

OLIVER HOOPER

HEADMASTER'S LOG FOR SIBFORD GOWER ENDOWED SCHOOL NO.183

1912

- Nov 4 Mr O. Hooper the new Head Master commenced duties today, introduced to the school by Rev L Moxon, Vicar.
- Nov 8 Mr Buttler HMI (*His Majesty's Inspector of Schools*) visited school.
- Nov 12 A Bartlett HMI visited school and inspected the children.
- Dec 3 Mr Kittle, Horticulture Instructor gave a demonstration to the gardening boys on grafting trees.
- Dec 18 Rev L Moxon examined registers.

1913

- Jan 8 Rev L Moxon commenced Scripture Lessons to the Upper Division.
- Jan 24 Distribution of prizes. School Managers present.
- March 3 Head Teacher absent by permission.
- March 31 Dr Mottram visited school, suspected Whooping Cough.
- April 2 School closed for Whooping Cough.
- May 5 School re-opened.
- May 15 Dr Penrose conducted Medical Examination.
- July 2 Mr S Henton, Horticulture Instructor paid first visit to school gardens.
- July 29 Dr Cole, School Medical Office and Mrs Pearse, Health Visitor visited school.
- Aug 8 School closed for Harvest Holidays.
- Sept 23 School re-opened.
- Oct 7 Medical Examination by Dr Faulkner.
- Oct 17 Miss I M Jefferson ceased duties as Supplementary Teacher.
- Oct 21 Mr I Langley commenced duties as Supply Teacher.
Mrs Hooper commenced as Sewing Mistress.
- Oct 23 Mr J F Leaf Esq., HMI visited school.
- Oct 28 Prizes for Sewing and Scripture distributed by Managers.
- Oct 29 The wedding of Miss I M Jefferson took place today.
- Nov 21 Mr I Langley and Mrs Hooper ceased duties, the former as Supply Teacher, the latter, as Sewing Mistress.
- Nov 24 Miss Alice Mary Whitehead commenced duties as Uncertificated Teacher.
- Dec 22 Distribution of prizes. School closed for Christmas holiday.

1914

- Jan 6 Re-opened school.
- Jan 29 Mr F Inns, Manager, visited school.
- March 20 Deep snow.
Mrs Hooper commenced duties as Supply Teacher.
- March 26 Weighing machine for school delivered.
- March 30 Miss F H Keyte absent, suspected fever.
- March 31 A Bartlett Esq. HMI visited school.
- April 9 School closed for Easter holiday.
- April 20 Re-opened school, Miss I H Keyte returned to duty. Five children of Dixon family went to USA.
- May 21 Mrs Pearse visited school.
- May 22 May Tea Party held in the afternoon.
- June 15 Kathleen and May Leaver absent with Scarlet Fever.

- June 16 Drs Cole and Morton visited school.
- July 16 Scripture Examination in the morning. In the afternoon the children paid a visit to Earl Dudley's Calcine Furnaces at Hook Norton.
- July 28 Garden School Show at Deddington. The School took 2nd Prize of the District.

July 28 1914 was the date of the start of the First World War when Austria-Hungary, following the assassination of Arch Duke Ferdinand, declared war on Serbia. By 14 August 1914 Germany invaded France through Belgium and the war in Europe had begun. There is no mention of these important events in the Head Master's Log Book.

- Oct 28 A Bartlett Esq. HMI visited school.
- Nov 12 The result of the National Dolls Outfit Competition received.
E Barton awarded 10 shillings, E Whitehead 10 shillings and Ester Spicer 5 shillings.
- Dec 24 School closed for Christmas.

1915

- Jan 11 School re-opened.
- Jan 19 Mr Kittle, Horticultural Instructor gave an address on soils.
- Jan 22 Snow
- Feb 24 Mrs Pearse visited school.
- Feb 26 Miss A M Whitehead ceased duties as Uncertificated Teacher.
- March 1 Miss Emily Ellen Godman commenced duties as Uncertificated Teacher, born January 12th 1863 (aged 52).
- March 8 Miss Godman absent. Mrs Hooper in School.
- March 10 Mrs Hooper in school as Supply.
- March 16 Miss Keyte absent, ill. Mrs Hooper in school.
- March 26 Mrs Hooper ceased duties.
- March 29 School closed for Measles and Easter holidays.
- March 31 Miss Godman ceased duties.
- April 12 School re-opened. Fifteen present. School closed for measles by order of the Education Authority.
- May 17 Re-opened school. (5 weeks after closure).
Miss Nellie Wilkes commenced duties as Uncertificated Teacher, born 25 November 1888.

In the space of two years the children experienced 10 different staff members - 5 staff members had ceased duties and five new ones were appointed with Mr Hooper's wife covering the change over periods as a supply teacher. With illness and staff changes it must have been very disruptive for the children's learning.

- June 18 Lady Jane Herbert and Mr Frank Lascelles visited school.
- July 1 C B Hunt Esq. HMI visited school.
- July 29 Dr Coles sent Telegram ordering school to be closed for one week for Influenza Epidemic.

1916

- Jan 10 Re-opened school.
- Feb 14 Snow and blizzard – 30 present.
- Feb 25 Deep snow – 54 present.
- Feb 29 Snow - 45 present.
- March 8 Snow – 44 present.

March 23	Max Poppe, a Belgian refugee left school.
March 28	Snow and blizzard the whole of the day – 14 present.
March 29	School closed for blizzards.
March 30	57 present. Miss Keyte unable to travel through snow.
March 31	Miss Keyte absent.
May 11	A Bartlett Esq. visited school.
May 24	Empire Day celebration.
May 29	Rev Verey, Diocesan Inspector inspected the school.
June 2	Mrs Pearse visited school.
August 11	School closed for Harvest holidays.
Sept 20	Re-opened school. 81 present.
Oct 24-26	Rev C Fry of National Mission addressed scholars in Scripture Lesson time during the morning.
Nov 20	The Choir Boys went to Banbury. Battle of the Somme. <i>This was a film shown at Banbury Cinema.</i>
Dec 18	Snow.
Dec 22	Annual Prize distribution by Mr F Inns one of the Managers. School closed for Christmas.
1917	
Jan 8	Re-opened school. Heavy snow.
Jan 18	Weather very severe.
Jan 22	Weather still severe.
Feb 2	Snow.
Feb 9	Snow.
Feb 15	A Bartlett Esq, HMI visited school.
March 5	Deep snow.
March 7	Blizzard. Miss Keyte absent.
March 9	Sever snow storm.
March 16	Miss Keyte ceased duties as Uncertificated Teacher, presented with marble timepiece
March 19	Miss Bertha H Holden commenced duties as Uncertificated Teacher.
June 4	Jesse Tanner, 12 years old, started work on farm for Mr Fenn. <i>Jesse Tanner later became the owner and driver for Sibford's own bus company, known as Tanners. His buses used to fill up with fuel from the derelict petrol pump outside the garage opposite the primary school.</i>
July 4	Rev Marsh Kirby, diocesan Inspector inspected school.
August 17	School closed for Harvest Holidays.
Oct 2	School re-opened. Holiday in afternoon for picking blackberries for soldiers.
Oct 4	272lbs of blackberries sent to Bloxham.
Oct 9	Holiday for blackberry picking.
Oct 10	Holiday in afternoon for blackberry picking.
Oct 11	281lbs of blackberries sent to Bloxham.
Oct 22	Half-holiday for blackberry picking.
Oct 23	Half-holiday for blackberry picking.
Oct 24	237lbs blackberries sent to Bloxham.
Oct 26	A Bartlett Esq. HMI visited school. Holiday in the afternoon for blackberry picking.
Oct 29	46lbs blackberries sent to Bloxham. From Oct 4 to Oct 29 the quantity of blackberries sent equalled 8cwt 5lbs.
Dec 21	Distribution of prizes by the Rev L Moxon, Chairman of Managers. School closed for Christmas.

