

1939

June Electric light was installed in the school.

September 18th School re-opened after the Declaration of War.

The Evacuees arrived. There were two sessions of lessons due to the high numbers. West Ham + Ufford Pupils - 9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Grays Roman Catholic and Dagenham Pupils 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Roman Catholic Pupils had lessons at "Little Springs". A senior class was held in St Mary's Church Hall.

66 Ufford children on roll.

72 evacuees on roll.

October The windows were treated with cellophane as an Air Raid precaution.

1940

April 1st The senior children were transferred to Wickham Market School.

June 3rd The evacuees were removed to a safer area. Mr Penfold was a Teacher and Miss Edna Lancaster was a Pupil Teacher.

December 19th A Christmas Party was held. A tree was given by Mr Ness Goldsmith and each child received a present. Pupils included B Cunnell, F Cunnell, A Buxton and Eric Woodhouse.

1941

February The attendance was low due to the air-raids.

March Children were immunised against Diptheria.

September Bicycles were received from the Office for seniors cycling to Wickham Market School.

October School closed one afternoon to enable children to collect salvage.

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

1942

February 11th Children paraded round the village in fancy dress, danced the "Hornpipe" to a gramophone with Percussion Band for "Warship Week". They collected £4. 4s. 0d., a gift to the Nation!

A Mrs Cook was the school cleaner.

July 1943 Noel Smith won a County Scholarship to Woodbridge Grammar School.

1944

School dinners were served, but where were they cooked? (The Canteen building had not yet been built).

June Michael Taylor won a Scholarship.

September Twelve evacuees arrived from Tottenham.

December Mrs Francis Harris taught the Infants.

1945

May 8th and 9th A holiday given for Victory in Europe.

June Ronald Ball, the last evacuee, returned to London. Pupils included Janet Brown, Pat King, Lilian Harrison, Raymond Thrower, Dick Miller, Jean Pizzey.

October All the children were presented with a 2/6d. National Savings Stamp.

1946

The architect arrived to see the possibility of building a Canteen Kitchen for the school.

The school cleaner was Mrs Goldsmith and she was succeeded by Mrs Ruby Woodhouse.

Pupils included Jean Cunnell and Winifred Kemp.

1947

School milk was delivered in $\frac{1}{2}$ bottles. J Taylor was allocated to Leiston Grammar School.

December 16th Mrs Barnes retired because of ill-health.

1948

April 1st Miss Dorothy Dee was officially appointed as Headmistress.

Number on roll - 52.

April 26th A holiday was given for the Silver Wedding of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

Mrs Grimsey retired as washer-up for the canteen meals and Mrs Kindred took her place.

Mrs Shipp began teaching at the school.

1949

Mr Ingram Smith, the builder, called to see about a site for a canteen building. There is a mention that meals were brought from Charsfield school but only temporarily.

May Miss Norris, the Gardening Instructoress, thought the school gardens were too big for smaller boys to manage. She suggested they could be made into a lawn with only a small piece kept for vegetables.

October 10th Mrs Sutton was appointed as Cook, with Mrs F Raven as assistant. The canteen opened on October 24th and 66 out of 68 children stayed for lunch! Later, Mrs Sutton and Mrs Raven received a letter from the school Managers praising their efficiency. They were also praised by Miss Bush, the Education Supervisor.

Pupils included the Stammers family, Mildred Last, Ann Eley, Raymond Goddard, John Harvey, Paul Manning and Bryan Fisk.

David Smith and Russell Braithwaite were allocated to the Grammar School.

1951

The roll was 90. Pupils included Valerie Bloomfield, John Rush, Jack Bradley, Martin Miller and the Grimble and Flatman families.

Ann Kindred, Neville Meadows and Brian Taylor all entered Grammar Schools. Mrs Banthorpe and Mr Edgar joined the teaching staff.

Mr Calver was elected Chairman of the Governors.

June 4th Miss Dee and Mrs Harris took the older pupils to the South Bank Exhibition.

1952

February 15th A two-minute silence was observed at 2 p.m. for the burial of King George VI.

1953

May 21st Coronation beakers arrived from the County Office. A holiday was given for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

July 6th The children went to St Mary's Hall. A talk was given by Lord Cranbrook on the Coronation and he displayed his Coronation Robes.

The architect measured the porches for wash basins and drinking water to be installed.

July 24th Mr Edgar left to teach in Rhodesia.

1954

The architect suggested a boiler be installed with hot water pipes. Work should have commenced in the summer holidays but this was not done until Christmas. Miss Dee was worried about oil heaters used in crowded conditions.

1955

September Miss Grimwood (Rowena Lay) commenced duties.

1956

February The flush toilets outside froze. The teachers had to flush down with pails of water!

October 16th Mrs Shipp died. Miss Dee quotes "she was a valuable assistant, always willing and very conscientious".

1958

July Mrs Dodwell was appointed a School Manager.

November Three trees arrived from Notcutts for the lawn at the bottom of the playground. Mr Derek Lay planted them.

1959

July Mrs Francis Harris left. She was presented with a Parker Pen.

September Mrs V Venning was appointed Infant Teacher.

1960

Mrs Lay was granted six months maternity leave. Mrs Banthorpe came on supply.

May 6th A holiday was given for the Wedding of HRH Princess Margaret.