 1898	School re-opened by Dr. Solomon, Medical Officer of Health.

January 25th 1898	Transfer of Penny Bank from the Vicarage.
February 1898	A letter was read from the Sanitary Inspector requesting the Board to put the cesspool and drain in the backyard of the school-house in a sanitary condition.
July 4th 1898	Closed this afternoon until Thursday owing to the church choir trip to Bridlington on Tuesday and the Wesleyan Sunday School excursion to Hornsea on Wednesday.
August 1898	Master instructed to take up Geography as a class subject.
July 1899	Subject to the approval of the Education Department, Mr. John Myers of Withernwick, Saddler, be appointed School Attendance Officer at a salary of £2 per annum.
November 1899	A letter was read from the Schoolmaster asking for two mats for the school porches, and a coalscuttle and fine shovel.
May 18th 1900	Board decided to put a new floor into the classroom "at once" and remove stone and build a new fireplace.
September 1900	The purchase of a stone and mantel-piece from Messers King and Co for the sum of £8.12/ was approved.
October 1900	Resolved that Mr. George Smith of Withernwick, Tailor, be appointed School Attendance Officer at a salary of £2 per annum.
June 1st 1902	Union Jack hoisted and the National Anthem and patriotic songs sang.
April 1904	Extract H.M.I. report. Infant room too narrow and it is filled with unsuitable gallery.
October 11th 1904	Closed for the day for Hull fair.
February 26th 1905	Medical Officer closed school until April 10th - Scarlet Fever.

December 3rd
1906

Miss. Edith Emily Giles commenced her duties at the school this morning.

Staff:

E.C. Wright	Certificated
Mrs. E.C. Wright	Supplementary
Emily Giles	Monitor

Number on roll 84 Under five 2

March
1907

Copy of report by H.M.I. Mr. Monro regarding visit on 26th March 1907.

School life has been made much more attractive and healthful through the alterations in the infants room especially. The gravel on the yards should be rolled in as occasion offers.

Progress books could be much more helpfully kept and the young teacher more closely and skilfully guided.

Drill out of doors is as necessary for girls as boys.

April 25th
1907

School closed for "dedication of new church organ". Mr. Wright, Church Organist 1899 - 1929.

January 29th-
1908

Mrs Wright has permitted several of the girls to take home their finished garments such as vests etc. which were needed for wear.

May 20th
1910

Closed for King Edward III memorial service.

September 12th
1910

The alterations now afford ample room for the scholars. The new infant room is a splendid requisition to the school which is now worthy of the parish. Previous to the alterations and extension the place was but a glorified barn.

March 22nd
1911

Whooping Cough, 31 children away from school.

June 6th
1912

Miss Wyse, by permission of the E.R.E.A. has gone away to Bridlington for the benefit of her health. She will be absent from duty for three or four weeks.

June 26th 1914	School closed for Royal Visit to Hull.
October 1914	The children are busy knitting socks, scarves, body belts and cuffs for soldiers at the front. Working both at home and at school on the knitting.
November 13th 1914	Most of the boys engaged at the farms, due to scarce labour in consequence of the numerous enlistments from the village.
November 6th 1916	Received from Miss. Bethell acknowledgement, 15 pair of socks, 10 mufflers, 10 pairs of mittens, knitted by the scholars for the soldiers.
September 30th 1918	Miss Wyse terminated her engagement under the E.R.E.A. today after completing nine years service. A subscription was raised to obtain a suitable present of a beautiful tea service. The Vicar made the presentation.
March 18th 1919	Mrs Graham the Schoolmistress of Swine, came today to render what assistance she could. I have given her the infant department to look after.
November 11th 1920	Armistice Day. School assembled in the main room after work stopped at 10.50 until 11.05 to include the two minutes silence. A hymn and the National Anthem were sung

Withernwick Soldiers Killed in the First World War

1915	Arthur Harsley
1916	George Coupland
	Stanley Harsley
	George Dunn
	William Knapton
1917	George Fisher
	Herbert Whisker
1918	Leonard Mainprize
	Thomas Smith
1919	Charles Collinson
September 24th 1925	Mr. Powell an ex-service man who takes a keen interest in football assisted with the boys this afternoon.
December 23rd 1925	William Bethell Esq. gave a Christmas tree to the school.