1918

- Jan 7 School re-opened.
- Jan 16 Deep snow and blizzard - 9 present.
- Jan 17 Deep snow – 12 present.
- Jan 18 Deep snow – 20 present.
- Jan 21 Improvement in weather.
- Jan 28 Tea given to the school children by Mrs Bourne.
- Feb 12 Two aeroplanes fell in Hook Norton Parish within sight of the school children.
- March 17 A watch for five years perfect attendance given by the Oxon Education Authority, presented to F E Inns.
- May 31 A Bartlett Esq, HMI visited school.
- June 4 R J Ormrod Esq, presented £2 in three penny pieces to scholars.
- The Log does not say how many scholars were presented with 3d pieces or for what reason. £2 comprised 160 three penny pieces - did 160 pupils each receive one three penny piece? The total number of pupils on roll is never mentioned in the Log Book but it is doubtful that the total number of pupils ever reached 100 due to the size of the school rooms.*
- June 4,5,6,7 Deaconess Elizabeth of Foreign Mission spoke to the children during Scripture lesson.
- June 6 Lady June Kenney-Herbert visited school.
- June 12 The County Dentist paid a visit.
- July 1 Mr S Heaton, Horticulture Instructor visited school.
- July 24 Missionary Entertainment at the Vicarage.
- July 30 Colonel and Mrs Hansard visited the school.
- Sept 27 Holiday for blackberry picking.
- Sept 29 Sent 298lbs blackberries to Bloxham.
- Oct 3 Half-holiday for blackberry picking.
- Oct 4 Half-holiday for blackberry picking.
- Oct 7 Sent 412lbs blackberries to Bloxham.
- Oct 10 Half-holiday for blackberry picking. Sent 116lbs blackberries to Bloxham.
- Oct 14 450lbs sent to Bloxham.
- Oct 15 Blackberry Half-holiday.
- Oct 17 360lbs sent to Bloxham.
- Oct 18 New arrangements made with respect of children attending Church on Saints Days. Those who preferred to remain in school did so under charge of a teacher.
- Half-holiday for blackberry picking.
- Oct 21 359lbs blackberries sent to Bloxham.
- Oct 24 Half-holiday for blackberry picking.
- Oct 25 Half-holiday.
- Oct 28 306lbs blackberries sent to Bloxham.
- Received Medical Certificate for Miss Holder, unable to attend school. Mrs Hooper commenced duties as Supply Teacher.
- Oct 29,30,
and 31 Half-holiday for blackberry picking.
- Nov 1 450lbs blackberries sent to Bloxham
- Nov 4 157lbs blackberries sent to Bloxham.
- Nov 4 One ton, six hundred weight and 94 pounds have been sent from school to Bloxham.
- An amazing effort by the children and staff to help the war effort at home.*
- Nov 11 Signing of the Armistice received. A very wet day.
- Nov 12 The scholars marched through the Village singing Patriotic Songs.

Apart from the blackberry picking for jam making for the serving soldiers, sailors and airmen, the entries on Nov 11 and 12 are the only references to The Great War Oliver Hooper did not record any thoughts or observations in his Log Book.

- Nov 22 Influenza broke out in the School. 36 Present this morning. Dr Coles, County Medical Officer closed the school to December 9th.
Mrs Hooper ceased duties as Supply Teacher.
- Dec 9 An effort was made to re-open, but as most of the children and people were suffering from Influenza the thing was impossible. School was closed by order of the Medical Officer till Christmas holidays.

1919

- Jan 5 Re-opened school, 50 present.
Miss B H Holden absent. Mrs Hooper in school as Supply.
- Jan 13 Mrs Hooper ceased duties.
- Jan 14 Miss B H Holden returned to school.
- Jan 20 Stormy day.
- Jan 25 The Breakspeare family left the village, the father, the local Constable died of Influenza during the Influenza Epidemic.
This is the only mention of a death which affected the school community during the great, world-wide 1918/1919 Epidemic of Spanish Flu.
- Jan 26 Heavy snow – 56 present.
- Jan 31 Another heavy snow.
- Feb 13,14,17 Miss B H Holden absent from school by permission
- Feb 18 Heavy snow – 34 present.
- March 10 Miss Holden absent. Mrs Hooper in school taking her class.
- March 20 Deep snow – 30 present.
- March 31 Miss Holden ceased duties. Mrs Hooper ceased duties.
- April 1 Mr Gordon Wilkes commenced duties as Uncertificated Master, born 4.9.1900 (*age 18*)
- April 10 A Bartlett Esq, HMI in school.
- April 29 Mrs N Tarver, Infant Teacher went to Cherwell Infant School, Banbury to study methods.
- May 1,6,8 Mrs Tarver away in Banbury. Since April 1 Mrs Tarver has taken over the Infants and Needlework while Mr Wilkes is in charge of the Lower Division.
- June 20 The Head Master addressed the scholars on the signing of Peace at Versailles on the 28th inst.
- July 19 Peace Celebrations in the village. School closed.
- August 15 School closed for 7 weeks including one for Peace. The Head Master explained that King George requested that the additional week should be given to the scholars to celebrate the European Peace.
- Oct 7 The Head Master and Assistant away on holiday were unable to return through the closing of the railways by the Great Strike of Railwaymen.
- Oct 8 Head Master and one assistant re-opened school. Mrs Tarver held up by the strike.
- Oct 9 Mrs Tarver returned to school.
- Oct 13 Three children of the Bedford family from Bulawayo, Rhodesia admitted.
- Oct 27 Dr Laws, Dentist in school.
- Oct 29 Mrs Pearse visited school.
- Oct 31 Mr G W Wilkes ceased duties.
- Nov 3 Mrs Hooper commenced duties as Supply Teacher.
- Dec 11 Dr Fren, Oculist for Coventry visited school.

Long before the days of the National Health Service children's health, including teeth and eyes was often only provided by school as fees were charged for professional services which many village families could not afford.

Dec 23 School closed for Christmas. Mrs Hooper ceased duties.

1920

Jan 7 Re-opened school, Mrs Hooper commenced duties.
Reported Whooping Cough cases to Dr Coles and Morton.

Jan 23 Miss Gardner, Health Visitor visited school.

Jan 30 Five children away with Whooping Cough.

Feb 19 Miss Gardner visited school.

Feb 23 Mr McPherson, Assistant Horticulture Instructor visited school and gave a garden lesson.

March 15 Snowstorm and blizzard. 24 present in morning, 33 in afternoon.

March 16 Weather improved. 63 present.

March 17 Rev Ferris, British and Foreign Bible Society spoke to the children.
Rev Fothergill Robinson, Vicar of Bloxham called in school.

March 18 Head Master attended Meeting of the National Savings Association Secretaries in Oxford.

March 26 Mr J Pettipher, Correspondent called in school.
Correspondent was the title given to the Secretary of the group of School Managers.

April 1 School closed for Easter Holiday. Mrs Hooper ceased duties as Supply Teacher in Lower Division.

April 12 Re-opened. Miss E M Coles commenced duties as Uncertified Teacher.

April 23 Dr Laws, County Dental Surgeon visited school.

March 4 Eric, Violet, Rhoda and Dorothy Bedford absent with measles.

March 20 School closed until 25th March.

June 2 Dr Faulkner conducted Medical Examinations in school.

June 4 Mr W L Poulton's pigs destroyed peas in six gardens. Managers visited the gardens next day.

June 14 George Mangi admitted from London suffering from shell shock.

