

Percy Main School

THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS

<p>1 Feb 1892 School occupied by the children for the first time 70 Mixed Juniors and 50 Infants</p>	<p>1 May 1895 The Infant section is now officially a separate school</p>	<p>1 Sept 1941 The school ceased to be an all age school – It was re-opened as Percy Main Junior Mixed School</p>	<p>5 Sept 1978 School re-opens at 9.00 a.m. as Percy Main Primary School</p>	<p>1 Feb 1992 Centenary Celebration Year commences</p>
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NOTE: Entries in **RED** relate to health while entries in **BLUE** relate to the 1st and 2nd World Wars

<u>PERCY MAIN BOARD SCHOOL</u> <u>JUNIOR MIXED AND INFANTS SECTIONS</u> <u>INCLUDING PRIMARY TIMELINE</u>		
1891	Dec 30	<u>The Percy Main Board School including Junior Mixed and Infants sections was officially opened</u> by Mr Leslie M Johnson (a member of The School Board)
1892	Feb 1	<p>School occupied by the children for the first time 70 Mixed Juniors and 50 Infants all of whom paid no school fees.</p> <p>The Head Mistress (Miss Caroling S Lindsay) was assisted by one trained assistant, one ex pupil teacher and one pupil teacher, and in the Infant Section a trained and certificated assistant (Miss Harriet A. Frater) and an ex pupil teacher.</p> <p>The very first entry in the Head Teacher's log book reads: <i>'This school the Percy Main Board School including Junior mixed and Infant Sections was opened for attendance of the children on February 1st. The total number of children on the books at the end of the week was Junior 70 and Infants 50 making a total of 120... The children are very backward, about 1/3 in the junior section making no attempt at either Reading or Writing, whilst the whole of the Infants might be taught together, not a single child there can read even from a card.'</i></p>
	Feb	<p>The log book (Page 6)</p> <p><i>Class I – Sixes</i></p> <p>Animal Kingdom – Camel, Reindeer and Ostrich. Vegetable Kingdom – Potato and Oak Tree Mineral Kingdom – Salt Common Objects – Birds nest and cork Natural Phenomena – The Ocean and the Sun Trades – Blacksmith and the Builder</p>

		<p><i>Class II – Fives</i> Animal Kingdom – Kangaroo, Elephant, Eagle, Giraffe and Cow Vegetable Kingdom – Grass and the Coffee-plant Mineral Kingdom – Coal Common Objects – A Watch Natural Phenomena – Rain and Winter Trades – Baker</p> <p><i>Class III – Babies</i> Animal Kingdom – Cat, Horse, Lion, Owl Vegetable Kingdom – Orange and Egg.</p> <p>(Authors Note – this looks fairly simple but, bearing in mind the academic ability of the children entering the school this must have been quite challenging)</p>
	Feb 12	School Roll – 72 Junior and 61 Infants
	March 18	The attendance of the children extremely poor this week owing to the prevalence of Whooping Cough .
	April 29	The attendance of the children is very poor owing to the prevalence of Whooping Cough which is more noticeable in the Infant Section.
	May 20	224 children on the registers.
	Aug 5	201 pupils present
	Sept 5	Sickness hits the school again 1892 this time due to an outbreak of Mumps .
	Sept 5	Attendance during the week has been very bad. A great many of those absent having the Mumps or other sickness.
	Oct 28	The average attendance for this week I higher than ever it has been since school opened 106.7 (<i>Author's Note : still very poor considering there are 224 children on the registers</i>)
	Nov 4	The attendance of the Infant children is very poor indeed; a great many of them are suffering from bad throats.
	Nov 11	The attendance for this week has been very poor indeed. Average only 96. Infant section 91. Sickness, Mumps chiefly, only 2 cases of neglect du to carelessness on the part of the parents.
	Dec 23	Attendance Prizes awarded.
1893	July 24	This Percy Main Mixed Junior and Infants School was on this day <u>opened as an all standard school</u> with Mr John William Cockburn as the Head Master (Miss C S Lindsay having being transferred to Royal Jubilee Girls Department). Number on books = Mixed Department 258 – Infant Section 106 Number of staff = Head + 4 teachers
	Aug	H.M.I. report received ... 'Mixed school was fairly well taught ... In the possible event of this school being enlarged it is suggested that the present Infants class rooms be handed over to the Mixed School and a proper Infants School Built ... In many respects this new school has done very creditably ... Both boys and girls were fairly taught. The

		awarded grant is based on the Mixed School roll at 99 children and the Infants at 96 children.
	Nov 1	14 Senior girls attending the cookery class at Cookery Centre at The Royal Jubilee School for the first time. <i>(Author's Note : The cookery classes continued for several years. The entry in the log book dated 24 March 1902 states that the cookery centre is now located at Queen Victoria School, so the location of these classes must have changed but no date is given when the move took place. It is also notable that only girls attended cookery. There was a distinct difference in the subjects taught to boys and girls. Girls were taught cookery and needlework while boys were taught Drawing, Elementary Science and Mensuration; Mensuration is a branch of mathematics which deals with the study of different geometrical shapes, their area and volume)</i>
1894	Jan 12	The school commenced a 'School Penny Bank' (run through the Post Office Savings Bank) – It was the first school in the borough to have one and was soon to be followed by others. 118 depositors in the first week.
	Jan 29	Bank contributors now numbered 203 contributors and in 4 weeks £7-15-6 has been deposited.
	March 30	<u>In the first two years the school had gone from 120 pupils to 442 pupils (Mixed Department 287: Infants 155)</u>
	April 3	On this morning the keeping of a Time-Book for Teachers commenced, by order of The Board. The school day appears to run from 9.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.
	April 13	452 pupils now on register.
	May	Present 148 Boys (possible 149) 139 girls (possible 143) – this being 287 out of 292 possible.
	June 20	Log Book Entry – 52 girls at The Cookery Centre
	Aug 7	H.M.I. report re. visit date 10 July received. Mixed School; 'The children passed an unsatisfactory examination. There was some expression in the reading – a good point, but except in the first, sixth and seventh standard the arithmetic was very poor.... Considering that the school has been opened less than a year in all standards, some allowance has been made in class subjects. Infants' Class The elementary subjects were well taught in the first class and fairly well in the second. Kindergarten was well varied and good. .. The Kindergarten Fairyland was very nicely done. <i>(Author's Note : – overall the report was rather poor)</i>
	Aug 10	School staff Head + 7 teachers and 4 pupil teachers <i>(Author's Note : pupil teachers are actually student teachers)</i>

	Aug 24	Average Attendance – 441.9 Mixed 164.1 Infants.
	Nov 5	Infants Department transferred to the temporary school at the Primitive Methodist Chapel.
	Nov 8	The Infants gallery taken down and put in the temporary Infants school.
	Nov 22	The new room (the former Infant room) was used for the first time – further new rooms (5) used later.
1895	Jan 21	Attendance is : Mixed 424, Infants 138 = total attendance 562
	Jan 28	Through snowstorm and Measles , the attendance was very bad Mixed 314 On register 509 Infants 74 On register 199 Totals 388 708 <i>(Author's Note : a phenomenal increase in the number of children attending the school)</i>
	Mar 8	The attendance continues bad owing to the prevalence of Scarlet Fever, Measles and Influenza.
	Mar 18	There are 18 family cases of Measles reported as having broken out during the past four days, this is affecting the attendance of 51 children.
	Mar 19	The Attendance Officer reports 11 additional family cases of Measles affecting the attendance of 19 children in both schools.
	Mar 20	Attendance Officer reports 4 additional family cases of Measles , affecting the attendance of 9 children.
	Mar 21	Received telegram informing school not to mark registers. School to close for 23 days due to Measles epidemic. Present at dismissal Mixed 345 On Registers 504 Infants 106 On Registers 206 Total 451 710
	April 22	Received from Clerk to the Board "Dear Mr Cockburn, I am in receipt this morning of an order from the Sanitary Authority closing these schools for a further period of three weeks, to 11 May"
	April 30	<u>This is the last day that the Infants and Mixed Departments operate together – from 1 May they will be independent schools.</u>
<u>THE FOLLOWING IS PERCY MAIN MIXED SCHOOL</u> SEE SEPARATE DOCUMENT FOR HISTORY OF INFANT SCHOOL		
	May 1	<u>The Infants Department now a separate part under its own Head Teacher.</u> The Mixed School is still closed owing to the Measles epidemic.
	May 13	This school was re-opened after being closed for 7 weeks and 2 days – Present 396 - On Register 495 <i>(Author's Note : The number on the registers appears reduced, but this figure is now only for the Mixed Department; the Infant Department now being a separate school)</i>
1895	May 30	Attendance 245 Boys and 230 girls – total 475. <i>(Author – in less than 3½ years the school had increased by over 400 older children – that</i>