May 21st 1926	Empire day celebration.
March 22nd 1927	Robert Henry Wilkinson, certificated assistant, supply duty for Mr. Wright.
May 1st 1928	I - Olive Allman take charge.
November 5th 1928	I - Joyce Noel Butterworth commenced duties at this school on Monday November 5th 1928.
November 19th 1928	Robert Henry Wilkinson takes charge.
November 20th 1928	Owing to the breakdown of the bus in which Miss. Kirk and myself were travelling the school did not open until 9.10 a.m.
February 28th 1929	Mr. Wright back on duty.
June 10th 1929	R.H. Wilkinson takes charge again.
July 4th 1929	Mrs. Wright back at school but left early to visit her husband in Hornsea Memorial Hospital where he is dangerously ill.
September 9th 1929	M. Joyce took temporary charge.
September 9th 1929	Mr. Wright died - Head for 33 years.
October 7th 1929	Ella B. Scott - Headteacher.
September 8th 1930	Dorothy Mary Sirbon - temporary charge while Miss. Scott is ill.
April 13th 1931	Miss. E. Watson - temporary charge.
September 31st 1931	Emily Medforth is Headmistress of the School.

March 11th 1933	Received 144 bundles of firewood.
March 13th 1933	Received 4 tons of coal.
March 25th 1933	Received 1 ton of coal.
July 6th 1933	May Graham ,11 years 4 months, of this school has (today) been awarded a county minor scholarship tenable at the Hull Malet Lambert Secondary School.
July 31st 1933	H.M.I. report. There have been three changes of Headteacher within the last few years and the present mistress had been in charge for about two years. In general the school is a pleasant place to visit. The children are very bright and interested and good progress is being made.
September 8th 1933	Dentist visited. He treated 21 children.
May 9th 1934	Clerk of the Works Number 2 area visited re installation of electricity in Teachers house.
October 17th 1934	The village was officially 'switched on' by the South East Yorkshire Electricity Power company last Friday, 12th October.
May 6th 1935	Today is the anniversary of the Kings Coronation 25 years ago. Today and tomorrow are special Jubilee Celebration Holidays, granted to all East Riding Schools.
July 11th 1935	Annie Harsley has been chosen for the Junior Girls High Jump (Holderness Team).
November 6th 1935	School is closed today for the Duke of Gloucester's Wedding.
January 22nd 1936	King George V died at midnight yesterday, after an illness lasting only four days. The Prince of Wales was proclaimed King Edward VIII today. From 10.00 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. all the children except the infants listened to the broadcasting of the proclamation ceremony (in the school-house).

January 28th 1936	This morning all the children (including the infants) listened in the house to the broadcasting of the late King's funeral procession. School is closed this afternoon in order to further mark the occasion.
March 9th 1936	Owing to the fact my daughter has today developed German-measles, the Authority do not think it wise I should take duty after today.
December 21st 1937	Parents and friends were invited to the school this afternoon. The children entertained with carols, plays and the percussion band. A presentation (of a silver tray) was made to Mrs. Wright by the Rev. S.E. Paling to mark her retirement in September last.
May 20th 1938	A set of the Waverley Novels (27 books in all) was received at the school today. They are the gift of Mr. Duncan of Hull - a friend of a Withernwick family.
October 11th 1938	George Knaggs asked to leave the room and ran home this afternoon.
April 6th 1939	Gas masks were fitted on the children today.
September 11th 1939	Number on roll 66 Withernwick children 43 - Evacuees 23.
October 9th 1939	Four of the original "official" evacuees have returned to Hull.
October 17th 1939	An air-raid warning was given at 11.35 a.m. today and the children were sent home immediately. As however the "all clear" signal was given shortly after 12 noon, school was held in the afternoon as usual and gas mask inspection was carried out.
June 18/19/21 1940	Air-raids during the night between 11.00 p.m. and 3.30 a.m.
June 25th 1940	Air-raids 12.30 a.m. to 3.15 a.m.
July 1st 1940	First daylight raid this area - sent children home at 10.45 a.m.

July 8th 1940	11.50 a.m. heard plane, peculiar engine, glanced out of window towards sky, saw three airmen descending by parachute, plane crashed in the fields beyond Aldbrough, daughter reported same by telephone. German airmen rounded up before 2.30 in the afternoon. L.D.V.'s assisted military.
March 19th 1941	Only 18 children (out of 41) present this morning owing to intensive air-raid in the neighbourhood.
June 29th 1942	A large tadpole - the only survivor of a full jar, has changed into a frog this morning. Stones were placed in a bowl and all the children had the opportunity of seeing the newly changed frog sitting on a stone. This is the first time our efforts to rear a baby frog have been successful.
July 13th 1942	Received letter from Enid Blyton to the school children.
	Access to information relating to these intervening years restricted by the "County Archives Office".
November 21st 1963	The Dentists caravan arrived this afternoon. The men experienced great difficulty getting it through the gate into the schoolhouse garden. The caravan was slightly damaged in the process.
March 17th 1964	Mrs. Trow and the Netball team went to Aldbrough school for lunch and a match. They were 'trounced' 12 - 4, but returned in good spirits nevertheless.
July 24th 1964	At the closing assembly I presented the 11+ leavers with a pen and pencil set, bought from school funds.
November 11th 1964	Dental caravan arrived this afternoon. One of the levelling jacks broke, causing difficulty for the workmen parking it.
November 12th 1964	Miss Cripps, Dental Officer, called to treat the children but refused to do so because of the angle at which the caravan was parked.
February 16th 1965	The East Riding Analyst called to take a sample bottle of school milk for analysis.

