

January - May 1903: A Miss Leverett was appointed Assistant Teacher.

March 1903: Two more pupils died on two consecutive days; March 23rd Frederick Gearing; March 24th Dorothy Stone, foster sister of Frederick; she died from Pneumonia.

In May 1903 there is a first mention of the children being photographed.

1903 Quote: "Owing to the passing of the 1902 Education Act, which abolishes School Boards, the School Board of Ufford, after an existence of thirty years, is defunct as from this date. Henceforth the official title of the school will be Ufford Council School, as it is now taken over by the East Suffolk County Council."

In January 1904 workmen took tiles off the roof of the main room to install a dormer window. The noise was so great that the Headmaster, Mr. Bentley, couldn't hear himself speak. Permission was granted to close the school from January 19th to February 2nd because of this. When school re-opened the workmen were still there. It was still very noisy.

1904 - 1906: Miss Chattin, Assistant Mistress was appointed.

She lived at Benhall and cycled 9 miles each way every day. On one occasion she had a mishap with this machine and arrived at School at 2.45 p.m.

On April 29th 1904 Mr and Mrs Bentley retired. Managers, parents, pupils and ex-pupils attended the presentation. They were given an illuminated address and a silver-plated tea set.

1904 - 1908: Miss Ward, Headmistress

There were 102 pupils on roll. Pupils included Dora Bezant, Bertie and Ellen May, William Backhouse, Arthur Davis and Emma Clements.



1908 - 1934: Miss Judd, Headmistress

In March 1909 a family with diphtheria was reported and in the following month three more cases were confirmed, one child dying of the disease. There was alarm in the village and the school was closed by order of the Medical Officer of Health. The school drains were inspected.

January 1910 - December 1919: Miss Barber was appointed as Assistant Teacher.

In February 1910 a can of Cyllin for disinfecting the school was received. Several children were suffering with ring-worm. One child was absent for a whole year with it.

In May 1910 Empire Day was observed quietly because of the death of King Edward VII.

June 16th - 26th 1911: A holiday was given for the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary.

1913: A Horticultural Instructor visited the school and measured up land for a school garden. A hut was erected for the tools which included watering cans, shears and a wheelbarrow. Seeds and artificial manure was supplied by Notcutts. Prizes were given for the best plots.

1914: Some of the older pupils went to Ipswich to see the Cinematograph "From the Manger to the Cross". They were sent by the kindness of Edward Brooke Esq. Pupils included Rose and Jessie Cunnell, Bertha Boon, Dorothy William and Elsie and Violet Chilvers.

1916 - 1924: Miss Collins, Infant Teacher.

1917: Cookery classes commenced for girls using an oil stove.

October 1918: Violet Fletcher and Ida Booth commenced their training as Pupil Teachers. A Miss Clara Turton trained students at the Centre at Wickham Market School. She was a brilliant teacher who we all remember with great affection and respect. Students did a four-year course and then entered various Training Colleges. A reunion is held annually at the Grange Hotel.



October 1928: A holiday was given to allow the staff and children to attend the funeral of Frederick Davey, an infant, who died in Ipswich Hospital after an operation for appendicitis.

The Great War 1914 - 1918; This is not mentioned but on June 17th 1919, the school was closed for the Peace celebrations. Children were later allowed to watch the armoured cars pass along the Main Road.

January 1920 - December 1964: Miss Dorothy Dee became an Assistant and later Headmistress. I worked with her for many happy years and many people in Ufford will remember her with affection. Her sister, Hilda, lives in Melton, and is aged 93 years.

May 1920: It was suggested that the girls should attend the Woodbridge Cookery Centre. In later years they were transferred to Wickham Market Special Subjects Centre.

Pupils included:- Evelyn Bezant, Clara Budinger, Frederick Gilbert, Violet Chilvers, Maud, Hilder and Mary Smith, Hilda Hambling, Evelyn Hunt, Ivy Spurl (died from meningitis), Claud Bowery, Cornelius Murphy, Charles Cook, Cecil Smy and Elsie Dunnett.

Mr Fisher and Mr Ness Goldsmith were School Managers.

March 1922: A holiday was given for the Wedding of Princess Mary and in April 1923, the Wedding of the Duke of York.

November 1924 - December 1928: Miss Irene Langmaid was appointed Infant Teacher. At one time she was absent due to a motor cycle accident!

1927: Miss Judd, Headmistress, purchased a Gramophone. The Inspectors comment being "she must feel well repaid by the pleasure shown by the pupils".

1928 - 1938: Miss Wadley commenced teaching.

Boys commenced woodwork lessons at Wickham Market.

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1932 Rules of Safety of Children in the playground were issued.

1. On arrival at school, children are not to congregate in the road but enter playground immediately.
2. Climbing on the gates is strictly forbidden.
3. Children must not carry younger ones on their cycles except with the permission of the parent of the child carried!
4. Bicycles are not to be ridden in the playground.

Pupil Teachers included Dorothy Skeet, Margaret Jenvey and Peggy Orford.

Pupils included Kenneth Davis, Hedley Watts, Reginald Woodhouse, Leonard Clements, David Potter and Glyn Evans.

In December 1934 Headmistress Miss Judd retired after 26 years at the school. There is no record of gifts presented. She was succeeded by Mrs Jennie Barnes, January 1935 - 1947.

There were 60 pupils on roll.

On March 20th, 1935 a holiday was given so that the Senior boys could attend a football match in Ipswich - Suffolk County v. Arsenal.

On May 3rd, 1935 the school closed for the Silver Jubilee of King George V. In the summer the children attended the swimming baths at Woodbridge.

July 1st, 1935 Professor Francis gave a conjuring entertainment after school. "He was well recommended and gave a clean and enjoyable programme."

July 19th, 1935 An afternoon's holiday was given to enable the children to collect wild flowers for the Ufford Flower Show.

November 11th, 1935 Armistice Day was observed. The Children's Message by Sir Samuel Hoare was read. A two minute silence was observed, followed by the singing of "O God our Help in Ages Past" and "Children's Hymn by Rudyard Kipling.

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1936

January 22nd The whole school listened to the Proclamation of King Edward VIII.

January 28th School closed for the funeral of King George V.

February Great excitement when a herd of cows trampled all over the school garden.

June An outing was organised to London and the Zoological Gardens.

November The children left school at different times. Infants 3 p.m.; Juniors 3.15 p.m.; Seniors 3.30 p.m.

1937

February Miss Pryke became a Pupil Teacher

May 12th A holiday was given for the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

Pupils included Ruth Hines, Harold Keeble, George Mayhew, Olive Woodhouse, May Cooper, Peggy Clements and Josephine Raven.

December Trees were planted to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

1938

Dorothy Bourne started training as a Pupil Teacher and Miss Evelyn Wadley left to be married.

September Miss Ida Ward became Assistant Teacher. (She recently attended the Re-union of Pupils and Staff of Old Melton School).

PC Blewitt brought respirators to school for the inhabitants of Upper Ufford to be distributed by ARP Wardens.

October 28th Gas Masks were brought. Every family was supplied with written instructions regarding their care.

November Splinter-proof netting was put up at the windows.