		<i>is excluding the Infants who had gone up by 156. This was full justification of the Percy Main residents 'Memorial' for a new school)</i>
	Aug 7	Received school report from the Clerk. 'The children again passed badly; but again there has been much excuse, viz. , the enlargement of the school, rapid increase of numbers and twice closing for Measles just before the examinations'.
	Nov 8	Report – Twenty one children left the school to go to St Johns (C of E) school which had re-opened on November 4 th
	Dec 3	The Medical Officer of Health visited this school to enquire regarding outbreak of Fever ... At present the Fever is confirmed to 6 families.
	Dec 12	The Sanitary Inspector has just visited this school and reported through the Medical officer of Health that there are 4 additional family cases of Fever in the district.
1896	Jan 13	Since the Christmas vacation, there are 3 family cases of Scarlet Fever , affecting the attendance of 7 children.
	Jan 24	School Library opened – This had been made possible through the proceeds of a School Concert (Dec 10-20) – 141 volumes were issued as a first installment.
	Feb 7	A further 37 volumes were added to the School Library making in all 178 volumes
	Feb 14	34 books were added to the School Library.
	Feb 28	A further 21 books were added to the Library. Library now has 233 volumes.
	April 2	Attendance bad. Number present 372 – On registers 465
	April 10	Annual drawing examination – 452 examined – result – good.
	May 1	Start of school year 1896-7 Number on Registers 463
	June 19	9 books were added to the School Library making 242 in all.
	July 28	Received report from Board Office. 'Making allowance for sickness he elementary work may be reported as fairly satisfactory. There is much need of improvement however, in the following subjects. In the Reading of the two lowest standards, the Spelling of the second and forth, the composition of the fifth, the problem working of the third, fourth and fifth and the Mental arithmetic generally especially of the first four standards..... There should be an improvement in the habits and posture of the children while under oral examination'.
1897	Feb 12	Library now has 518 volumes. A collection was taken amounting to £1-16-5½. After expenses, 14/4 (14 shillings and 4 pennies) were deducted, the balance £1-2-2½ donated to Tynemouth Infirmary.
	Feb 25	Afternoon Registers closed at 2.00 p.m. due to Railway Strike.
	April 30	Close of school year. Number on registers 427.

	May 7	Library now has 562 volumes.
	June 11	HMI Report... 'This school is well organized and staffed, and the children are classified in a suitable manner'.
1898	Feb 28	The attendance this week is very poor owing to Measles, Chicken Pox, and Scarlet Fever.
	May 2	Start of new school year 1898-9
	July 25	School re-opened after 5 weeks holiday. During vacation the building has been thoroughly painted, cleaned and renovated internally; also a stove placed in the recess.
	Aug 11	HMI Report received... 'The instruction is given in a careful and painstaking manner and the teachers deserve much credit for having worked so industriously during a year of exceptional trials and difficulties'
1899	Feb 20	Altered Time Table hung up in school and lessons taken from it. Algebra, for Stage VII boys not to come in to force until May 14 next. Until then Arithmetic instead. (<i>Author's Note : The again shows how boys and girls were taught differently i.e. girls cookery, boys algebra</i>)
	May 1	Start of new school year 1899-1900
	July 3	HMI Report... 'This school has steadily improved and the general standard of work is now approaching excellence, both in accuracy and intelligence (<i>Author Note – The Headmaster must have been very please do have received this report. It should, however be said that the excellent report was due in no small measure to the diligence and educational skill of the Headmaster (Mr J W Cockburn)</i>)
1900	March 2	School closed all day to commemorate The Relief of Ladysmith. (<i>Author's Note : When the second Boer War broke out on 11 October 1899, the Boers had a numeric superiority within Southern Africa. They quickly invaded the British territory and laid siege to Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking. The relief of Ladysmith occurred on 1 March 1900</i>)
	May 21	School not opened a.m. or p.m. owing to the Relief of Mafeking.
	June 7	Received Report from the Board Office 'In the lower standards the methods of teaching are satisfactory and the general progress is good. In the Upper Standards, considering the strength of the staff, a higher quality of work might fairly be expected, especially of written work.'
	Sept 3	a.m. - School not re-opened during week ending August 31 st owing to incompleteness of Infant Section. p.m. – School re-opened.
	Sept 7	At 3.45 p.m. of this date Medals were distributed to the children in commemoration of the taking of Pretoria.
1901	Jan 31	(Thursday) School closed at 4.00 p.m. until Monday being whole holiday, owing to Queen's Funeral on Saturday. (<i>Author's Note : This would be the funeral of Queen Victoria</i>)

	March 18	At 10.45 Mr Chippendale, Temperance Lecturer gave lessons on the 'Evils of Alcoholic Use' to standards III, IV and V, VI, VIII. <i>(Author's Note : Today we call this Drug and Substance abuse)</i>
	May 1	<u>Start of the New School Year</u> (1/4/1901 to 30 April 1902)
	July	The school log book give a very detailed teaching syllabus for 1901-02 <i>(Author Note – Most impressive and shows a well detailed programme – See pages 210 – 211 of Headmasters Log Book)</i>
	Aug 30	HMI Report received for inspection 27/7/1901... 'The children are diligent and attentive and are making, on the whole, good progress, but there is a lack of intelligence in the teaching of the first and second classes, which, seeing that both the teachers are Certificated, should be speedily remedied.'
1902	April 7	Town schools are closed due to Small Pox .
	May 1	<u>The Start of the New School Year</u> 59 children admitted from the Infants (32 boys – 27 girls) Present am = 402 : Present pm = 407 Scheme of work remains unchanged as approved of for last school year.
	May 12	Received letter from Board Office authorizing expenditure to the extent of £10 for Science Apparatus.
	June 2	2 teachers temporarily transferred to Percy Main whilst Western is closed for Small Pox . The school was closed for the afternoon on 2 June to commemorate 'Peace' – Boer War.
	June 18	HMI Report... 'The school is well supervised and some good work is being done...'
	July 14	The attendance is very bad, owing to continued spreading of Measles .
	July 24	Average attendance for the week is bad owing to continuance of Measles Epidemic.
	Oct 4	School close for 1 weeks Autumn Holiday to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII
	Dec 3	At 3.30 of this date, a deputation from the local Coronation Committee attended school,... and presented the school with a framed photograph of His Majesty King Edward VII.
1903	June 25	HMI Report... ' This department is conducted in a careful and conscientious manner. There is an improvement in the quality of the staff in charge of the upper classes, and a corresponding improvement I the intelligence and thoroughness of the teaching.'
1904	Mar 23 – Apr 9	Attendance Officer came to school and stated that he was instructed by the Education Office Officials to state that school was to be <u>closed at noon of this date until April 9th by order of Sanitary Committee owing to Small Pox outbreak.</u>

	Apr 22 – May 30	School closed again due to <u>Small Pox</u> outbreak
	July 19	Received HMI Report from Education Office. Mixed School. “At the first visit of the inspection the staff was insufficient and the Head Teacher had little opportunity for the supervision of the school or the instruction of the pupil teachers in the art of teaching. The introduction of an additional assistant after the summer vacation made it possible to introduce new features into some of the methods of instructions which have proved very successful.
1905	April	HMI visited school – later report... ‘The methods of teaching shows further development and a full programme of work has been drawn up for next year. The teachers are doing their full share...’
	May 1	<u>The Start of the New School Year</u> 84 children transfer to senior school from Infants
	May 24	<u>Empire Day</u> Children were assembled at 9.00 a.m. in the Girl’s yard, the Union Jack was hoisted on the flagstaff, children saluted same and sang our ‘Empire Day’ hymn.
	June 5	Copy of the Report from Education offices – The methods of teaching show further development and a full programme of work has been drawn up for next year.
	July 14	School Closed - School excursion to Seaton Sluice
	Dec 10	Open Day – over 100 parents attended.
1906	April 1	Received notification from the education office that ‘on 1 st April 1906, the name of this school should be as follows:- <u>Tynemouth Percy Main Council School No. 9</u>
	June 22	School annual excursion to Corbridge – 316 scholars and 120 parents and old scholars (<i>Author Note – when so many left the village the police had to exercise greater vigilance</i>)
	Aug 27	Attendance – bad – Measles prevalent.
	Oct 8 – 10	HM Inspectors at the school – part of their later report was as follows:- ‘The scheme of work has been carefully prepared and is being conscientiously followed. The children are orderly and the methods of teaching are generally satisfactory’
	Dec 19	Open Day – Over 100 parents saw the children and teachers at work.
1907	May 16- 17	HMI Inspectors at the school – the later report included:- ‘The school is well ordered and continues to advance. Good work is being done in a variety of ways particularly in the cultivation of the children’s intelligence and confidence in themselves’
	June 21	Annual school excursion to Newbiggin – 324 scholars, 9 teachers, 120 parents and old scholars
	July 19	Whole Day Holiday – Northumberland Agriculture Show at Tynemouth.