April 12th 1965	Mr. Power called to tell me that the Education Committee have decided to close this school and send the children to Hornsea County Primary instead of Aldbrough, as originally planned. This closure will take place as soon as possible.
May 11th 1965	A photographer from the Hull Daily Mail called to photograph the school and children at work, in connection with the new interest in the school closure.
October 20th 1965	Rev. Hewson (Managers' Correspondent) received a letter from the Chief Education Officer today. The letter stated that because Withernwick is a growing village and because of the observations of the Managers, with regard to the school closure, the committee has decided that the school will not be closed for the time being. The village people were very pleased and relieved to hear the news.
May 8th 1969	Mr. W. Thomson, H.M.I., called this morning to ask if we were troubled by low flying aircraft.
November 26th 1969	An I.T.V. camera crew and interviewer came to the school. I was interviewed in connection with a feature being produced about the village in connection with complaints about low flying jet aircraft using the range at Cowden.
January 8th 1970	G.P.O. man came to see about a telephone to be fitted in school.
January 25th 1970	Telephone installed in school by G.P.O.
May 13th 1970	Two ladies appeared in the playground looking at dates on the school wall. They were from Huddersfield holidaying in Hornsea and they came to find the school where their Grandfather attended in 1854 when he was 11 years old. He was Robert Calam. They still have some of his exercise books.
July 1st 1970	No dinner for Bobby Norman, David Saltmer and Ian Forrester, who went to Aldbrough for dental extractions during the afternoon!
November 24th 1970	This afternoon I went to the village 'Darby and Joan' meeting, to speak to them about the new decimal currency and show them the new coins.

February 9th 1971	Parents meeting in school at 7.00 p.m. Mr. O'Reilly, Education Officer, and Mr. Moore, Headmaster, Hornsea County Secondary School, addressed an open meeting of parents on the proposed change to comprehensive education and the end of 11+ examinations.
February 15th 1971	'D Day' school dinner money payable in decimal currency at 9p per day.
February 9th 1972	The Vicar, Chairman of the School Managers, came in this morning and we held a 'tree planting ceremony'. Three new trees, 2 crab apple and 1 mountain ash, were planted by the children.
May 13th 1972	This morning there was a pig in the school playground! I don't really know how it got there, but after much telephoning it was finally taken away by Mr. Rawson in his lorry. We've recently had two bullocks and during the spring, frequent visits from lambs.
March 27th 1973	Open Council Meeting held in school at and a 'Playing Field' committee was set up.
January 22nd 1976	Mr. Braithwaite (Development Section) came to look at the building and to discuss the possibility of making indoor toilets.
July 22nd 1976	Mrs. Gawthorpe retires at the end of August after 30 years service here as Caretaker. This afternoon she was our guest of honour. She was presented with a clock as a retirement gift and an autograph book signed by people who have been pupils at this school during the past 30 years.
July 11th 1977	A group of 16 year olds from Sir Leo Schultz High School in Hull came into school as part of a project studying village life.
April 26th 1978	Fashion Show - Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Flint and Mrs. Watt organised a fashion show in the Witherwick Village Hall, raising £50 for school funds.
January 8th 1979	Girls toilets frozen.

January 12th 1979	Boys toilets frozen, but girls toilets thawed out and in use.
February 8th 1979	For the first time our Thursday afternoon games lesson was held in the new school hall at Aldbrough.
February 15/16 1979	Blizzard conditions isolated the village and caused chaos throughout Humberside. School had to be closed for both days and until after the half term break. School opened Wednesday a.m.
November 3rd 1980	Apart from a few minor adjustments and several additional items such as pinboards and cupboards, the Authority accepted the new building extensions to be put into immediate use.
March 3rd 1982	I attended a full day course at Hornsea Primary School, on the use of micro computers in Primary Schools. Very interesting day, a teaching aid worth following up.
June 29th 1983	A netball court, two hopscotch markings and a cricket marking were painted on the playground.
February 3rd 1984	Parents were invited into school at 9.00 a.m. for the 'unveiling' of the computer. This was not successful as the computer would not load. However as soon as the parents left it burst into life. All the children had the chance to use the computer during the day.
May 16th 1984	Builders demolished the outdoor toilets and concreted a surface outside the kitchen window.
June 11th 1985	Today the Junior class began a study of Withernwick and area in connection with a nationwide project to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the Domesday Book.
July 9th 1985	Mrs Medforth, a previous Head of this school came to talk to the Junior class about Withernwick as she knew it, in the 1930's + 40's as part of the Domesday Project the class are undertaking.
January 13th 1986	School closed today due to blizzard conditions.
January 14th 1987	Very strong winds causing drifting and difficult walking conditions. Today the school was opened for the junior class for the morning only and no school for the infants.