July 22 Mr Vickers, HMI visited school gardens.

July 9 Mr P Forder, County Drill Instructor took Physical Exercises in the Upper Division.

August 9 Prizes distributed, Managers and their wives present.

August 13 School closed for Harvest Holidays.

Sept 28 Re-opened school. The school garden during the holidays had been over-run by pigs and sheep belonging to Mr L I Poulton. The Chairman and Correspondent visited the garden and saw damage done.

Oct 6 The children were entertained to tea by J R Ormrod Esq.

Oct 15 Mr L I Poulton's pigs damaged the remaining vegetable in the school garden.

Oct 22 C B Hunt Esq. HMI visited school.

Nov 11 Armistice Day. A lesson was given by the Head Master on the Unknown Warrior.

Nov 26 Dinner given to men in H.M Army and Navy Forces during the War. School closed at 3.10 in order that preparations many be made.

Dec 3 Mr L I Poulton's pigs damaged the school gardens.

Dec 13 Thermometer at 9am registered 32 degrees.

Dec 24 School closed for Christmas.

1921

Jan 5 The annual parish tea.

Feb 16 Medical Examinations by Dr Faulkner.

Feb 17 Half-holiday for Bishop of Oxford's visit to Parish.

Feb 21 Mr D Hunter, member of Ilford Education Committee heard the children sing.

Feb 24 Dr Morton inspected the School Office.
 May 2 School closed for May Day.
 May 24 A Bartlett Es. HMI inspected school morning and afternoon. The Bedford family left school to return to Bulawayo Rhodesia.
 June 3 School Treat held after afternoon school. Mrs James, Employment Officer called in the afternoon re children leaving at summer holidays.

Despite raising the leaving age to 14, the 1918 Act contained exemptions allowing schoolchildren to leave their education at the age of 13, or even 12, if suitable employment could be found for them. These exemptions were abolished later in 1921.

June 6&7 Club Celebrations. School closed.
 June 20 The Head Master absent. Engaged on Census.
 June 21 Miss Stone paid first visit as Attendance Officer.
 July 11 Thermometer 83 degrees. Mr F Lascelles came in school
 July 20 The Earl of Plymouth and Mr Frank Lascelles came in school this morning and heard the scholars recite, "The Ode to the Village Hall". *(This was a poem written by Frank Lascelles for the Old Village Hall which was sited behind the Wykham Arms Public House.)*

ODE TO A VILLAGE HALL - By Frank Lascelles

*Leave unkind feelings all behind, O ye who enter here.
 And let the New Life echo through these walls.
 With visions of the World as it shall be
 when you and I have played our parts and passed away.
 Leave to the worn-out days the ancient grudge,
 the harboured bitterness
 The cankered searching for our neighbour's faults.
 And let us bring a newer Joy to Life.
 And live the New Commandment day by day.
 Always lend a helping hand to Youth.
 To cheer the toiler in his struggling days.
 Bring hope to boyhood and bring peace to age.
 To do good, not envy
 and to make other folk's happiness our own.*

*Let this be our Religion and our Creed.
 So shall this room hold only joyous thoughts.
 Here it shall stand for happiness and peace.
 To lighten dreary days and make them glad.
 Thus filled with happy memories shall it be.
 To all who in their turn, as generations fade and pass away,
 will dwell within the village on the hills.
 And make these hamlets famed for happiness.
 Among all other hamlets round about.
 As a sure home of happy fellowship,
 a lasting record and a staunch abode.
 the true brotherhood of man.*

Prizes were given in each group to the best reciters. The Earl of Plymouth spoke to the scholars and congratulated them and teachers on the result of the competition. He said

	that the recitation was of such a high standard that he had great difficulty in determining who were the best.
July 21	Rev and Mrs Davis came into school.
August 8	Orographical Map of Oxfordshire received from Messrs Phillips.
August 12	School Prizes by J R Ormrod Esq. The Managers and their wives were present. School closed for the Harvest Holidays.
Sept 30	Head Master left at 1.45 to attend Gardening Conference in Banbury.
Oct 18	Mr P Forder, County Drill Instructor visited school.
Nov 1-4	Mrs N Tarver absent with ulcerated throat, Mrs Hooper in charge of the Infant Division.
Nov 7	Mrs Tarver returned to school.
Nov 11	Armistice Day observed by the scholars.
Dec 21	Rev L Moxon gave children a test in Religious Knowledge. <i>(This is the first mention of any testing of the children and their learning)</i>
Dec 23	School closed for Christmas.
1922	
Jan 9	Re-opened school. Head Master absent attending Conference of HMI and Teachers at Keeble College Oxford.
Jan 16	Heavy snowfall. 48 children present. Miss Coles absent.
Jan 17	Snow. Miss Coles away all day.
Jan 18	Thaw set in.
Jan 20	Children and teachers presented Rev L Moxon the Vicar and Chairman of the Managers with an attache case on his leaving to become Vicar of Newport Pagnell.
Jan 24	Rev Moxon left the Parish.
Jan 25	Very heavy rain.
Feb 28	Holiday by request of King George to celebrate the marriage of his daughter Princess Mary to Viscount Lascelles.
March 7	Medical Inspection by Dr Penrose.
March 13	Head Master absent during the morning by permission.
March 21	Mr F Inns examined registers.
April 3	Deep snow.
April 28	Cold and wet week.
May 11	T W Balmer Esq, HMI visited school and remained all day.
June 2	School Treat in afternoon. Closed school for Whitsun holidays.
June 12	Re-opened school. During the holidays cows damaged vegetable in school gardens.
June 26	Rev Thomas Coles, the newly appointed Vicar called in school.
July 12	Miss D M Andrews, Wiggington CE School spent the whole day in watching school methods.
August 11	Prizes distribute by Mrs Coles. School closed for Harvest Holidays.
Sept 26	Re-opened school. Edward Hooper <i>(Headmaster's son)</i> left for Burford Grammar School and Dora Blencowe for Banbury Municipal School.
Oct 6	Mr J Pettipher, Correspondent came into school.
Oct 10	Head Master left at 2pm by permission.
Nov 11	Mr W Challoner, LEA officer visited school and tested registers. He reported the registers are marked correctly and completed to date.
Dec 4	Mrs Tarver absent, indisposed.
Dec 20	Mrs J E Pearse visited school.
Dec 22	Prizes distributed this afternoon, Managers and their wives being present. School closed for Christmas holidays.
1923	
Jan 8	Re-opened school.
Jan 17	All children on the books present.
Feb 7	I W Balmer Esq, met Managers this morning re provision of a new playground. He was in school during the afternoon.

Feb 8 I W Balmer Esq, HMI in school during morning session.
Feb 12 Miss Coles absent by permission.
Feb 21 Very wet day.
Feb 26,27 Very wet.
March 12 Miss Coles absent during the morning by permission.
March 29 Miss E M Coles presented by the teachers and scholars with a clock on leaving,
School closed for Easter.
April 9 Re-opened school, Miss O M Casey commenced duties, born 14.1.04 *(19 years of age)*.
April 26 Marriage of the Duke of York, second son of King George V.
May 1 May Day holiday.
May 4 School opened at 1pm and closed at 2.15pm on account of School Concert in the Village Hall.
May 9 Admitted five children from Earlsfield LCC School, Wandsworth.
May 21 School closed for the Whitsun Holidays.
May 24 Empire Day. A Message from the King and Queen was read to the scholars by the Head Master. Rev T Coles spoke to the children on Empire Day.
May 28 Mrs N Tarver absent on account of her father's death.
May 29,30 Mrs Tarver absent.
June 22 Annual School Treat in the afternoon.
July 2 Miss O M Casey absent by permission.
July 6 A very hot week.
July 10 School closed at 3pm for Church Fete.
July 16 Headmaster absent by permission.
August 10 School closed for Harvest Holidays.
Sept 25 School re-opened.
Sept 26 Mrs F E Pearse visited school.
Oct 5 Mr P Philip, the new Attendance Officer paid first visit.
Oct 8 All children on books present.
Nov 16 Head Master away during the afternoon from 2pm by permission. Upper classes taken by Rev T Coles.
Dec 21 School closed for Christmas Holidays.