1908	April 3	'Fancy Fair' held at school to raise funds for football, excursions and other funds in the school:- Net profit £80.15.6
	May 11	First School Journey – 21 boys went by train from Percy Main to Tynemouth to visit the Boer War Memorial, Queen Victoria Monument, Collingwood Monument, Castle and Priory (<i>Author Note – These instructional journeys to many various places of interest continued for many ears. The places included Newcastle (Via river ferry) Jarrow Monastery, Newcastle Keep and Museum, South Shields Roman Fort, Dove Marine Laboratory and Holywell Dene</i>)
	June 19	School Excursion to Barnard Castle – 413 children and 100 parents.
	Aug 31	New Academic Year starts 76 infants promoted to the senior school which made the attendance on this day 468
	Dec 22	Parents Open Day – about 60 present.
1909	Mar 3 – 22	School Closed due to Measles epidemic.
	June 18	Annual School Excursion to Alnmouth when about 400 scholars and 100 parents attended.
	July 19-20	HMI Inspection, later report... 'The work generally shows signs of improvement and the teaching is carried on with vigor and earnestness....Schemes of work are thoughtfully drawn up'.
	Sept 30	A 'Singer' sewing machine introduced into the school at a cost of £7.10.0 (it was purchased out of the school's bazaar fund)
	Nov 1	The mixed school roll at 534 was too large – it was reduced by re-transferring 40 back to the Infants.
	Nov 29	New clock installed in the main room – The old one was put in No 1 class room.
	Dec 14	Provision of school meals for necessitous children introduced – 40 children fed at the Wesleyan Church Sunday School Hall.
1910	May 20	King Edward VII's funeral – school closed.
	June 17	School Excursion to Hexham – 400 children and 100 parents and former pupils.
	Oct 10	Hand & Eye training (Boys). Experimental lessons have been given to Class I - Raffia and Knitting. (<i>Author's Note: But still no mention of boys taking part in cookery lessons</i>)
1911	Feb 21 – 22	HMI Inspection of the school – Later report ... 'This department owes much to its headmaster (Mr J W Cockburn) whose enthusiasm and courage in making various educational experiments deserve every credit. The work in the main reaches a high level...On the whole the school is fortunate in its staff, many of whom have evidently been infected by the Headmaster's zeal and earnestness (<i>Author Note- The completeness of the school log book, written by the Headmaster, fully justifies the Inspector's commendation, and the inspectors very full report is also deserving of commendation – for full report see</i>

		<i>pages 386 – 389 of the headmaster's log book).</i>
	April 28	Education Committee New Rules – p.44 'During the recreation intervals a teacher shall be in charge of the playground.' Assistants notified that teacher in charge of the yard for the month will be the responsible person as referred to above.
	May 29	Presentation of The League Football Cup and medals to the School Football Team (This was the 4 th time in eleven occasions)
	June 16	Annual School Excursion – to Alnwick. About 400 scholars and 100 parents and ex-scholars attending.
	June 22	Coronation of King George V Children attended school at 12.30 p.m. and each received a medal and 2 pennies.
	June 30	Coronation Celebrations At 3.30 presentations of mugs and packets of chocolate to the scholars (cost borne by Percy Main subscribers) – At 5.30 led by Percy Main Brass Band, the children marched in procession to Councilor Meikle's field where sports and games were indulged in. At 10.00 p.m. a bonfire was lit.
1911	Aug 28	74 children transferred from Infant Department.
	Sept 11	Headmaster absent suffering from Nervous strain. (<i>Author's note – so nothing changes!</i>)
	Oct 16 – Oct 20	Coronation week – holiday awarded. (George V)
	Nov 10	Light woodwork classes formed (These ranked for Government Grant) (<i>Author's Note : These were for boys only</i>)
1912	May 24	Empire Day – At 11 a.m. the children were assembled in the main hall, sang Empire songs and hymns and were addressed by Councilors Hogg and Pearson. p.m. half day holiday – Empire Day.
	June 21	Annual School Excursion to Morpeth – The usual number of scholars and parents attending.
	July 24	HMI Report received from Education Office. 'The instruction given during the past year to the older girls attending this school has been entirely satisfactory. The three staff teachers who undertook to teach Housewifery and Laundry Work have done their work well, and have successfully overcome the difficulties which naturally presented themselves to those unfamiliar with the practical teaching of Domestic subjects (<i>Author's Note : Again these lessons are aimed solely at the girls</i>)
1913	May 12	Boys football team won the School League Cup (for the fifth time) and the Schools Charity Cup.
	June 20	Annual School Excursion by River Steamer to Ryton – 440 scholars., teachers and visitors.
	July 4	HMI visited the light woodwork section and later reported...'The additional equipment provided this year has allowed considerable

		extensions in the scope of the work undertaken and improvement is shown in workmanship.'
1914	May 28	Report – The Football Team had won:- (1) South Shields Ingham Infirmary Charity Shield (2) Tynemouth Infirmary Charity Rose Bowl (3) Northumberland County (Blake) Cup
	June 19	School Excursion to Wooler – 340 scholars and 100 parents and friends
	June 4 – 5	HMI had inspection of the school – they reported later..'This school is well organized and disciplined. The Headmaster has a good influence on the children and the staff. His schemes of work have been thoughtfully planned and he has been at great pains to help the teachers to carry them out intelligently.'
1915	Feb 3	<u>War Measure – Bombardment Drill Taken</u>
	Feb 10	Oak Shield with silver facings given to the school by Sir Francis Blake. <i>(Author Note: It is believed that this was the 1st Baronet of Tillmouth Park (27 February 1856 – 5 February 1940) the heir of Sir Francis Blake of Twizell Castle; on the death of his father he inherited substantial estates in Northumberland including Tillmouth House, and Twizell Castle and Seghill)</i>
	March 3	<u>Visit of HMI – A Laundry Lesson</u> was improvised at the request of Inspector. <i>(Author's Note : Laundry appears to be a regular lesson – probably for the girls but this is not confirmed)</i>
	May 7	<u>War Measure – Bombardment Drill</u>
	July 21	<u>War Measure – Bombardment Drill</u>
1916	Feb 11	<u>War Measure – Bombardment Drill</u>
	May 3	<u>Shakespeare Centenary Commemoration</u> At 2.00p.m. Rev S Pearson gave a talk to the children on 'Shakespeare'. The children sang Shakespearean songs and gave selections from the plays, including the trial scene from the Merchant of Venice. And the fairy scene from Midsummer Nights' Dream.
	May 11	<u>Letter from the Education Committee</u> 'At a recent Conference; between His Majesty's Inspectors for the district and members of the Education Committee, you were complimented on the work of your Department, and the Committee requested us to inform you that they were pleased to hear of such commendation and have placed on record their appreciate of the good work which you and the members of your staff are doing at the Percy Main Council School. <i>(Author's Note : Praise indeed! What wonderful comments, particularly after some of the less favorable comments that were made during some previous HMI reports – the staff must have been very proud)</i>
	Oct 30	<u>Branch of the War Savings Association form at the school</u> – Scheme No. 5 had been accepted which meant 6d was the minimum

		subscription with multiples of 6d. 67 members had been enrolled.
	Dec	Parents Open Day – about 100 present.
1917	March 23	<u>War Measure – Bombardment Drill</u>
	June 1	There appears to have been an outbreak of Measles during the week-end – twenty children have had to be excluded for this reason.
	June 8	School closed this afternoon for the monthly attendance holiday. There are now twenty-five cases of Measles .
	June 15	There are now forty three children excluded for Measles .
	July 6	Several children who have had Measles have now returned, but, unfortunately fourteen of those who had recovered and ought to have returned this week have developed Whooping Cough Altogether forty-two children are excluded now for infectious diseases.
	Sept 14	Eleven children are still absent through Whooping Cough .
1918	Feb 18	Bombardment Drill
	April 19	Bombardment Drill
	June 14	Bombardment Drill
	July 5	War Weapons Week 95 War Savings certificates bought
	July 17	Presentation to the Headmaster on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee as Headmaster. This included 50 War Savings Certificates, and Oak Chiming Clock, an illuminated address (the work of two members of the staff) was made to the Head Teacher
	Oct 23	Nelson Day (for Oct 21 st) – A selection of patriotic prose and poetry was given and a talk, appropriately by the head teacher.
	Nov 1	School was closed by order of the Sanitary Authority for the succeeding fortnight – Influenza Epidemic.
	Nov 18 – Dec 19	School remains closed due to Influenza Epidemic.
1919	Feb 17	Closeure of school by order of the Sanitary Authority for 2 weeks – resuming March 3rd – Influenza Epidemic
1919	Dec 17	Open afternoon – about 100 present.
1920	July 22	<u>Presentation of the Schools Football League Cup to the school</u> (Author Note: The cup had been competed for on seventeen occasions and Percy Main Council School had won it Six Times)
1921	May 25	The balance of twenty five dual purpose desks out of seventy five ordered, were received.
	July 25	Presentation of the Football League Cup and the Tynemouth Infirmary Rose Bowl (Football) to the Headmaster.
1922	March 20 – 22	HMI at the school – later report... ‘This is a good school... The children work steadily, they are responsive and will behaved and they reach a satisfactory level of attainment. The Headmaster, who has a record of many years devoted service, is capable and enlightened’