July 9th 1987	This evening the first Annual Governors/Parents meeting was held in school.
October 28th 1987	Today the boiler was removed from the classroom and work began on installing oil fired central heating. The new boiler to be situated in what was the coal house.
19th November 1987	The new oil fired central heating system was in operation today.
November 20th 1987	Mrs. L. Harrison, Peripatetic Headteacher, in school today. I took a group of children out to plant about 800 daffodil bulbs in various locations in the village.
March 1st 1988	A heavy snowfall during the night which meant that two teachers from other schools (Mrs. S. Pitt, Long Riston School, a.m., and Mrs. J. Liversedge, Longhill Junior High, p.m.) could not get to their school so came to Withernwick School to work.
April 20th 1988	I was given further information today about the proposal of the District Auditor to Humberside County Council that there is the need for them to consider closing or amalgamating schools with less than 50 children on roll. With a roll of 33, Withernwick School comes into this proposal. There is to be a further meeting of the Education Sub-Committee on June 8th to consider the proposal.
May 24th 1988	Playground climbing frame and netball post inspected today.
June 8th 1988	At a meeting today at County Hall the Education Committee voted not to recommend the closure of small schools as was proposed by the District Auditor.
July 26th 1988	Two retired gentlemen asked if they could look around the school this afternoon having been pupils here many years ago. (Mr. Wright had been their Headteacher). They were very pleased to see inside the school as it is now and to remember their days as pupils here.

- October 7th
1988
- Very strong winds today caused the Junior cloakroom door to slam so hard that even the toughened glass in the door was shattered. It is now six years since the same accident occurred - my first day at the school!
- February 13th
1989
- School re-opened at 9.00 a.m.
The Infants, with Sigglesthorne School, visited Beverley Fire Station this morning.
- Received a letter today to say that our application to to be "twinned" with a school in Europe has resulted in a school in Lidköping, Sweden, being paired with Withernwick School.
- March 15th
1989
- A meeting for parents was held at St. Marys' Junior School, Beverley at 7.00 p.m., in connection with the proposed visit to Llanfairfedian from the 24th to 28th April. Six children from this school will be participating in the visit with children from St. Mary's Junior School.
- March 16th
1989
- Mrs. S. Richardson taught the Infant class this morning while Mrs. Stennett used the morning session for school based Inset training.
- Mr. Tulley - from the Direct Services Organisation visited the school to discuss the possibility of this school taking part in a pilot scheme, concerned with a different method of providing school meals.
- After school nine girls, plus parents went to Skipsea School for a Netball Match. The score was Withernwick 9 - Skipsea 6.
- April 24th -
April 28th 1989
- Mr. T. Crossley, Permanent Unattached Headteacher, East Riding Area, took charge of the school in the absence of the Headteacher who has taken a party of top juniors to Wales.

"This is my first visit to this school and it has been a most enjoyable experience. It is a pleasure nowadays to work in a school where the children listen and want to learn and where everyone is good-natured and friendly. This is the 42nd school I have worked in during my 14 years as a Peripatetic Head."

October 31st
1989

Today I found out that the land the west playground is situated on, belongs to Mr. Horner of Mill House, Withernwick. Humberside County Council pay a rent of £2 per annum for the land. The Horse Chestnut tree therefore belongs to Mr. Horner. The Horse Chestnut tree was pruned today. The branches overhung the climbing frame and where the Netball stand had to be situated. The pruning however, was greater than I had anticipated.

November 29th
1989

The kitchen and staff were formally handed to the charge of the Direct Services Organisation this morning.

March 16th
1990

This afternoon a Sponsored Bounce was held to raise funds for 'Sight Savers' and the 'Tear Fund'. A Bouncing Castle was borrowed from the Humberside Youth Service. The event was very popular!

March 27th
1990

Mrs. Stennett attended an Inset meeting in Driffild this afternoon. Mrs. Stoney taught the Infant class.

During the afternoon we had a visit from a former pupil of this school - Mr. J. Beeton, who brought photographs of the school and village as it was just after the First World War.

May 25th
1990

Mr. & Mrs. L. Smith of Withernwick retired today from delivering school meals to this school. For over 17 years they have daily collected the meal from Hornsea Primary School. These years have been characterised by complete reliability. They stayed to a school lunch today and thanks and good wishes were expressed to them. The retiring gift we intend giving to them will be presented after the half-term holiday.