1924

Jan 7 Re-opened school Head master absent all day attending Conference of HMI and Teachers at Keble College, Oxford.
Jan 9 Deep snow.
Jan 11 Snow, 53 present.
Jan 14 Snow, 55 present.
Jan 17 Snow and sleet. 4 Infants and 43 in the other Divisions present.
Jan 21 Very wet and foggy. Coughs are very troublesome – 44 present.
Feb 1 Twenty per cent of the children were absent during the week.
Feb 6 T W Bulmer Esq, HMI paid visit to school.
Feb 11 Head Master absent by permission
Feb 12 All children on books present.
Feb 13 Very cold day.
Feb 15 Snow. Miss Dolman C.E. School was in school during the afternoon session to study methods.
Feb 19 Snow.
March 3 Deep snow.
March 17 Mr Halliday, County Handwork Instructor called in school during the afternoon to make arrangements re Woodwork Instruction.
April 1 Commencement of new School Year 4 children over 11 years of age admitted from Epwell C.E School which now becomes a Junior School.

April 11 Snow. Presented Gladys Hooper and Thomas Clifton books given by the Canadian Government for best essays on Canada.
 April 28 Gladys Cooper left for Brackley High School for Girls.
 April 30 Miss Casey absent, attending Choral Competition at Chipping Norton.
 May 6 Received three Woodwork benches and tools from Oxford.
 May 28 Diocesan Inspection by Rev W E Womersly, General Diocesan Inspector.
 May 30 Nails, screws etc for Woodwork received from Neal and Perkins.
 June 2&3 School closed for Club Festivities.
 June 4 Major H J Selby, County Instructor in Physical Training took Middle Division in Drill lesson.
 June 20 Commenced Woodwork Instruction in school.
 July 8 School closed, Elder children with teachers attended Wembley Exhibition.
 July 29 Warwickshire Attendance Officer called re Brailes children.
 August 8 Village Fete. Children were dismissed at 3.10pm.
 August 15 School closed for Harvest Holidays.
 School Prizes were distributed by Mr F Inns, the Rev T Coles, Mr and Mrs Pettipher, Mr and Mrs T W Blencowe and Mrs Hooper being present. Rev T Coles, Messrs Inns, Pettipher and Blencowe addressed the children.
 Afterwards gardens were judged.
 Sept 23 Re-opened school. George Blencowe left as family have gone to live at Ascott under Whichford. Mr W Challoner called in afternoon.
 Sept 25 Mr P Philip, Attendance Officer removed to Thame.
 Oct 8 Wet. 37 children present.
 Oct 16 Chipping Norton Attendance Officer called in school.
 Nov 7 Mrs F E Pearse visited school.
 Nov 14 Mary Pettipher absent from school all the week She met with a motor accident on the 9th inst. and will be able to attend school for some time.
 Dec 23 Rev T Coles visited school and presented books to Gladys Hooper, Elizabeth Payne and John Inns in the Upper Division and Alma Woolgrove and Frank Rymell in the Lower Division for an essay on Empire Day.
 School closed for Christmas.

1925

Jan 7 Re-opened school.
 Jan 22 T W Bulmer Esq, HMI visited school and remained all day.
 Feb 3 Mr J H Halliday Woodwork Instructor visited school.
 March 18 Mis Pearson, Supplementary Teacher at Tadmorton C.E. School spent morning in School to study teaching methods.

Interesting to note that Swalccliffe, Tadmorton, Shutford, Wroxton , North Newington and Epwell were all Church of England schools where Sibford was never a Church school and did not come under the jurisdiction the Diocese. However, it was Endowed by The Town Estate Charity and was entitled to receive one third of the interest raised by the Charity's investments. However, Sibford still received an annual Diocesan Inspection for religious matters.

March 19 Head Master absent afternoon from 2pm attending son's Confirmation in Burford Church.
 April 2 Miss O M Casey away all day, indisposed.
 April 9 Mrs Tarver absent. School closed for Easter holiday.
 April 21 Re-opened school.
 April 27 Chicken Pox in Epwell. Six Epwell children absent.
 May 1 May Day Celebration. School closed.
 May 8 Very wet day.
 May 20 Nathaniel Taylor, Epwell returned after three weeks absence.
 May 21 Ascension Day. Children attended Church during Scripture Lesson.

May 29 School closed for Whitsun Holiday.
 June 9 School re-opened. Two Epwell children still away.
 June 12 Annual School Tea. Very hot.
 July 9 Mr J Pettipher visited school.
 July 10 Miss O M Casey ceased duties as Uncertificated Teacher.
 July 13 Mrs Hooper commenced duties as Supply Teacher in Lower Division.
 July 22 Very hot.
 August 3 Holiday for a Bank Holiday.
 August 7 Fete in Village.
 August 14 Prize distribution by Rev T Coles. Messrs F Inns and J Pettipher addressed the scholars.
 Mrs Hooper ceased duties as Supply Teacher.
 School closed for Harvest Holidays.
 Sept 22 School re-opened.
 Mary Louise Molton commenced as Uncertificated Teacher born 15.02.02.
 Oct 2 Mr J Pettipher visited school.
 Oct 9 Mr W I Blencowe, Manager came into school.
 Oct 15 Banbury Fair Day.
 Oct 16 Very wet. All Epwell children absent.
 Nov 2 John Fennemon, Epwell absent with measles.
 Nov 3 Received wood for school from Mr W I Blencowe.
 Nov 11 Armistice Day celebrations.
 Nov 13 Twenty-two children away with measles.
 Nov 16 Received parcel of cane from Westbury Ltd. Ten children at the opening of school were present. The Epwell boy has infected the whole of the school. Dr Coles closed school for three weeks.
 Dec 7 Re-opened, only a small percentage present. Dr Coles ordered school to remain closed till after Christmas.
 Dec 31 Mr Isaac Langley, formerly Head Master, 1892 to 1910 died at Northampton.

1926

Jan 6 Re-opened school. Reported two children suffering from Whooping Cough.
 Jan 14 T W Balmer Esq, HMI visited school.
 Jan 15 Deep snow. 36 present.
 Jan 20 Mr J Basham, Manager called in school.
 Jan 27 Mr J Pettipher, Correspondent called.
 Feb 11 Mr C K Winkley, new Attendance Officer called in school.
 March 5 Mr S Heaton, Horticulture Instructor called to inspect School gardens.
 March 12 Isabel Stone went to Thorpe Mandeville, Northants. Her home was burned down on the 11th inst.
 March 23 J Scruby's horses trampled down garden during the previous night, planting of seeds was postponed as a consequence. Chairman came to see damage done.
 March 26 Very wet morning. All Epwell children absent.
 March 31 School closed for Easter holidays.
 April 23 Bad colds, eight Infants away.
 May 6 Vera Keyte away with Whooping Cough.
 May 7 Very cold week.
 May 10 Many children suffering with bad Influenza colds.
 May 13 Half of the children of the Infant Division absent with Whooping Cough.
 Ascension Day. Children went to service in Church.
 Mrs Tarver absent by permission attending, with other teachers, Cherwell Infant School Banbury.
 May 14 May Day Celebrations.
 May 21 School closed for Whitsun Holidays.
 May 31 Re-opened school. Whooping Cough in Infant Division.