		<i>(Author Note: An Excellent Report)</i>
	April 5	The school branch of the National Savings Association was closed after being in existence for 5½ years. During this time the branch had sold 5476 certificates – Total Cash £4247.16.0.
	May 15	The football team won the Northumberland County School Cup (The Blake Cup) at Ashington <i>(Author Note : This was a great feat because sixty schools had entered)</i>
	July 24	Presentation of above <u>plus</u> The Tynemouth Schools Football League Cup and the Tynemouth Charity Knock-out Rose Bowl <i>(Author Note: Continuation of the School's Outstanding Football Prowess)</i>
	Aug 28	93 Infants transferred to Mixed School.
	Dec 18	Parents Day – about 200 present.
1923	June 20	Boys School won the Elementary School's Sports Championship Shield – This trophy was held for one year
	June 22	School Annual Excursion to Durham
	July 25	The Boys won the schools' Cricket League Shields and the Cricket Knock-Out Cup. The football team received their Football League Runners-up Medals and the County (Blake) Competition Runners-up Medals.
	Sept 24	Re-start of the school Journeys to places of local interest (They had been stopped because of the war and had not been re-started until this time)
	Dec 19	Parents Day – about 200 present.
1924	June 20	Annual School Excursion to Rothbury
	July 8	The Head Teacher left early to attend the <u>Foundation Stone Laying of the Spring Gardens School.</u>
1925	March 2-5	HMI Visit. Later Report... 'The Headmaster is thoroughly interested in the school as ever. He works hard and he spares no pains in reporting upon the work of each class' ... <i>(Author Note: The care taken and the detail of his school log book fully justifies the above compliments – The Headmaster, who had served in that position for nearly thirty-two years, has not lost any of his enthusiasm or ability – A truly great Headmaster)</i>
	May	Staff – Headmaster, 11 Assistants (3 male 8 female)
	June 19	School Annual Excursion to Allendale.
	July 28	Presentation to the school as Winners: Football League Cup and Captain Ball Shield (girls) and medals won in the County Cup, League Cup and Infirmary Cup.
	Nov 27	Funeral of Queen Mother – Alexandra at 11.30 a.m. A short memorial service was held in school.
1926	June 18	School Annual Excursion to Barnard Castle.

	July 27	Continuation of the School's Sport Successes - Presentation to the school of the following:- (1) Football League Cup (2) Head Teachers Charity Knock-out Football Shield (3) Cricket League Shields (4) Cricket Knock-out Cup
	Oct 15	Report on Changes of Staff – although there 12 teachers on the permanent staff, there had been 42 teachers on the staff during the past 6 years
1927	June 17	Annual School Excursion - Kelso
	June 26	Presentation of Trophies to the School:- (1) Football League Cup (2) Football Charity Shields (3) Football Charity Rose Bowl (4) County Football Cup (5) Cricket League Shield (6) Cricket Knock-out Cup <i>(Author Note: Although the Head Master's log book gives only the bare facts he, the headmaster of a village school had every reason to be exceedingly proud of his schools clean sweep in the sports competitions)</i>
	Aug 29	92 Infants transferred to Main School.
1928	June 22	Annual School Excursion - Berwick
	Aug 27	<u>During the summer holidays hot water pipes, for the school heating had been installed</u>
	Sept 4	Presentation of:- (1) Football League Cup (2) Football Charity Rose Bowl (3) Cricket League Shield (4) County Football 'Caps'
1929	Jan 11	A new hutment, which had been erected at the south end of the girls yard came into use for three boys classrooms. To this annex of the mixed department was transferred desks, furniture and stock.
	Feb 1	<u>The teachers bought a portable gramophone for school use</u> – it was purchased out of school funds which had been raised for social and educational purposes.
	Feb 8 – 11	HMI Visitation. Later Report ... <u>'The school consists of ten classes all of which are under fifty.</u> Three additional classrooms have recently been provided and the hall is no longer used continuously for class teaching.. Practically all of the teaching is now on a specialist basis ... <u>Special tribute should be paid to the Head Master's faithful service during the 35 years</u> (Author Note: nearly 36 Years). <u>he has been in the school.</u> The splendid record of the Penny Bank and the good tone of the school may be attributed largely to his influence.

	Aug 28	<p>Presentation of trophies won by the school:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Football League Cup (2) Football Charity Rose Bowl (3) Head Teachers Football Shield (4) Cricket League Cup (5) Cricket Knock-out Shield (6) County Football Cup <p><i>(Author Note: Another Clean Sweep – The schools excellence in sport still continues and possibly to the chagrin of the other schools in the borough).</i></p>
1930	July 30	<p>Presentation of Trophies won:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Football League Cup (2) Football Charity Rose Bowl (joint) (3) Head Teachers Football Shield (4) Cricket League Cup (5) Cricket Knock-out Shield (6) Captain Ball Shield
	Dec 18	Open afternoon for parents
1931	May 21	<p>Presentation of Trophies won by the school:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Football League Cup (2) Football Charity Rose Bowl (3) Head Teachers Football Shield (4) Hockey Shield (girls)
	May 22	<p><u>Retirement of Mr John William Cockburn</u> – Head Master of the school for 37 years 10 months (Author Note: In my opinion he possibly had influenced more Percy Main Peoples' characters than anyone before or since – A Truly Great Head Master) On his retirement in May he was presented with a Radio Gramophone</p>
	May 29 – June 1	<p>Percy Main children take part in the Newcastle Dance Tournament 1931</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th place Boys Sword Dance (12-16 years) 88 marks 6 competitors 2nd place Country Dances Boys and girls (9-12 years) 87 marks 24 competitors 3rd place Boys Sword Dance (under 12) 87 marks 6 competitors 5th place Country Dances Boys and Girls (12-15 years) 87 marks 37 competitors <p>Certificates awarded in each case. <i>(Authors Note : the school still has a very popular dance club – although it must be said that the dances are very different)</i></p>
	June 19	Annual School Excursion – Rothbury.
	June 30	Average attendance for quarter – 454.8
	July 14	<p><u>Public Library Affiliation Scheme introduced</u> – the following day 500 books were collected from the library – These were for borrowing</p>

		by the pupils of the school.
	Nov 19	At the Cullercoats Eisteddfod the school intermediate dancing team won the cup (Seven teams competed).
	Dec 7	School Bank – 440 deposits = £504.19.11 Withdrawn - £430.2.2 National Savings Certificates 147 at 16/- (16 shillings)
	Dec 8	<u>Forty nine children commenced taking Cow and Gate Chocolate Milk</u> (by Feb 12 – 120 infants and 48 mixed school children participating)
1932	15 April	<u>School Folk Dancing Club</u> established for boys and girls of 11 years and over – sixteen dances taught on Friday evenings
	8 July	Boys won The School's Sports Shield.
	16 July	Annual school excursion to Hexham – 10 buses transported 250 children and 200 adults.
	20 July	Presentation of trophies won by the school – (1) Football League Cup (2) Football Charity Rose Bowl (3) Head Teachers Football Shield (4) Hockey Shield (girls) (5) Athletic Shield
1933	Jan 20	Accommodation – 11 class rooms – 452 children
	April 28	Bulb Growing Competition Judging
	June 16	Annual School Excursion – Barnard Castle
	Aug 28	65 Infants transferred to Main School – Roll now 498 HMI Report ... ' The School is now organised on a sex basis with boys and girls taught separately 'Folk and Country Dancing are good features of the out-of-school activities.'
1934	May 17	<u>Percy Main Council School Dance Club reported a successful season.</u> The children showed great enthusiasm and the average attendance per night was 92. Several displays were given. The two teams entered the North of England Musical Tournament were placed 4 th out of 21 Junior entries and 33 Senior entries.
	June 22	Annual school excursion - Richmond
	Oct 17	<u>Milk Scheme commenced with the children able to purchase 1/3 pint for 1/2d (half old penny)</u> – about 300 supplied each day
1935	Feb 22	<u>Report – 'A number of children absent through bad footwear or lack of same. (The boot and shoe fund operated by Mr J W Black helping to equip the children)</u>
	April 1	Fire Drill – School cleared in 45 seconds.
	May 3	School closed for King George V Jubilee holiday
	May 6	Children assembled 9.00 a.m. each receiving a bronze medal and 2 x 1935 pennies. A short service was held when the occasion was