December 8th
1990

Very strong winds caused damage to the school roof today. A considerable number of tiles were either dislodged or tossed to the ground.

- December 10th 1990 This afternoon the Mayor and Mayoress of Holderness Councillor and Mrs. R. Stephenson, came to the Village Playing Field, to plant an Oak tree for the school assisted by the children.
- April 18th 1991 This afternoon Chris Old ex Yorkshire and England Cricketer, came to show the Junior class how to play "Kwik Cricket" and improve catching and batting skills during the games lesson at Aldbrough School.
- May 14th 1991 Rev. E. Perry spoke at the assembly this morning.
- The Mayor and Mayoress of Holderness visited the school this afternoon to enquire how the Oak tree they planted at the playing field last December was faring. The children were able to report that the tree was showing signs of new buds ready to come into leaf.
- June 26th 1991 Mr. Ireland and Mr. Pouncett, teachers from Hornsea School, visited the school this morning.
- The Infant class went to Sigglesthorne School for a Music Workshop this afternoon.
- The netball team played at Aldbrough School after school and surprised themselves by winning 7 -1.
- September 25th 1991 Mr. Fish, Advisory Headteacher, came to school this afternoon to present four paper back fiction books to the school. The year 6 pupils entered a local competition for the oldest date sign on a school in Humberside. No other school had entered a date earlier than 1846 which is one of the date signs on the east wall of this school - hence the prize!
- November 14th 1991 This afternoon I attended a meeting for Headteachers at Hornsea Primary School. Mrs. P. Harrison taught class 2. This week the two classes have been renamed. The Infant Class is now Class 1 and the Junior Class is Class 2.

- June 8th
1992
- This afternoon the Princess Royal visited Hornsea. The four girls of Class 2 and myself were invited, (and accepted) to be present at Hornsea Cottage Hospital, when the Princess Royal visited the x-ray department there. Other schools in the area sent representatives too for this special occasion.
- October 23rd
1992
- This afternoon a child (Victoria), who is staying in the village came for afternoon school. Victoria comes from Yalta in the Crimea. Although she can only speak a few words in English she and the children in Class 1 managed to communicate with one another.
- June 24th
1993
- The North Holderness Football & Netball Tournament was held this afternoon. The school entered a football team and made up a netball team with four pupils from Brandesburton Primary School. The netball team won their league and came second overall. They were very satisfied with this surprising result.
- July 15th
1993
- Year 6 visited Hornsea School for the day. This evening the annual Governors meeting for Parents was held from 6.45 p.m. Parents had two questions they wished to discuss, the provision of a safety matting under the climbing frame and the future of the school.
- Enquiries are in hand about the climbing frame (not used by the children from last Monday). One of Humbersides' objectives for 1993/94 is the support of small schools. This information was given to the parents.
- September 12th
1993
- Sunday. During the night the school was unlawfully entered. Books and equipment were set on fire. At about 9.00 a.m., a parent passing the school, saw smoke seeping through the window frames and from the door leading on to the playground which was slightly open. She rang for the fire brigade who took an hour to get the smoke dampened down. After receiving a telephone call about the fire, I arrived at school at 10.25 a.m. and was shown the damage by the policeman on duty.

The large classroom was in an appalling state. The bookcases burnt to ashes, as well as the computer etc. on its trolley. The wall behind the computer was badly burnt and the glass in the window between the two classrooms had shattered, allowing smoke to get into the smaller classroom. The walls of the large classroom were dark grey with soot and the smell and effects of the smoke had seeped throughout the building. Two fires had been started in the Junior cloakroom entrance, one being in the Caretakers store cupboard. The fireman had to break windows and two doors in their efforts to gain access to all parts of the building.

After 1.00 p.m. the police had removed items of evidence and we were at liberty to move other items in the school. Humberside County Council Property Services were informed about the fire and Mr. N. Leighton and an Assessor arrived to look at the damage and make arrangements so that the building was secure for the night.

I asked Mr. T. Britton, Governor and a member of the Village Hall Committee, if those premises could be used for the school the next day. This was agreed. There were many offers of help and at 2.00 p.m. a working party of parents, staff, governors and friends, moved tables and chairs outside, washed them as thoroughly as they could with cold water (no electricity), to remove the film of soot that covered them. Mr. Britton organised the transport of the furniture to the Village Hall.

Damaged doors and windows were boarded up and the school locked up at 5.30 p.m., after a most sad and unexpected happening in the history of the school.