June 4	Club Celebrations. School closed for two days.
June 18	Children's Tea after afternoon school.
June 25	Fete in the Village.
June 28	Fifteen children absent with Whooping Cough or Measles.
July 7	Miss Molton absent all day.
August 2	Bank Holiday, School closed.
August 6	School closed for Harvest Holidays.
Sept 13	School re-opened.
Sept 17	Warwickshire Attendance Officer called re Warwickshire children.
Sept 27	Miss Molton absent during the morning.
Oct 1	Good attendance. All back in school.
Oct 6	Mr J Basham checked registers.
Oct 15	Fires commenced. Coal strike made it impossible to start fires earlier.
Nov 2	I W Bulmer Esq, HMI inspected school.
Nov 12,15, & 22	Miss Ethel Page, Shutford C.E. School was in school on these dates to study methods.
Nov 23	Large flock of sheep belonging to Mr L I Poulton got into school garden during the night. and cleared the whole of the vegetables from all the gardens.
Nov 25	Miss E Page in school.
Nov 29	Very cold weather with snow.
Dec 1-3	Miss E Page in school.
Dec 23	Closed for Christmas Holiday.
1927	
Jan 10	Re-opened school.
Jan 17	Mrs Keyte ceased duties as school cleaner. Miss L Spicer commenced duties.
Jan 18	Thirty-seven children only in school. Influenza had broken out.
Jan 21	Twenty-nine children present.
Jan 24	Thirty -seven children present.
Jan 28	Vera Keyte left for Luton.
Feb 18	Number of children returned to school after Influenza.
Feb 23	Very wet day.
March 8	Miss Lovell, Headmistress Tadmerton C.E School in school all day to study methods.
March 17	Rev L Moxon, former Vicar and Chairman of Managers came in school.
March 25	Very wet weather,
March 29	Miss Hart, County Needlework Instructor called this morning.
April 8	Prizes distributed by Rev T Coles, Messrs J Pettipher and J Basham were present.
April 14	School closed for Easter Holidays.
April 25	Re-opened school.
April 29	Miss Molton away all day.
May 2	Miss Molton away. Mrs Hooper taking her duties.
May 6	Mrs Hooper ceased duties.
May 9	Miss Molton returned to school.
May 13	May Day Celebration.
May 19	T W Balmer HMI paid visit of inspection.
May 24	Miss Chapman, C.E. School in school all day studying methods.
May 26	Chicken Pox in school.
May 27	Fifty children absent. Mrs Tarver away, indisposed.
May 30	Fifty per cent of children absent. Mrs Tarver away, ill.
May 31	School closed all day for Deddington Rural Deanery Conference.
June 1	Mrs Tarver returned to school. Sixty per cent of children present.
June 2	Fifty per cent present. School closed for Whitsun Holidays.
June 13	Re-opened school. Fifteen fresh cases of Chicken Pox. 37 present.
June 14	Thirty-six children present.

June 17 Nineteen children present.
 June 24 Village Fete. The weekly percentage is 58.3
 June 27 Several children returned to school.
 June 30 Very wet day. 32 present.
 July 1 Very wet. 28 present in morning, 32 in afternoon.
 July 5 Very wet.
Interesting to note that wet weather affected attendance in school. Some of the children had to walk long distances from outlying farms and others had inadequate footwear for wet conditions underfoot.
 July 15 Annual School Treat.
 July 20 Miss Pearson, Tadmarton C.E. School in school all day to study methods.
 August 1 Bank Holiday. School closed for the day.
 August 4 Prize Distribution, The school gardens have been examined by the School Managers for the year 1927, and the following is the result.
 1st Leslie Hooper, 2nd John Cadd, 3rd Winston Tanner, 4th Henry Long.
 Each received a prize in books.
 Sept 12 Re-opened school. Work not completed on new window consequently all mixed divisions of the school grouped in the west end of main room.
 Mrs Hooper commenced duties as Supply Teacher.
 Sept 14 Upper Classes moved to middle room. Window still in progress. Mr J Pettipher called.
 Sept 15 Heavy rain whole of the day.
 Sept 26 Window completed and scaffolding removed.
 Sept 27 Mr S Heaton, County Horticulture Instructor inspected School gardens.
 Miss Gladys A Hooper, a former school and now a pupil of Brackley Girls High School has been appointed from August 1st as Pupil Teacher in this school. She is to remain in her present school for one year.
 Oct 3 Managers Meeting to interview prospective Candidates for the post of Uncertificated Assistant in the Lower Division.
 Oct 10 Mrs Hooper ceased duties as Supply Teacher.
 Oct 11 Miss Nora Humpage commenced duties as Uncertificated Teacher.
 Oct 13 Several children went to Banbury Fair. Holiday in afternoon.
 Oct 28 Very wet.
 Nov 11 Armistice Day observed.
 Nov 18 Warwickshire Hounds met at Sibford Ferris this morning.
 Nov 22 Std IV removed from Middle Division into Head Teacher's room as children are not making any progress.
 Nov 25 Very foggy and dark in the afternoon.
 Dec 3 Children's Tea after afternoon school given by Mrs H E Hiles.
 Dec 7 Miss Pearson, Tadmarton C.E. School in school all day to study methods.
 Dec 12 Miss Humpage absent all day.
 Dec 13 Miss Humpage absent in afternoon.
 Dec 14-16 Miss Humpage absent.
 Dec 19 Miss Humpage absent.
 Dec 20 Miss Humpage returned to school this morning, absent in afternoon.
 Dec 21 Very severe weather. Roads are covered with ice. One half of the children are absent.
 Miss Humpage absent.
 Dec 22 Miss Humpage returned to school.
 Dec 23 School closed for Christmas Holiday.
1928
 Jan 8 School re-opened. Ringworm in school
 Jan 17 Mr H M Hands of the Oxford Rural Community Association called in school this morning to make enquiries about the village.

Jan 31	Miss Humpage ceased duties as Uncertificated Mistress.
Feb 1	Mrs Hooper commenced duties as Supply Teacher.
Feb 3	Miss Hart, Needlework Instructress came in school this afternoon. Manager's Meeting held in Infants Room.
Feb 10	Intelligence Test taken by the Head Master. Std II-VII grouped together in the Upper Room under charge of Mrs Hooper.
Feb 17	Mrs Hooper ceased duties as Supply
Feb 24	Miss M Randall commenced duties as Uncertificated Assistant, born 3.12.1902.
Feb 28	Medical Inspection by Dr Hodge.
March 2	Miss Rule, Headmistress Shutford C.E. School in school all day to study methods adopted.
March 8	T W Bulmer Esq, HMI paid visit for inspection.
March 13	Deep snow.
March 23	Std II – VII grouped together both morning and afternoon in Upper Standard Room and taken by Miss Randall while Head Master superintended second part of Scholarship test in Lower Standard Room.
April 5	School closed for Easter Holiday.
April 19	Received 2cwt Dusmo (<i>Dusmo was a company that made and provided sweeping compounds</i>), and one brush from Hook Norton Station.
April 26	Fred Bishop reported ill with Scarlet Fever. The whole of the school scholars went into playground while building was disinfected and books used by the family, burnt.
May 1	May day Celebrations.
May 11	Annual School Treat.
May 17	The Dusmo Representative called.
May 18	Medical Inspection by Dr Hodge.
May 21	Miss Randall absent.
May 25	School closed for Whitsun Holidays.
June 6	School re-opened.
June 7	Very wet day.
June 8	Received wood for Woodwork. Instruction from Messrs Dalby, Banbury.
June 13	Miss Hart, County Needlework Instructress called in school.
June 28	Diocesan Inspection in the morning. Mr S Heaton, Horticultural Instructor inspected gardens in afternoon.
June 29	Mr J Basham tested registers.
July 13	Very hot. 78% in school.
July 16	Discovered Onion bed destroyed by fly.
July 20	Very hot all day.
July 27	Break-up of the heat wave. Rain all day.
August 3	Distribution of prizes and certificates gained at Diocesan Inspection by Mr J Pettipher. School closed for Harvest Holidays.
Sept 10	Re-opened school. Dorothy Green has gone to Friends School.
Sept 14	Leslie Hooper left to attend Magdalen College School, Brackley.
Sept 24	Mrs Castle from County Education Office called in school.
Sept 25&26	County Dentist in School.
Sept 27	Miss Hussey from Wroxton C.E. School in school all day to study methods.
Sept 28	Miss Randall away, mother ill.
Oct 15	New Vestry opened, and tea at the Wesleyan Chapel.
Oct 16	Dusmo Representative called.
Oct 18	Holiday for Banbury Fair.
Oct 26	Very wet afternoon. Miss Randall absent.
Oct 31	Miss Randall ceased duties as Uncertificated Teacher.