		emphasized by the head master. The whole school then reassembled in John Street and with drummers (5) and leaders marched 8 abreast to Northumberland Square North Shields where a short service was held. Again reassembled and marched to Sidney Street where dismissal took place.
	June 22 – 29	<u>First School Camp</u> – 18 boys and 3 teachers
	July	<u>High School Examinations – 16 sat the examination of whom 3 were awarded free places and 10 passed</u> – The report in the school log book says... 'It is the best result ever achieved by this school'
1936	Jan 23	<u>Proclamation of Edward VIII</u> - Received work to read the proclamation for the new king. (<i>Authors Note: a copy of this document is available in the school log book</i>)
	June 5 – 12	<u>School Camp at North Seaton – 57 girls went in two buses – This was fir first schools Girl Camp</u>
	June 20- 27	School Camp (Boys) at Dalton.
	July 3	School Excursion - Durham
	Sept 16	Thirty <u>girls</u> attending domestic centre at the Queen Victoria School.
	Oct 2	School Camp at North Seaton Hall – 40 boys under Mr J W Hildrew and Mr S Bollom camped for two weeks.
1937	Jan 22	Notification received from County Borough of Tynemouth Education Committee - Milk for Children and Young Persons. The cost of milk is ½d (that is half a penny), The notice goes on to say that 'children, particularly those sub-normally nourished or convalescing from illness, may obtain a further supply of milk for consumption in the afternoon at an additional cost of ½d.' The notice also stresses the importance of sleep and gives the following recommendations; Children 5 – 7 years should have 12 hours Children 8 – 11 years should have 11 hours Children 11 – 14 years should have 10½ hours (also a short time for dressing and undressing). (<i>Authors Note : a copy of the original document is kept in the schools log book</i>)
	May 12	<u>Coronation Day</u> (<i>Author Note: this was the coronation of King George VI and his wife Queen Elizabeth later known as the Queen Mother</i>) – The children received beakers, sweets, apples and new pennies (supplied by the Local Education Authority and other donors) (<i>Author Note: these were still the old large pennies</i>). The children assembled in school yards and later held a procession – including fancy dress (prizes given) and King and Queen on decorated lorry. The procession commence in Backworth Street and paraded through the village – drummers and school banner, which was just completed, heading the procession.

	June 19	School Camp (one week) at Dalton, Hexhamshire – 26 boys, 5 teachers and Dr Bewley.
	July 16	School Camp (One Week) at North Seaton Hall – 43 girls and 2 teachers went by rail.
	Sept 17	School Camp (two weeks) at North Seaton Hall – 35 boys with Mr R Freeman in charge (Author Note: This period in the school history 1935 – 1939, the school camps had an important part in the school life)
1938	Jan 26	HMI at the school – later report ... 'A great deal of careful and conscientious work is being done by the assistants a individuals, but the school in general calls for more definite supervision and guidance' (The report continues in a critical way of the direction from above)
	March 31	The Headmaster (Mr A M Fairley) retired with a disability pension.
	May 6	School Camp (2 weeks) at North Seaton Hall – 26 boys under Mr R Forsyth.
	May 16	New Headmaster (Mr Edward Davis) appointed.
	Sept 9 – 23	School Camp (2 weeks) – girls at North Seaton Hall
	Dec	Dr Bewley (Percy Main's Doctor) presented a shield for house completion.
1939	Jan 16	<u>With 495 children on the main school's roll, the school was closed to new entrants.</u>
	April 28	Commencement of a two week annual camp at Seaton Hall with 41 boys camping.
	June 14	Schools' Sports Gala – Percy Main Council School won the Championship Shield.
	July 14	33 girls at a 12 day camp at Seaton Hall.
	Aug 28	<u>Last of the regular visits to the swimming baths by parties of boys and girls from the school.</u> (Author Note: These did not resume until June 12 1941)
	Sept 1	<u>After this date, owing to a State of Emergency being declared</u> by the Government, the attendance of children at school was suspended until further notice. (Author note: this was the outbreak of World War II)
	Sept 9	<u>Start of 'Home School Scheme'</u> (this continued until Nov 17 1939) The scheme utilized some 50 homes in East Howdon, The Docks, Percy Main, New Buildings and The Ridges were utilized by eh teachers with small classes. The last recorded attendance at these was 137. (Authors Note: The Ridges is now known as the Meadowell Estate)
	Nov 20	<u>School premises used once again but with only 60 scholars at any one time.</u> Senior pupils attended in the morning and Juniors in the afternoon.

1940	Jan 29	<u>Half-time teaching introduced and to remain until the air-raid shelters are completed.</u> From today permission was granted for the school to adopt half time teaching until such time as all the air-raid shelters had been completed. Half classes attended in the morning and the other half in the afternoon alternating each week. Today the attendance only 312 out of a possible 450.
	April 1	School open for compulsory education with eight air-raid shelters available for this school if required and 4 for the infants.
	April 4	A full rehearsal of the complete block of an air-raid warning was carried out this morning at 10.53. All children from Infants and Mixed Departments complete with hats, coats and gas masks were completely under cover in 4½ minutes
	April 24	From 2.33 to 2.46 p.m. Air raid shelter drill – time 4½ minutes
	July 3	<u>Air-raid warning sounded</u> – The alert was from 2.00 p.m. till 2.35 p.m. (many air-raids followed in the following weeks, months and years)
	July 7 – 15	Further evacuation of 41 children from the school. School closed until Monday 15 July
	July 26	School closed at 4.00 p.m. for summer vacations to reopen on Monday 12 August. One teacher to be on duty each school day re evacuation.
	Aug 12	School reopened at 9.45 following an air raid alarm last night. Practice Air raid Shelters – Time taken 3½ minutes
	Aug 15	Air raid alarm sounded at 12.55 p.m. All clear at 2.10. The school assembled at 3.00. Number of children who attended was 214 out of 477.
	Aug 20	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Aug 26	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Aug 27	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Aug 29	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Aug 30	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Sept 2	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Sept 3	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Sept 4	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Sept 6	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Sept 9	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Sept 10	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Sept 16	Air raid alarm 3.18 p.m. to 4.18 p.m. Children taken to shelters
	Sept 17	Air raid alarm during previous evening. School opened at 9.45 a.m.

	Sept 19	Air raid alarm during previous evening. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Sept 24	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Sept 27	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Oct 1	3 Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Oct 10	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Oct 24	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Oct 29	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Nov 14	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Nov 19	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Nov 29	Air raid alarm during night. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	Dec 2	The committee decided owing to blackout difficulties, that the school hours for December 1940 & January 1941 would be 9.45 a.m. to noon and 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
1941	Feb 13	Air raid alarm – children to shelters 2.30 – 2.55 p.m.
	Feb 20	The school was closed for the day owing to inclement weather. Severest snow storm for last 24 hours had broken down all communications by road, rail and phone. By order of Local Education Authority the schools remained closed till Monday 24 February 1941. The accumulation of snow made conditions even on Monday very bad.
	March 4	Air raid alarm during night. 8.00 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	March 13	Air raid alarm during night. 8.00 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	March 14	Last night's air raid lasted till 4.30 a.m. School opened at 9.45 a.m. – attendance very poor.
	March 20	Air raid alarm. Children to school shelters 11.00 to 11.30 a.m.
	March 24	Staff began Fire watching in school under Fire Watching Order 1941.
1941	March 28	<u>417 children had their gas masks tested by an ARP instructor. The school was used as a feeding and rest centre during the war.</u>
	April 2	Air raid alarm 8.55 a.m. to 9.20 a.m. Air raid alarm 2.15 to 2.40 p.m.
	April 3	Air raid alarm 10.50 a.m. to 11.13 a.m. - Shelters
	April 7	Air raid alarm – children to the shelters from 1.55 to 2.33 p.m.
	April 8	Air raid alarm previous evening from 9.00 p.m. to 3.15 a.m. and 3.45 a.m. to 4.30 a.m. School commenced at 9.45 a.m.
	April 9	Serious Blitz upon the borough.
	April 23	Air raid alarm previous evening. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
	April 24	Air raid alarm previous evening. School opened at 9.45 a.m.