September 13th
1993

School opened in the Village Hall this morning, a pleasant building with suitable toilet facilities, after its recent refurbishment. Mrs. P. Harrison, part-time teacher, took my place with class 2 while I, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Robinson (non-teaching staff), the Chair of Governors, Mrs. P. Withill, and the Vice Chair, Mr. S. Would, bagged as much of the equipment and books we thought were still usable. Some parents collected equipment to take home and wash.

All children brought a packed lunch today as no school meals were served.

The children have been most co-operative today despite lack of many items of school equipment etc. The Hull Daily Mail took photographs of the state of the school building and the children at work in the Village Hall.

A glazier measured broken windows and a joiner the two damaged doors.

Mrs. J. Horner from Mill House was most helpful in transporting and storing many bags of equipment, chairs and dining tables.

The weather today was very wet and windy!

September 21st
1993

Mrs. J. Robinson, Parent Governor, showed parents around the school from 9.00 a.m. - 9.30 a.m., so that they could see how the building looks even after cleaning.

December 9th
1993

The final cleaning of the school took place today.

December 13th
1993

Furniture and equipment etc. removed from the Village Hall at 8.45 a.m.

Children arrived for school at 10.30 a.m. as requested.

Children and staff delighted to be back in the newly refurbished school building. The school looks most attractive and comfortable.

Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Robinson thoroughly cleaned the Village Hall ready for handing back to the Village Hall Committee.

January 5th
1994

The school was officially re-opened today at 9.00 a.m. Mrs. P. Withill, Chair of Governors gave a short speech to pupils, parents and friends, who had gathered in the playground (it was raining!) and then Mrs. S. Smith, Dining Room Supervisor at the school for nearly 24 years, and three year 6 pupils - Patrick Mayne, Christian Fox and John Reilly, who have attended this school since they began primary schooling, performed the opening ceremony of cutting the red ribbon and unlocking all three doors to the school. Mrs. Smith presented a "school mascot toy" which she had made.

Parents and friends looked around the school and were invited to refreshments.

During the afternoon a celebration cake made by the cooks at the Hornsea Junior School kitchen was cut and children and staff enjoyed the cake and lemonade.

From 3.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. the school was open to visitors and during that time parents, friends, governors and ex-pupils came to look around the school. Refreshments were served.

Altogether the day had been a very happy occasion, and this was recorded by the Hull Daily Mail and the Hornsea Gazette.

June 30th
1994

The annual Governors Meeting for Parents was held this evening.

July 12th
1994

Our first Sports Afternoon was held on the Village Playing Field at 1.30 p.m. The weather was very hot but we had a successful afternoon with many parents present. Mrs. P. Withill, Chair of Governors, helped with the judging and Mr. S. Would, Vice Chair was the starter.

October 19th
1994

Mr. S. Graham was selected to be the Headteacher of this school from 1.1.95.

Class 2 visited Mappleton beach this morning to look at the cliff defences and to go beach combing for stones as part of the terms topic.

December 15th
1994

Mr. S. Pouncett, Maths teacher from Hornsea School, spent the afternoon in school working with the year 6 pupils with mathematics.

The annual Christmas Concert was held in the Village Hall at 6.30 p.m. to a large audience.

After the concert "Father Christmas" made an appearance with gifts for myself from parents, staff and governors.

December 21st
1994

Mr. D. Kennard, Advisor for this area, called into school this morning with his good wishes for my retirement.

Mrs. S. Smith, Dining Room Supervisor, had arranged with Mrs. Stennett that the last school meal of the term was a special occasion with decorated tables and Christmas crackers, and staff all sitting together.

A happy meal time was enjoyed by all. At the close I was presented with a beautiful bouquet and retirement cards.

During these last few days, staff, parents, governors and friends in the village, have been most kind in making my departure from Withernwick School and my retirement a memorable and happy time.

School closed at 3.30 p.m. for the Christmas holidays.

January 3rd
1995

I began my appointment as Headteacher, having moved from the post of Deputy-Headteacher at Clifton Primary School, Hull.

January 23rd
1995

Mr. Derek Kennard (Pastoral Advisor), visited the school to discuss my future plans for the school.

The inaugural meeting of the "Friends of Withernwick" took place this evening.

February 6th
1995

The new Withernwick School sweatshirt was distributed to the children today. Kirby Watts, a year 6 pupil in Class 2 designed the badge.