Nov 1 Miss Winifred Agnes Weston commenced duties as Uncertificated Teacher, born 15.12.1907.

Nov 15 T W Bulmer Esq, HMI paid visit of inspection during afternoon.

Nov 16 T W Bulmer Esq, HMI visit of inspection during morning.

Nov 19 Register examined and found correct, S Brogden LSA.

Nov 22 Mrs George Webb of Sibford Ferris very abusive to Miss Weston at the close of afternoon school. This is the second time this week.

Nov 23 Head Master away in Banbury appealing before Appeal Committee against new assessment of School House.

Nov 30 C B Hunt Esq, HMI visited school in the afternoon during the Woodwork Lesson.

Dec 10 Mr S Heaton, County Horticultural Instructor visited school gardens during the afternoon.
At 3pm Head Master left with Mr Heaton to take him to Burdrop for pruning demonstration.

Dec 17 Miss Weston absent all day.

Dec 19 Miss Harris, Head Mistress of Tadmarton C.E School in school all day to study methods.

Dec 20 Mrs Tarver away all day attending Radcliffe Infirmary.

Dec 21 School closed for Christmas Holiday.

1929

Jan 7 School re-opened. Weather severe with snow. Miss Weston absent all day.
Miss G A Hooper commenced duties as Pupil Teacher.

Jan 10 Weather severe, Miss Weston absent.

Jan 16 Mrs Pearse visited school.

Jan 17 Mrs Tarver away attending Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

Jan 18 Snow. 20 present. Miss Weston absent.
Received Science apparatus from Oxford.

Jan 28 Received four new desks. 67% of children present. Many are away with severe colds.

Feb 1 Miss G A Hooper has received the result of the Oxford Certificate School Examination.
She passed with Distinction in History and Credit in English, Geography, Botany, Drawing, Needlework and Arithmetic.

Feb 15 Very severe weather.

Feb 26 Deep snow. 29 children present. Miss Weston absent.

Feb 27 Snow and Ice. Received Telegram from Miss Weston that she was unable to travel. 21 present.

March 1 Miss Weston away. Case of Mumps discovered in school.

March 26 Miss Weston away attending funeral of her grandmother.

March 27 School closed for Easter Holiday.

April 8 Re-opened school.

April 16 Major Selby, County Physical Instructor came in school this afternoon to ascertain if some arrangements could be made for teaching swimming.

May 1 Holiday for May Day Celebrations.

May 9 Ascension Day. Children went to Church during time for Religious Instruction.

May 16 School closed for Whitsun Holiday.

May 27 Re-opened school.

May 29 T W Balmer Esq, called in school this morning.

May 31 Annual School Treat.

June 3&4 School closed for Club Festival.

June 11 T W Balmer Esq, HMI paid visit of inspection.

June 14 Mr L I Poulton called in school.

June 18 Mrs Tarver absent all day to consult Birmingham specialist.

June 21 Received science apparatus from Oxford.

July 2 Sixteen children absent at Co-Operative Fete, Banbury.

July 5 Miss Weston away ill.

July 12 Very heavy thunderstorm in afternoon. Too dark to take ordinary lessons.
 July 15 Very hot afternoon
 July 19 Very oppressive day.
 July 24 Miss G A Hooper left school at 11am to go to an interview for the position of Assistant Mistress at Nettlebed Council School.
 July 30 Mrs Tarver away to consult Ear Specialist in Birmingham.
 July 31 Miss G A Hooper completed her term of apprenticeship as Pupil Teacher this afternoon.
 July 31 (cont) She has been appointed Assistant Mistress at Nettlebed Council School and, by permission of the Director of Education, remains in school until the Summer Holidays.
 August 2 Prizes distributed by Rev T Coles, the Managers being present. Miss G A Hooper left. School closed for Holidays.
 Sept 9 School-reopened. Mrs Tarver who has undergone an operation, unable to attend. Mrs Hooper is taking her place, temporary.
 Sept 16 Rev L Moxon, Vicar of Newport Pagnell and former chairman of the School Managers called in school this morning.
 In the afternoon Mary Pettipher, a former pupil of the school and grand daughter of Mr Joseph Pettipher, School Correspondent, was buried in the Parish Churchyard. She had been accidentally killed by a motor car, and the school children, with the Head Master and Teachers attended the funeral.
 Sept 18 Miss Hart, County Needlework Instructress came to the school in the afternoon.
 Mr S Heaton made an inspection of the school gardens.
 Sept 20 Mr J H Halliday, Handwork Instructor visited the school.
 Sept 23 Mrs Tarver returned to school this morning after a fortnight's absence.
 Sept 28 Mrs Hooper ceased duties as Supply Teacher.
 Oct 17 Banbury Fair. Holiday in the afternoon.
 Oct 18 Miss Weston absent.
 Oct 25 Miss Weston absent.
 Nov 6 Very wet.
 Nov 11 Armistice Day observed at the Memorial, 10.30 - 11am.
 Nov 12 Mr J Pettipher visited school.
 Nov 19 Very wet day.
 Nov 21 The older children went by motor and train from Hook Norton Station to Swindon to be conducted through the G.W.R. Works. They were accompanied by the Head Master and Staff.
 Nov 28 Very wet morning.
 Nov 29 Very wet.
 Dec 5 Very wet morning.
 Dec 16 Major Selby, Physical Instructor inspected Physical Exercise in the afternoon.
 Dec 20 Prizes distribute by Mr J Pettipher , L I Poulton and M R Lamb, Managers were present. School closed for Christmas.

1930

Jan 6 Re-opened school.
 Jan 14 Rev W M Grogan, the newly appointed Vicar of the Parish came into school this morning.
 Jan 22 The Head Teacher was informed by letter form the Director of Education that the boys Of 11+ were to attend the Handicraft Centre at Bloxham on Tuesday mornings commencing on the 28th inst.
 Jan 24 Very wet day. All the Epwell children absent.
 Jan 28 Seven boys went to Bloxham Handicraft Centre.
 Jan 29 Mr J Halliday, Handicraft Instructor visited school this afternoon.
 Feb 5 The Head Master superintended the Scholarship Examination. Candidates included three from Tadmarton C.E School. The examination was taken in Lower Division Room. The rest were grouped together under Miss Weston in Head Master's room.