April 30	Air raid alarm. Children in shelters from 3.10 to 3.30 p.m.
May 1	Air raid alarm previous evening. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
May 2	Air raid alarm previous evening. School opened at 9.45 a.m.
May 5	Air raid alarm previous evening and Friday and Saturday. School, about 50%, assembled at 9.45 a.m.
May 6	Air raid previous evening. School – about 25% of children – assembled at 9.45
May 7	Air raid previous evening. School – about 25% of children – assembled at 9.45
May 8	Air raid previous evening. School – about 25% of children – assembled at 9.45
May 12	Air raid previous evening. School – about 25% of children – assembled at 9.45
May 14	Air raid previous evening. School – about 25% of children – assembled at 9.45
May 19	Air raid previous evening. School – about 25% of children – assembled at 9.45
May 26	School commenced at 9.45 due to air raid alarm previous evening. 1/15 – 2.15 Air raid alarm. Few children returned to school so registers were not marked.
June 10	Air raid alarm – children in shelters from 2.10 p.m. to 2.40 p.m.
June 13	Air Raid alarm 1.45 a.m. to 4.45 a.m. No morning school. School commenced 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. as per local authority instructions.
June 18	Air raid alarm after midnight. No morning school. Afternoon 1.30 – 4.30, Air raid alarm 1.50 to 2.50 p.m.
June 23	Air raid alarm after midnight. No morning school. Afternoon 1.30 – 4.30 p.m.
July 1	Air raid alarm after midnight. No morning school. Afternoon 1.30 – 4.30 p.m.
July 11	Air raid alarm 1.30 a.m. to 3.00 a.m. No morning school. Afternoon 1.30 – 4.30 p.m.
July 16	Air raid alarm midnight to 12.45
July 18	Air raid alarm 2.20 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.
July 23	Air raid alarm after midnight. School commenced at 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
July 28	<u>As a result of the Re-organisation Scheme the Juniors (Stages 1 & 2) at present included in the Infants are now to be transferred into the Junior Mixed Department.</u>
July 29	Only 118 children in attendance this morning. Some confusion was caused by air raid alarm being sounded in surrounding districts.
Sept 1	<u>The school ceased to be an all age school – It was re-opened as Percy Main Junior Mixed School</u> with children over 11 years being transferred to The Ralph Gardner School. The new school had 358 children on roll.
Sept 2	Air raid alarm after 10.00 p.m. previous evening. School commenced at 9.45 a.m.
Sept 4	Air raid alarm after 10.00 p.m. previous evening. School commenced at 9.45 a.m.
Sept 5	Air raid alarm after 10.00 p.m. previous evening. School commenced at 9.45 a.m.
Sept 8	Air raid alarm after 10.00 p.m. previous evening. School commenced at 9.45 a.m.

	Oct 1	School commenced at 9.45 a.m. following a local blitz last night.
	Oct 3	School closed today following another raid last night. Building being used as a feeding and rest centre.
	Oct 16	Air raid alarm 04.00 hours. No morning school. School opens 1.30 – 4.30 p.m.
	Oct 22	Air raid alarm previous evening 8.00 to 10.30 pm. School commenced at 9.45 a.m.
	Nov 3	From today during November, December, January and February owing to blackout times the school begins at 9.30
	Nov 4	Air raid this morning 04.25 hours. School began at 10.00
	Nov 12	Air raid this alarm 09.15 hours to 10.10 hours. School began after the all clear.
	Dec 9	Air raid alarms previous evening lasting after midnight. School began at 10.00 a.m. Sirens at 11.7 to 11.27 a.m. Children in shelters
1942	Jan 13	Air raid alarm 10.53 a.m. to 11.07 a.m. Children remained in school owing to inclement weather. Air raid alarm 3.35 p.m. to 3.52 p.m. Children in shelters.
	Jan 30	Air raid alarm 11.18 a.m. to 11.48 a.m. children in shelters
	Feb 6	Air raid alarm 9.45 a.m. to 9.53 a.m.. No action taken. Again at 2.15 p.m. to 2.26 p.m.
	Feb 12	Air Raid alarm from 9.05 a.m. to 9.25 a.m. Registers closed at 10.00 a.m.
	April 16	Air Raid alarm lasting beyond midnight, School commenced this morning at 10.00
	April 21	6B evacuation. 16 children from this . 6 returned on medical grounds.
	April 23	Air raid alarm 15.30 to 16.23 hours
	April 29	Air raid alarm previous night 03.15 hrs to 03.45 hours. School began at 10.00 this morning
	May 1	Air raid alarm previous night 02.30 hrs to 04.15 hours. School began at 10.00 this morning
	June 5	Air raid alarm 1.30 am to 3.20 am. School opened this morning at 10.00
	July 7	Air raid alarm 01.30 to 03.30 hours. School commenced at 10.00
	July 8	Air raid alarm 01.45 to 02.15 hours. School commenced at 10.00
	Sept 7	Air raid alarm 23.40 to 01.45 hours. School commenced at 10.00
	Sept 22	From this morning a new organisation experiment is in operation. During the morning from 9.30 to 12.00 classes will be mixed A & B for arithmetic and English subjects. During the afternoon classes will revert to Boys and Girls separated.
1942	Oct 26	Air raid alarm 11.30 a.m. to 11.55. Children in shelters
	Nov 2	For the winter months (Nov. Dec. Jan and Feb) the school opening at 9.30 on each school day.
1943	March 12	Air raid alarms from 9.15 p.m. to 12.15 a.m. previous evening. School opened this morning at 10.00 a.m.
	March 15	Air raid alarm previous evening 11.10 p.m. to 12.15 a.m. School opened at 10.00 a.m.
	March 25	Air raid alarm previous evening 11.50 p.m. to 1.15 a.m. School opened at 10.00 a.m.
	May 24	School commenced at 10.00 a.m. owing to an air raid the previous night. <i>(Authors Note: This was the last recorded air raid in the log book. It seems incredible to believe that throughout this extremely difficult period of history our intrepid school continued to deliver education to the local children., We</i>

		<i>can only imagine the traumatic situations that the staff had to deal with during this time)</i>
	Nov 1	From today for the winter months of Nov, Dec, Jan and Feb the school will commence at 9.30. Recreation time from 10.30 to 10.40
1944	Aug 28	Nineteen evacuees from London admitted into the school.
1945	May 8	<u>Victory In Europe Day – All schools in the borough closed today and tomorrow. These two days being declared national holidays</u>
1946	June 7	In connection with the Victory Day Celebrations the children this afternoon visited the Carlton Cinema Tynemouth for a special show returning to school a 4.00 p.m. where they each received ice cream and the card bearing the King's Victory Message.
	Nov 22	School closed at 3.00 on the occasion of the visit of HM Princess Royal to the Town. Inclement weather prevented our school lining the route. <i>(Author's note : This would be Princess Mary, Princess Royal and Countess of Harewood (Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary; 25 April 1897 – 28 March 1965) was a member of the British Royal Family; she was the third child and only daughter of King George V and Queen Mary.)</i>
1947	July 2	Parents Open Day and presentation of prizes.
1949	July 19	Towns Centenary School Sports – The girls tied with Cullercoats School for the Junior Championship Shield
1950	April 4	School lined one side of Nelson Terrace to see Princess Margaret pass on the occasion of her visit to Tynemouth.
	July 25	Parents Open Day and presentation of prizes.
1951	Feb 22-23	HM Inspector at the school - later report...'The school consists of the main building and two blocks of hitted classrooms – The main building is old and dreary... The building inevitably falls short of modern standards... There is no staff room, and the whole staff of men and women use the Head Master's room ... Nine Classes... There is much careful and conscientious work done by both pupils and staff. A Stamp Club meets outside of school hours ... Relations between staff and pupils appear generally cordial ... An average of 160 children stay at school for dinners'.
1952	Feb 11	9.00 a.m. The Royal Proclamation of the occasion of Queen Elizabeth II was read to the assembled school. <i>(Author's Note: the proclamation is still kept in the log book)</i>
	Feb 15	Funeral of the late King George VI 2.00 to 2.02 two minute silence followed by a short service.
	June 27	School excursion to Edinburgh – 10 adults and 80 children
1953	June 18	As part of the Coronation Celebrations the whole school was taken at the expense of the school by train to the Gaumont Cinema to view "A Queen is Crowned" We left school at 2.40 p.m.
1954	Oct 29	Visit of HM Queen Elizabeth II and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh to Tyneside. School closed for the day. Children taken by bus at 9.30 a.m. to their vantage point on Queen Alexander Road West.
1955	Oct 27	Locale educational visits re-commenced.
1958	July	<u>Retirement of Headmaster (Mr Edward Davis)</u>
	Sept 1	<u>New Headmaster - Mr Fred Fisher</u>
1959	May 29	Football – The school won the Junior Knock-our Shields and were Joint Runners-Up in the League.
	Aug	During the summer holidays the main School had been re-wired.
1962	Jan	Evidence of Ten Classes.