- February 9th 1995 Mrs. S. Smith (Dining Room Supervisor) completed 25 years service to the school today. She was presented with a commemorative inscribed clock and some roses for her garden to mark the occasion.
- February 10th 1995 The inaugural social evening took place today. This was organised by the "Friends of Withernwick" and took the form of a beetle drive. The evening was a great success with sixty people attending. A "Book Fair" was held during the afternoon and evening which created great interest.
- March 18th 1995 Fourteen children, many parents and myself, went to Woodmansey Primary School this morning to take part in football and netball tournaments. A very enjoyable morning was spent with other small schools and we were delighted to win the football.
- May 8th 1995 The school was closed today for the Victory in Europe Day, commemorating the allied success in the Second World War.
- May 12th 1995 Today we started a School Bank. The year 5 children are being trained to clerk the bank, supervised by Mrs. W. Simpson and Mrs. G. Bloom (Parent Helpers). There has been great enthusiasm for this venture.
- May 17th 1995 Mrs. B. Walker (OFSTED Team Leader) visited school this afternoon to discuss the forthcoming inspection.
- June 7th 1995 I spent the day working on whole curriculum planning with members of the Riversiders Cluster at Beverley Longcroft Secondary School. Mrs. P. Worsdale taught class 2.
- June 21st 1995 The Debenhams Bright Futures Playback Bus visited us this morning. Both classes had prepared activities to film. The children were given an insight of the process involved in making films. A thoroughly enjoyable morning was completed by watching the films on the specially prepared coach.
- I attended an OFSTED preparation meeting at Humberside Education Centre during the afternoon.

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| July 7th
1995 | The "Friends of Withernwick" organised a barbeque at the Village Hall this evening. It was a pleasant, warm evening with seventy people attending. |
| July 8th
1995 | The school held its Summer Fayre during the afternoon. The weather was glorious and there was a good attendance. The proceeds from the barbeque and Summer Fayre amounted to £300. |
| September 11th
1995 | The first day of our OFSTED inspection. Mrs. Walker (Registered Inspector) and her two colleagues, Mr. Duerdon and Mrs. Flowers, completed lesson observations and interviewed Mrs. Stennett and myself after school. Miss. Rachel Would (Student at Sheffield University) began an observation and work experience fortnight with us. |
| September 12th
1995 | The OFSTED inspection process is proving a manageable experience due mainly to the professionalism of the inspection team. They have been very rigorous so far, but also very sensitive to the problems caused by our very compact accommodation. |
| September 13th
1995 | An air of euphoria descended on the school this afternoon involving both staff, children and inspectors, as the inspection was completed. |

OFSTED INSPECTION FINDINGS

Standards of Achievement

Withernwick Primary is a good school. The standards of achievement in the school reflect national averages in all subjects of the curriculum except English, Science and Art, where standards are good throughout the school.

Quality of education provided

The quality of learning is good. Pupils develop well as readers, learn spellings and times tables systematically, and they work hard in school. The quality of teaching is good overall.

Efficiency

The school's financial resources are well managed. Daily accounting and ongoing administration are efficient. Time and resources are used efficiently. Governors fulfil their statutory duty through an appropriate Finance Sub-committee.

Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development

The school provides an encouraging and supportive environment where shared values are promoted and all relationships are positive. Parents are welcomed, and kept well informed, social development is carefully planned, and community links are being actively developed.

November 4th
1995

The "Friends of Withernwick" organised a Bonfire Party for the village. This was a very successful, well attended event. We are indebted to Mr. Moulds for lending us his field and Mr. & Mrs. Ashton for making their home available for organising refreshments.

December 5th
1995

Mr. M. Walters visited school in the evening to speak to interested parents on behalf of Normans Music regarding musical instrument tuition. This was well supported and a number of children will be starting lessons after Christmas.

December 21st
1995

This morning we opened the postbox and distributed its contents. Mrs. J. Hicks (School Administrative Assistant), was presented with flowers and a framed picture of the school as a leaving present.

School closed at 3.30 p.m. for the Christmas holiday.

I took four children to the National Childrens' Home Support Centre for Families, to deliver the presents our children had brought in.

January 10th 1996	School re-opened today for the Spring Term, with 39 children on roll. Mrs. D. Blakeley took up her post of School Secretary.
March 27th 1996	The whole school went to the Methodist Church for the Easter Service led by Rev. M. Doughty. The church was filled with people from the village and our instrumental group played for the first time in public.
April 16th 1996	School re-opened today at 9.00 a.m. with 45 children on roll. During the Easter holiday Humberside County Council was disbanded and we now come under the control of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.
May 3rd 1996	The football team played at Lockington Church of England Primary School this afternoon and won 7 - 1.
May 18th 1996	Seventeen of our children took part in the football/netball tournament for small schools at Lockington Church of England Primary School. Our teams played very well and managed to compete enthusiastically all morning. The football team won the tournament.
May 21st 1996	Class 2 visited Hornsea Museum this morning to take part in Victorian activities. All the children and teachers dressed up in clothes of the period and the Holderness Gazette sent a photographer to record the occasion.
May 24th 1996	School closed at 3.30 p.m. for the half term holiday. Miss. Becky Wardlow was presented with our sesqui-centenary commemorative mug to mark her succesful work experience with us.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Hull Special Place Exam

1939	Josie Clappison	St. Mary's (Governors Scholarship) (100%) (1951 B.A.)
1939	Mary Ellis	Malet Lambert
1940	Alan Morrill	Malet Lambert (100%)
1940	Patricia M. Walgate	St. Mary's
1941	John Hewson	Hull Grammer (100%) (1953 B.A.)
1941	Margaret Ellis	Malet Lambert
1942	Dorothy Croft	St. Mary's (100%)
1942	Raymond Woodall	Hull Technical College
1943	Shirley Bullock	Malet Lambert

Exam discontinued.

