

September 25th Mr Green from Cape Town brought slides, Zulu costumes, weapons and musical instruments, and talked to the children about life in that country.

October 3rd Paul Sinnadurai was accepted as a pupil at St Joseph's College.

November 1st Mrs Daphne Chilvers was appointed School Caretaker on the retirement of Mr Reginald Woodhouse.

November 8th The children planted a tree at the junction of the Woodbridge B1438 and Ipswich A12 roads. This was to commemorate the Centenary.

November 13th A presentation was made to Mr and Mrs White in appreciation of their work as Chairman of the Parents' Association and Correspondent of the Managers.

December 16th The children performed a Nativity Play in St Mary's Church. The church was filled to capacity.

1975

January 13th Mr Illman, Music teacher, commenced duties.

February 14th The Valentine School Social took place in St Mary's Church Hall. The children provided entertainment which included an excerpt from "My Fair Lady".

Mr Woodhouse was presented with a bird table and book and cheque on his retirement.

Educational visits were made to Christchurch Mansion, Kessingland Wild Life Park, and the Maritime Museum in Great Yarmouth.

November 21st The children were transported to Melton School to line the route taken by Her Majesty the Queen on her way to open the Post Office Research Station at Martlesham.

1976

February 21st A party of 78 children and parents went to see the pantomime "Dick Whittington" at the Woodbridge Cinema.

September 27th Mr Revett brought the children boxes of chocolates which were prizes for their collage work at Otley College Horticultural Show.

December 8th A Nativity Play was performed to the Friendship Club and later also in St Mary's Church.

1977

January 12th Mrs Sylvia Sanders showed the children Icelandic pottery made from lava.

June 3rd A picnic and rounders match took place on the meadow down by the river. This was part of Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee celebrations. At 3 p.m. a Service was held in the school. Brigadier Southwell and Dr Imrie presented the children with mugs and flags.

June 7th Jubilee Day

The children entertained parishioners with Maypole Dancing in front of St Mary's Church. Later races were run and teas served in the Hall. Great fun was had by all.

Miss Benham was granted leave to nurse her invalid mother. Mrs Lesley came on supply during the latter's absence.

July 11th The school closed in celebration of the Queen's Silver Jubilee tour of East Anglia. The junior children gave a display of Maypole dancing in the grounds of St Clement's Hospital, Ipswich, for the Queen's visit. We had a fine view of her as she toured the grounds in a Land Rover.

December 15th Mrs Pat Marr gave the children a film show after their Christmas lunch.

1978

35 children on roll.

May 4th A visit was made to Bawdsey School. The Headmaster and his class accompanied us along the beach. Many specimens were brought back for topic work.

May 12th The children did a Floral Arrangement for Ufford Methodist Church's Flower Festival. The Reverend Oliver showed and talked about the historical exhibits on view. He also told the children about John Wesley.

1979

School didn't open until January 8th due to severe winter weather.

February 11th A Special Service was held at St Mary's Church for Education Sunday. The children sang two hymns, played recorders and led the intercessions. The two teachers read the Lessons. Children's school work was on display.

February 15th There was a heavy fall of snow and only nine children were present.

June 7th Mr and Mrs Marr commenced working on a film of the activities in the school. The children were very excited to see themselves on film.

1980

Children on roll - 24

January 22nd A reporter from the East Anglian Daily Times 'phoned about the possible closure of the school.

February 23rd Mr Bottomley visited to discuss the future of the school and the criteria upon which a decision would be made:

1. The quality of the education provided
2. The cost of the education per child
3. The support of the local community

March 7th An open meeting was held in St Mary's Hall. Approximately sixty people attended. Mr Walker, County Councillor, and Mr R Nicholls, District Councillor, were also present.

An Action Committee was formed to co-ordinate the suggestions made to ensure that the school remained open.

March 17th Work commenced on the interior decorations!

April 19th Four of the Action Committee were received by Mr Gummer, M.P. He discussed the situation of the school closure and suggested that he addressed a Public Meeting in the village.

April 28th A meeting was held at St Mary's Church Hall. Representatives of seven small schools threatened with closure were present.

June 2nd Mr J Underwood, Area Education Officer, and Mrs Hully, spent the day appraising (inspecting) the school.

June 11th Mr Saville also did an appraisal.

October 10th Mr Underwood with a group of County Councillors, visited the school.

December 16th Children gave a performance of "Balushka" in St Mary's Church.

1981

January 12th ITV film crew spent the day filming the school for their programme.

January 14th Mr Harwood, Chairman of the Education Committee, and Mr Gummer, visited the school. With Miss Inez Benham, they were interviewed by Anglian TV.

January 23rd The Anglia Television programme was relayed at 10 p.m. It was entitled "Small Schools under Threat".

January 28th The County Council decided that Ufford School should remain open!! It was to become a one-teacher full-time and one-teacher part-time school. With an ancillary helper. The villagers agreed to assist by undertaking minor jobs, e.g. grass-cutting, hedge-cutting and minor repairs, to cut costs. The school was to be reviewed after three years and, if all was well, would continue to be kept open.

March 5th Mrs Bond showed the children slides of her visit to China.

July Miss Inez Benham, Headmistress, retired. Great secrecy enabled us to plan a surprise party for her. The parents provided a delicious buffet served in the canteen. The main room was packed with pupils, ex-pupils, staff, family and villagers. Mrs Margaret Goddard planned a "This is Your Life" programme and it was recorded by Mr Don Spall. Miss Benham received flowers, a cake, radio, a lady's light-weight spade for her gardening and many other gifts and cards. It was a very memorable evening. She had been at the school twenty years.

September Mrs Susan Baldry became Headmistress.

1982

School visits were made to Orford Castle, Minsmere, Aldeburgh and Woodbridge Air Force Base.

July 22nd Miss Aldous invited the children and staff to tea in her beautiful garden.

1983

March 21st Father Drew, the new Rector of Ufford, visited.

March 25th Mrs Lay retired after 33 years teaching. A reporter and photographer came from the local paper. A tea party was held and a presentation was made. Gifts included a pearl necklace, a tapestry of the Swiss Alps, a cake, a bouquet and cheque.

Mrs Guard taught at the school for the summer term only.

September 7th Mrs Russell took up her appointment as part-time Infant teacher.

1984

March 28th The review, which was to take place after three years from the beginning of the self-help scheme being inaugurated, took place today. Mr Shenstone (Assistant Area Officer), Jane Johnston (Adviser) and David Matthews (for County Hall) were present.

July 12th A large group of visitors came to the school from the County Council, Education Office and Teacher Representatives.