	July 12	The School Sports Day – Winning House – ‘Fry’
1963	Oct 2	70 children from 2A and 2B. Classes on an educational visit to Tynemouth
	Oct 12	Another visit was made to the harbour mouth by 80 2 nd year children.
1964	July 8	Parents Open Day
	July 15	Percy Main Primary School’s Sports held on Flatworth Field. House placings : 1 Fry, 2 Stephenson, 3 Percy, 4 Darling. (<i>Authors Note – These were the school houses</i>)
	Nov 3	<u>The Headmaster (Mr F Fisher) at the education office to discuss the plans of the proposed new school.</u>
1965	May 3	<u>Telephone installed in the Headmaster’s</u> room during the holidays.
	July 7	Open Day for Parents.
	July 20	<u>Retirement of Mr Fred Fisher (Headmaster)</u>
	Sept 1	<u>New Headmaster – Mr William N Laidler</u>
	Oct 15	Educational visit by classes 2B an 2C to the Tyne estuary and Tynemouth Priory
1966	Mar 17	Fire Drill – school cleared up in 1 minute 35 seconds.
	Mar 22	Commencement of educational visits which continued until June – Places visited included – Delaval Hall, Museum of Antiquaries at Newcastle University, Roman Wall, Fontburn Waterworks, Durham and Tynemouth Priory and Castle.
1967		Educational visits included Bamburgh Castle and the Farne Islands, Roman Wall, Fish Quay and Tynemouth Voluntary Life Brigade
	July 14 – 16	Week-end school comp at Whitley Chapel, Hexhamshire – 12 boys.
	Nov 9	The school choir was at Tyne Tees Television Studios for a recording of a Christmas Carol which would be used on Christmas Day
<p>Percy Main Board School, which had been built in 1891 and used continuously until 1967, having changed its grade and titles during different periods, had grown old and lacked modern requirements. The education committee knowing of the necessity of providing a new school, decided to employ Messrs Stienlet, Son and Partners (North Shields and Newcastle upon Tyne) as architects for the proposed school, which would be built on waste land adjoining the old school. <u>When their plans for the new primary school were approve</u>, the tenders for the building were sent out, and the successful tender of <u>Messrs Harry Kindred (Newcastle Limited for £115,571.18.4 was accepted.</u></p> <p>Some details of the new school may be of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The two department school (infants and Juniors) was built to accommodate 240 infants and 320 Juniors. - The ground level Infant Department linked through the Assembly Halls, to the two storey Junior Department with its eight classrooms. - The school’s steel window frames fixed to the brickwork – oil fired central heating. - Estimated cost of furnishings and equipment £7,000 		
1967	Nov 17 – 19	<u>Stock and equipment moved from the old school to the new school.</u>
	Nov 20	<u>A Red-Letter Day</u> – The school assembled at the old school for a special service and then filed out and proceeded to their <u>New County Primary Junior School</u> in Nelson Terrace. According to the school’s log book at 9.30 a.m. 282 children out of 293 on the roll left the old building for the last time accompanied by Alderman J Lisle, Vice Chairman of the Local Education Authority, Mr G E Ainey co-opted member of the Education Committee and Mr George Wilson Chief

		Education Officer. It was reported that the transfer was carried out smoothly and efficiently and that by noon the classes were installed in their new rooms and working steadily. The building was well heated and the staff were unanimous in their praise of its design.
	Nov 24	40 children of the school choir were taken to Newcastle-Bergen Quay by private coach at 9.30. They were filmed on HM Venus for a television programme to be shown on Christmas Day at 12.30. The programme was entitled 'I Saw Three Ships' and consisted of a number of carols sung at various points between the source and the mouth of the Tyne by various school in Northumberland.
1968	Jan 24	Official opening of the current school by Alderman J Lisle J.P. (<i>Justice of the Peace</i>) (Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee) – A copy of the official opening programme in still retained in the school's log book for that day
<u>The site of the old school was sold for £4250 and was used for housing.</u>		
1970	Date unknown	The original infant and junior schools opened in 1967. A Nursery extension was built on to the infant school in the early 1970s. The design of the building, with adjoining halls and a shared kitchen, made its adaptation to a single primary school simple and successful. (<i>This extract taken from the Report by HM Inspectors 3 – 5 June 1986</i>)
1978	June 5	The school advised that the amalgamation of the two departments would take place and form a Primary School with Mr Robin W Gilhespy as the Head Master and the present Head Mistress of the Infants (Mrs D A Higgins) being re-deployed to Brierdene First School.
	July 20	Log Book indicated that the Infants Department in the Primary School will had 89 children in it.
	July 21	Closure of the Infant School – it will merge with the Junior School and open after the holidays as Percy Main Primary School
1978	Sept 5	School re-opens at 9.00 a.m. as PERCY MAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL with Mr Gilhespy is Head Teacher
	Oct 12	Chelsea Pensioner Sgt W Taylor visited the school to talk to the children about his experiences. Sgt Taylor was in his 'going out' uniform and the children were enthralled.
1979	Feb 1	'On arriving at school the Headmaster found the gates to be locked and members of staff, parents and children were beginning to assembly'. This was a result of strike action taken by the caretakers union N.U.P.E (National Union of Public Employees). The Headmaster opened the gates and the main door. The school had planned for this strike action and had made arrangements to use the Scout Hut in Percy Main and the Community Centre in East Howdon. The Infant children would use the Scout Hut each morning and the Junior children from Percy Main and those outside the area would use it in the afternoon. The children from East Howdon would use the Community centre each morning. The accommodation in both buildings appeared to be adequate.
	Feb 2	The children appeared to have settled well in their temporary classrooms with the Headteacher reporting that tables and chairs were set up and all the children welcomed in at 9.15 a.m. When all was organized in the Scout

		Hut he had walked across to the Community Centre at East Howdon where he reported that 'they were all working well'. He ended the entry in the log book by saying it was 'A very successful start to our alternative programme'.
	Feb 6	They were allowed to use the school building today. Under the terms of the 'deal' negotiated with NUPE school was opened at 10.00. The staff entered just before the appointed hour and the children came in right on time. An assembly was held at 10.30 during which a hymn was sung and prayers said. However later in the morning the Caretaker informed the Headmaster that the code of conduct had been broken both by the staff and the Head – the former had been teaching and the latter had encouraged them and also had given Religious Instruction! At a meeting it was decided that after Thursday depending on the availability of East Howdon Community Centre they would hope not to use the school building at all. In order to maintain supplies of equipment teachers would visit on a rota basis.
	Feb 8	The Strike continues and the children continue to be educated in the Scot Hut and the East Howdon Community Centre. It had been hoped that the children, especially infants could have a run in the yard while their teachers were exchanging equipment. The caretaker objected to this as he said it was contrary to the agreement between the Authority and NUPE.
	March 9	(Friday) According to the log book 'The last day in the wilderness'. The feelings are that they could not have managed successfully much longer. The children had coped admirably and most have persisted in attending through all kinds of adversity. Most children have made progress and all have suffered much less than they would have done had we been unable to provide alternative accommodation. The Head commented that their success in minimizing the effect of the strike was due in no small measure to the support and hard work of the staff both teaching and support. The parents of the children were worthy of praise too for the magnificent way so many of them cooperated with the school. He also commented that much good had come from their experiences over the past weeks. The entire staff had worked together in a most marvelous way and it could be that in the future we would see this as being a decisive factor in the success of the amalgamation of the two schools.
	March 12	(Monday) The log book records that the school was 'Back in the School Building!' After working in the cramped conditions the children seemed rather over-whelmed by the space available. The feelings of all were that it was great to be back.
	June 6	A party of 48 children and 5 teachers visit Seahouses and the Farne Islands. The cost to the children was £2.50 each. It was felt that this was rather a lot of money particularly if a parent had more than one child going so it was unlikely that this trip would happen every year – perhaps every alternative year for children in Years 3 & 4.
	July 18	The Annual Prize Day attended by the Deputy Mayor and the Deputy Mayoress. (A copy of the programme is still kept in the log book).
	Sept 4	Start of the new academic year. The school now comprises 11 classes and a Nursery class. There are 240 children on roll.
1980	Jan 15	The headmaster conducted a staff meeting at 3.30 p.m. at which staffing for Sept 1980 was discussed. He informed the staff that unless the numbers