Feb 7	Very cold in all rooms. Most difficult to work. Coal is very bad. 97% present during the week.
Feb 14	Heavy colds in school.
Feb 20	Mrs F E Pearse visited school.
Feb 27	Received result of Part 1 of Scholarship examination. Three passed.
March 5	T W Balmer Esq, HMI paid visit of inspection.
March 7	Woodwork benches, tools and timber taken to Kidlington Depot.
March 11	Eight cases of Whooping Cough.
March 14	Five more cases of Whooping Cough. The Head Master was absent this afternoon from 2.15pm attending an Appeal Rates Committee of North Oxon against the increased Assessment of the School House.
March 17	Whooping Cough very bad. 65% of the children present. A man came to school this morning and said he had the Directors permission to repair the school mats, charges to be paid by the Head Master. As he could not produce any written authority the Head Master refused to have them done. <i>(There were scammers around in those days too!)</i>
March 19	Head master left school at 9.20 with scholars to attend County Scholarship Examination at Hook Norton School, being appointed as one of the supervisors.
March 20	Very bad colds. 59% present.
March 24	Joyce Payne a scholar who has been absent eighteen months buried this afternoon. Older children attended and sang appropriate hymns. 40% of the children are present.
March 26	School closed this afternoon by Medical Officer for three weeks for bad colds.
April 1	Re-opened school. 64% present.
April 16	Poor attendance has prevented Terminal Examination. School closed for Easter Holiday.
April 28	School re-opened. Whooping Cough much better. Standard I removed from Infant Room to Miss Weston's Class, Infant Class only in the Infant Room.
May 1	Miss Weston absent this afternoon to attend Stour Valley Choral Singing Competition at Chipping Norton.
May 2	Rev W M Grogan visited school.
May 6	Very wet day.
May 7	Received twelve new Dual Desks for Upper Division.
May 13	Miss Weston absent all day.
May 19	Mr L I Poulton called in school.
May 23	Holiday for May Day Festivities.
May 27	Mrs Tarver absent this afternoon to consult Ear Specialist in Birmingham.
May 29	Ascension Day. Children attended service in Church, 8.50 – 9.20 conducted by Rev W M Grogan.
June 2&3	School closed for Club Festivities.
June 4	Re-opened school. On account of the floors being wet fires were lighted. Mrs Tarver Away in Birmingham in Nursing Home for Ear operation. Mrs Hooper takes charge of the Infants.
June 5	School closed for Whitsun Holidays.
June 16	Re-opened school. Mrs Tarver returned to duty. Scarlet Fever has broken out in Sibford Ferris Friends School. School was disinfected as a precaution.
June 17	Mrs Tarver absent consulting Ear Specialist in Birmingham.
June 20	Mr J H Halliday, Handicraft Instructor inspected school handicrafts.
June 27	Annual School Treat.
July 1	Banbury Co-Operative Society Children's Fete. School closed in afternoon.
July 3	Sheep belonging to Mr D Sabin, during the night destroyed beetroot plants etc and trampled the school gardens.
July 4	Temporary fence of wooden hurdles placed at top of garden between playground and garden.

July 9 Mr Scruby's cows and horses came through broken fence into school ground.
 July 15 Mrs Tarver away consulting Ear Specialist in Birmingham.
 July 21 Very wet day.
 July 23 School Dentist in school.
 July 30 Miss W A Weston absent this afternoon to go to Hook Norton Choir Outing.
 T.W Balmer Esq HMI paid visit of inspection.
 Very wet day.
 August 1 School closed for Summer Holidays.
 Sept 8 Re-opened school. The interior of school has been painted and re-decorated.
 Sept 10 Mr M R Lamb visited school.
 Sept 12 Mr F Lascelles visited school.
 Sept 15 The County School Dentists were in school all day.
 Sept 25 Registers tested by Rev W.M. Grogan.
 Sept 30 Mr Moore, Attendance Officer paid first visit to school.
 Oct 6 J R Ormrod, Esq heard the children sing.
 Oct 16 Half holiday for Banbury Fair. Each child received sixpence from J R Ormrod Esq.
 Oct 17&20 Miss Weston away ill.
 Oct 21 Miss Weston away – sent Medical Certificate.
 Oct 24 Miss Weston away all the week.
 Oct 27 Mrs Hooper commenced duties as Supply Teacher.
 Nov 7 Mrs Hooper ceased duties as Supply.
 Nov 10 Miss Weston returned to school.
 Nov 12 Armistice Day observed. Mr Daft, County Architect called during afternoon to make enquiries re heating arrangements of rooms.
 Nov 14 Mr O Grady, father of three school children came into school ground at playtime in afternoon and struck Justin Poulton, scholar, who he said had thrown at his daughter. On enquiry it was discovered that the core of an apple thrown by Poulton had struck the girl's boot.
 Nov 28 Very wet. Unable to take proper lessons because of bad light.
 Dec 10 Deep snow.
 Dec 11 Roads covered with ice.
 Dec 19 School Managers and their wives visited school. Christmas Carols were sung by the children. Prizes were distributed by Mrs Grogan, Rev W M Grogan and Mr J Pettipher addressed the scholars.
 School closed for Christmas Holidays.

1931

Jan 6 School re-opened. Very severe weather.
 Jan 28 Miss Hart, Needlework Instructress visited school.
 Jan 29 The Hon. Geoffrey Fiennes came in school to enquire about any older boys who might join a Boys Scout Brigade, if formed.
 Jan 30 Very cold day.
 Feb 2 Miss Weston absent.
 Feb 17 Deep snow.
 Feb 18 Snow falling all day.
 Feb 19 Ground covered with snow.
 Feb 27 Good attendance all week.
 March 4 Received a small bag of artificial manure from Reading.
 March 5 Received result of Scholarship Examinations, 1st Part. Bernard Farmer, Frank Woolgrove and Marjorie Freeman qualified to take 2nd Part.
 March 6 Weather severe all week.
 March 9 Miss Weston away on account of the death of her mother.
 Weather very severe. Ground covered with snow.
 Mrs Hooper commenced duties as Supply Teacher.

March 13 Mrs Hooper ceased duties.
 March 16 Miss Weston returned to school.
 March 18 Head Master took three Scholarship candidates to Hook Norton School and assisted at Scholarship Examination.
 March 19 J W Balmer Esq, HMI paid visit of inspection.
 March 20 Good attendance.
 March 25 Mr L I Poulton tested registers.
 March 26 School closed this afternoon for Confirmation Service by Bishop Shaw in Church.
 March 27 School closed all day to enable Contractors to make alterations in school grates in main rooms.
 April 1 School closed for Easter Holidays.
 April 13 School re-opened.
 April 17 Mr S Heaton, County Horticulture Instructor inspected gardens in the afternoon.
 April 24 Bad colds in Infant Room.
 April 27-29 Miss Weston away, reported ill.
 April 30 Received Medical Certificate from Dr Taylor for Miss Weston, suffering from Influenza. Mrs Hooper commenced as Supply.
 May 1 Weather cold all week.
 May 4 Mary Poulton has left to attend a private School in Deddington.
 May 8 Mrs Hooper ceased duties as Supply.
 May 11 Miss Weston returned this morning.
 May 12 Holiday for May Day Celebrations.
 May 15 Time table altered; Prayers taken at 3.35pm instead of 3.30pm.
 May 18 Miss Weston absent all day.
 May 19 Ascension Day. Children attended Church during Scripture Lessons.
 May 21 Received result of Scholarship Examination. Marjorie Freeman gained a Scholarship.
 May 21 Barbara Lamb, another scholar has passed Friends Scholarship Examination.
 June 1&2 School closed for Club Festivities.
 June 5 Children's Annual Treat.
 June 17 Medical Inspection by Dr Hudson. Miss Stone was present.
 June 26 Mr L I Poulton tested registers.
 July 7 A very heavy thunderstorm accompanied by hail occurred after school this afternoon. Garden vegetable were laid flat, and the top surface of the ground washed to the bottom of the garden. Hail cut off the leaves of the trees and vegetables.
 July 10 School closed for children's outing. Scholars and teachers went by bus to Leamington, Warwick and Stratford on Avon for the day.
 July 15 Very wet day.
 July 22 School closed for Village Fete.
 July 27&28 Miss Weston absent, indisposed.
 July 28 Miss Terry, Physical Instructress inspected Physical Exercises in the Upper and Infant Divisions.
 July 29 Miss Weston returned to school.
 July 30 Rev W M Grogan visited school.
 July 31 School closed for Summer Holidays.
 Sept 7 Re-opened school.
 Marjorie Freeman left to attend Banbury County School.
 Barbara Lamb left to attend Sibford Ferris Friends School.
 Sept 11 Builders men have been at work on the School premises all week.
 Sept 18 T W Balmer, Esq, HMI paid visit of inspection.
 Sept 23 Rev W M Grogan examined registers.
 Sept 24 Very cold. Fires commenced.
 Oct 2 Builders still at work round School premises.
 Oct 5 Rev W M Grogan visited school.