County Minor (ER)

1933	May Graham	Malet Lambert
1937	May Warrener	St. Mary's
1938	Audrey L. Lumb	Kingston High (returned as Student teacher 1943)
1940	Patricia M. Walgate	St. Mary's
1941	John Hewson	Archbishop Holgates, York
1942	Dorothy Croft	St. Mary's
1945	Ronald Scrafton	Malet Lambert
1945	Marion Ellis	Malet Lambert

1946	Peter Whitty	Malet Lambert
1947	Louis Dunn	Kingston High
1947	Janet Croft	St. Mary's
1948	David Etherington	Kingston High
1948	Eva Brumpton	St. Mary's
1949	Charles Wallis	Malet Lambert
1949	Hilary Norman	Malet Lambert
1951	Alex Hewson	Kingston High (Scholarship to Keeble College, Oxford)
1952	Valerie Pickett	St. Mary's
1953	David Croft	Hymers
1953	Alice Jennison	St. Mary's
1953	Judith Wilde	College of Art
1953	Gerald Hewson	College of Art
1953	Jean Scrafton	College of Commerce
1954	Charles Hewson	Kingston High
1954	Terence Ireland	Malet Lambert
1954	Margaret Harsley	St. Mary's
1956	Christopher Simpson	Malet Lambert
1956	Robert Hewson	Malet Lambert
1958	Sarah Williams	Hymers
1958	Geoffrey Wilde	Hymers
1958	Dennis Fell	Hymers
1958	Sheila Rawson	Rise

EPIDEMICS / ILLNESSES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Illness</u>	<u>Number of pupils on roll</u>
1893 March	Influenza	64
April	20 - 30 children absent	81
July		90
October	School closed - Eruption of the skin epidemic of 'the itch' and influenza	
1894 May	Whooping Cough (Feb - May)	84
Note: August - Hatfield School opened		59
November	Influenza and cold	
1895 January	Measles and Eczema	
1896 January		68
December		
11th	Measles (32 children absent)	74
15th	Measles (46 children absent)	74
1898 January	Diphtheria (School closed 9th - 24th)	
1900 February	Mumps	
December	Influenza (only 14 in school)	
1904 April		75
1905 February	Scarlet Fever (School closed 26th February to 10th April)	
1906 December		84
1908 April		96
1911 March	Whooping Cough (31 children absent)	
1914 May	Chicken-pox	

1915	July	Measles	
1925	January	Influenza (School closed - only 27 children in school)	
	October	Whooping Cough (School closed - only 12 children in school 13th October - 2nd November)	56
1926	May	Scabies	
	November	Impetigo	
1927	June	Mumps	43
1929	January	Measles	
1932	July	Whooping Cough	
	October		35
1933	July	Whooping Cough (School closed)	
	September		48
1938	January		36
1939	January	Chicken-pox (12 children absent)	41
	September	(Withernwick children = 43, Evacuees = 23)	66
1940	November	Measles (50 % absent)	
1941	March	Air-raid (23 children absent)	41
1944	January	Mumps (35 children absent)	57
	May	Whooping Cough	
	September	German Measles, Scabies, Impetigo	
1945	July	Chicken-pox (25 children absent)	



SCHOOL ROLL (as in September each year)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
1892	79
1893	81
1894	84 (May) decreasing to 59 (August) after the opening of Hatfield School.
1896	71
1897	70
1904	75
1906	84
1908	96
1909	85
1913	88
1925	56
1927	43
1932	35
1933	48
1938	36
1939	41 Increasing to 66 due to influx of evacuees
1941	41
1944	57

Due to a closure of public access to records, information for the following nineteen years is unavailable.

1963	21
1964	13
1965	22
1966	22
1967	25
1968	27
1969	31
1970	29
1971	29
1972	34
1973	34
1974	32
1975	30
1976	33
1977	32
1978	42
1979	40
1980	43
1981	43

1982	41
1983	40
1984	36
1985	39
1986	30
1987	26
1988	29
1989	26
1990	26
1991	22
1992	25
1993	29
1994	32
1995	36

COMPARISON OF ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE

1895 = 57.8%

1995 = 93.9%