Oct 15 Banbury Fair. School given a day's holiday.
 Oct 23 Rev W M Grogan visited school.
 Nov 3 Miss W A Weston absent.
 Mrs H E Hiles and Major Sheppard came in school.
 Nov 4 Very wet and wintry day. Seven children present in Infant Division. Miss W A Weston absent.
 Nov 5 Miss WA Weston absent.
 Nov 5 Rev Coles, General Diocesan Inspector was in school during Scripture lesson.
 Nov 6 Miss W A Weston returned to school.
 Nov 11 Armistice Day. A letter was read from Professor Murray of the League of Nations Union by the Head Master.
 Nov 19 Hon Geoffrey Fiennes of Broughton School visited school.
 Nov 24 Miss Spittle of North Newington C.E. School present all day to study methods.
 Dec 3 Very wet. All Epwell children absent.
 Dec 22 School rooms decorated for Christmas.
 Dec 23 Prize distribution in the afternoon. Carols were sung by the children. Rev W M Grogan. Mr M R Lamb, Mrs Grogan and Mrs D Sabin were present. Mrs D Sabin distributed prizes. School closed for Christmas holidays.

1932

Jan 11 School re-opened.
 Admitted Mary Poulton from Deddington Private School.
 Jan 13,14 & 18 Miss WA Weston absent, ill.
 Jan 20 Mrs Hooper commenced as Supply.
 Jan 25 Miss W A Weston returned. Mrs Hooper ceased Supply.
 Jan 28 Mr J H Halliday, Handwork Instructor visited school to discuss new arrangements with Woodwork Lessons.
 Feb 3 Head Master superintended Admission Test for Scholarship Examination.
 Feb 10 Rev W M Grogan visited school.
 Feb 11 A very heavy snowfall.
 Feb 15 Nearly half the children in school have Influenza colds.
 Feb 16 Rev W M Grogan heard the children sing.
 Feb 22 Influenza colds very bad in the Upper Division.
 Feb 26 Only 65% of the children present in the school.
 Feb 29 Fifty per cent of the children in the Upper Division are away.
 March 3 A flock of sheep belonging to J Tanner was turned out of the school garden this morning.
 March 4 Received result of 1st part of the Scholarship Examination. The following passed and are eligible to attend the second part of the examination.
 Florence Bishop, Maurice Kaye, Gladys Lines, Vera Pursglove, Joyce Webb, Mary Lamb and Joy Salmon.
 March 8 Rev W M Grogan visited school.
 March 14 T W Bulmer Esq, paid visit of inspection.
 March 16 Head Master took seven children to take second part of the Scholarship Examination.
 March 23 Head Master by permission of HMI and Director of Education took eleven boys at 2.30pm to Hook Norton to play a football match with Hook Norton School.
 March 24 Rev W M Grogan examined registers. School closed for Easter holidays.
 April 4 Re-opened school.
 April 5 Under new arrangements Woodwork boys attend Bloxham Centre for a whole day, fortnightly, instead of weekly morning attendance.
 April 7 Mrs J A Pearse and Miss Stone came in school this afternoon.
 April 8 Hon Geoffrey Fiennes came in school during the afternoon.
 April 18 Miss W A Weston absent with bad throat, Medical Certificate has been sent.

Mrs Hooper taking charge of class.
 April 20 Rev W M Grogan visited school.
 April 29 Very wet. All Epwell children absent.
 May 1 Ascension Day.
 May 4 Children went to Church Service during time set apart for Scripture Lessons.
 May 6 Mrs Hooper ceased duties as Supply
 May 9 Miss W A Weston returned to school.
 May 11 May Day Celebrations. School closed for Whitsun Holiday.
 May 22 Re-opened school.
 May 24 Nine local Boy Scouts attended school sports at Banbury.
 Received results of County Scholarship Examination. Mary Lamb has gained a
 Scholarship for Banbury County School.
 May 25 Lessons were given throughout the school on Empire Day.
 May 27 On account of a very wet May gardening operations have been delayed.
 June 2 Oxfordshire County Dentist examined whole of school children.
 June 3 Medical Examination by Dr Penrose. Miss Stone was present.
 June 6&7 School closed for Sibford Club Annual celebrations.
 June 8 Miss W A Weston absent through operation for defect in foot.
 June 13 Mrs Hooper commenced as Supply.
 June 15 A scholar went to Chipping Norton as a competitor in County Sports.
 June 16 Mr S Heaton, County Horticulture Instructor inspected school gardens.
 June 24 Mrs Hooper ceased as Supply.
 June 27 Miss W A Weston ceased duties as Uncertificated teacher.
 July 1 Mrs Hooper commenced duties as Supply Teacher.
 Mr J Pettipher, Correspondent, visited school.
 July 6 Oxfordshire County Dentists in school. The Village Fete took place today.
 July 7 The Dentists in school all day.
 July 8 Annual School Treat. The Managers and their wives were present.
 July 28 Rev W M Grogan examined registers.
 July 29 Mrs Hooper ceased duties as Supply Teacher.
 School closed for Summer Holidays.
 Sept 5 School re-opened.
 Miss Constance Ellen Weston commenced duties as Uncertificated Assistant.
 Sept 8 Miss Terry, Physical Instructress visited school.
 Sept 13 Woodwork Instruction recommenced.
 Sept 14 Rev W M Grogan heard children sing.
 Sept 15 Mrs Tarver absent.
 Sept 16 Mrs Hooper took Infant Division.
 Sept 19 Mrs Tarver returned and Mrs Hooper ceased duties.
 Oct 6 Mr L I Poulton, Manager, visited school.
 Oct 13 Miss Williams of Shenington C.E. School in school all day to study methods.
 Oct 20 Mr H F Munday of Littlemore C.E. School who has been appointed Head Master to
 commence duties on November 1st came into school this afternoon and was introduced
 to the scholars by the Head Master.
 Oct 21 The school assembled this afternoon at 1pm and the scholars were dismissed at
 3.10 pm in order to be present at the tea given to the school by the Head Master and
 Mrs Hooper.
 Oct 27 The prizes given by the Town Estate's Trustees for the year ending Summer Holiday
 1932 were presented this afternoon to the scholars by the Head Master, the Chairman,
 the Rev W M Grogan, the School Managers and their wives being present.
 At the close Thomas Spicer and Florence O'Grady, the senior scholars of the school, on
 behalf of the scholars and teachers made presentations to the Head Master and Mrs
 Hooper.

Oct 28 The children were given a day's holiday.

October 31 Mid Term Holiday.

1932 The Head Master, Mr O Hooper, ceased duties after twenty years' service in the school.