		on roll showed a dramatic rise there would be one class less in September.
	Jan 17	The annual return to the Department of Education and Science (Form 7) was completed today. Letters were sent to all parents informing them of the rise in school meals prices from 4 February. The new price would be 35p per day.
1981	Feb 25	Greenhouse on fire – considerable amount of damage.
	Feb 27	Re-glazing of greenhouse completed.
	June 9	Headteacher attended a meeting in St Johns church hall to discuss provision for young people in Percy Main. There was considerable feeling within the local community that not enough was available from the resources in the village and that more facilities could be made available.
	June 10	PC Eric McFaul visited the school as a result of yesterday's meeting at which Headteacher explained the difficulties of opening the school in the evenings and at week-ends.
	June 16	Headteacher attended a further meeting in St Johns Church Hall on the matter of play provision. Certain facilities were offered by other bodies and Headteacher was prepared to make concessions provided that guarantees could be met.
	July 2	A public meeting was held in the school hall at 7.30 p.m. The meeting was as a result of the two previous meetings on 9 June and 16 June and was quite well attended by parents and children. Various offers of accommodation were made and it was left to the residents to see how best these facilities could be used.
	Aug 3 to Aug 21	The Authority Play Scheme commenced on Monday 3 August and ran until Friday 21 August. Under the scheme agreed between the Authority, the caretaker and the school and the local committee the school field will be opened by the caretaker daily to the end of the holiday and for the first half of next term from 5.00 p.m. to dusk on week days and from 9.00 a.m. until 5.00 at week-ends.
	Sept 7	School re-opened after the summer holidays and is again organized in 11 classes plus the Nursery Unit (the anticipated reduction in staffing does not appear to have happened). There are now 258 children on roll.
	Sept 14	School broken into during the weekend. Access gained through transom window in office but intruders unable to force the door into the corridor and were contained in the office. Apparently nothing stolen, contents of drawers and cupboards tipped onto floor. Damage to door.
	Sept 16	A new Governing Body was to be elected for the next three year cycle. The newly constituted Governing Body was to have two teachers and a representative of the support staff.
	Nov 12	A technician from North Tyneside Authority spent the afternoon marking movable/valuable items of equipment as part of a security exercise. The paint used contained trace elements which could be detected should the equipment be stolen and recovered and proved ownership.
1982	Jan 6	The school was broken into during last weekend and considerable damage was caused to internal classroom doors. The windows in these doors were broken (7) in order that the intruders could gain access to the rooms. Desks were forced open and contents scattered: entry was attempted to the Headteacher's rooms, stock cupboards, some items of equipment destroyed.
	March 22	Teachers who were members of the National Union of Teachers voted

		today to impose sanctions at the school in line with the directive from their headquarters - To cease cover of absent colleagues - To refuse to assist in any way with the school meals service i.e. supervision at lunch time and collection of monies.
	March 23	Sanctions started today. The Nursery routine at lunch time was slightly reorganized so that the full time children are adequately supervised at all times.
	August 16	School broken into. Break in discovered by cleaner on Tuesday 17 August. (School closed for summer holidays).
	August 20	Headmaster returned from holiday and modified the list of stolen property which now read 1 FM Tuner Amplifier, 1 Record Deck, 1 Cassette Recorder and a considerable quantity of blank tapes.
	Sept 3	Further break in. Only damage appeared to be one broken hall window. Nothing stolen. (<i>see next entry dated Sept 7</i>)
	Sept 7	School re-opens after summer holiday. Headteacher discovers that in the most recent break in the two speakers from the Junior Hall had been stolen. The school year begins with 11 classes (11 class teachers, 1 nursery teacher and on part time remedial teacher). 242 children on roll a drop of 18 from estimates made 12 months previous. This is due to movement from the area – purchasing homes, redevelopment, etc. Classes are now all by age – no streaming by ability, although sets in 3 rd and 4 th year would continue to function as this arrangement had proved to be successful. Many children are wearing school uniform.
	Sept 20	School broken into again. Entry forced in 2 places sometime after 2.45 p.m. Broken windows in downstairs boys toilet and classroom 2. Items missing include 1 hamster cage, and 3 story cassette tapes.
1983	Jan 17	One set of goal posts vandalized over the week-end.
	March 8	Headmaster attended a meeting at Moor Park Hospital in connection with the 'National Study of Health and Growth of School Children'. This survey organized by the Department of Community Medicine at St Thomas's Hospital London has been going for some 12 years in 29 areas. This year a new group of areas are to be involved and this school together with Percy St Johns is to take part.
	Dec 21	Mr Gilhespy retires as Head Teacher (he takes up a new position as Head Teacher of Monkhouse Primary School next term) – Miss M Walker (Deputy Head) will be Acting Head next term.
1984	Jan 19	Form 7 completed today. There are now 240 children 5-11 on roll; 11 full-time nursery children; 35 part-time nursery pupils – total 286.
	Feb 9	Interviews for the headship of this school were held today. There were five candidates. After an informal discussion and coffee they were shown around the school then had lunch before leaving for Wallsend Town Hall where the interviews were held.
	April 30	Mr Anthony Holt commences his duties as Head Teacher.
	May 15	Trustees Savings Bank Schools Rep informed by headteacher that the bank will be closing down at the end of summer term. The reason is that it is taking up far too much time of the auxiliary and the secretary.
	May 16	Received letter from Director of Education informing headteacher that the

		Nursery Unit had been redesignated as a 33 place unit.
1986	June 12	Interviews for Senior Supervisory Assistants to take over running of dinner times at school on week starting 23 June 1986.
	July 16	Visit by HMIs Mr Bradley and Miss Lockwood to give initial draft report on their inspection of the school to the School Governors. The published report will be attached to the log book when it is received. Generally speaking the school was given a good report with certain areas needing to be re-examined Maths, Reading and PE came out well. Provision for the younger children was well received. Environmental Studies to be more structured throughout the school. Praise for good behavior of children.
	Sept 1	Return after summer holidays. There are now 12 classes plus a nursery. The class sizes are rather on the small size ranging from 18 to 25 pupils in each. (Except Nursery – figures are not shown for Nursery)
1987	March 27	School office broken into. Cabinet forced but nothing taken.
	April 10	News Guardian article published in relation to the recent HMI report. The inspectors' report says although unemployment has grown in the area through the loss of jobs in heavy industry, the school is in a stable community and activities within its walls reflect that. They praised the mother and toddler group held in the school nursery once a week which served as a good introduction to school for parents and children. The inspectors also praised the parents' involvement in supervising class visits, making stage costumes and cookery classes. On the negative side the children were not seen to use calculators and in any case, these were in short supply. There are only eight books available for use by nursery children, and the library area in this section is uninviting. However the inspectors concluded, 'In number of important aspects the school is making good progress. The children are well behaved and responsible and they work in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.'
	May 11	Mr Coles (Deputy Chairman of Governors) and the Head teacher attended a meeting at John Spence High School to be informed of the new requirement for the Governing Body of a school to present an Annual Report to the parents.
1988	March 29	Opening of three new libraries and two resource rooms. The three libraries now provide separate facilities for nursery, infant and junior pupils. One of the resource rooms caters for science and environmental studies. It includes model railway system which has been built by the children and is operated by their own computer programme. Money for the rooms came from curriculum development funding, cash raised by the efforts of parents and teachers, and a proportion of normal capitation allowances.
	May 16	A joint school trip to Noordwijk Holland. 35 children from Collingwood, Percy St Johns and Percy Main (5 days) Children well behaved, praised by hotel owner, bus driver (they went by coach) and passengers on the ferry
	Sept 26	Commencing week at Low Cranecleugh Activity Centre for classes 9 & 10. Much of the work done was involved with curriculum activities to be followed up at school on return.
1989	June 26	Area Secretary of GMB Union presented working model of a skeleton to the school as part of a sponsorship exercise for Health Education. (Author's

		<i>note – this skeleton is still used in school)</i>
	July 20	A great day for Percy Main School. We won the North Tyneside Under 11s Softball Cricket Knockout Competition in the morning and the North Tyneside Rounders Knockout competition in the afternoon. Double Champions. Well done children!
1990	Jan 11	Visit by Sally Thomas, Community Liaison Officer for the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation invited by Headteacher to discuss possible educational projects the school could be involved in when the Royal Quays site is developed. <i>(Author's note: The school became involved in several projects and regularly visit the Royal Quays Education Centre)</i>
	March 6	North Shields Headteachers meeting to discuss the likely effects of Royal Quays Development.
	March 20	Headteacher at meeting with head teachers of North Shields area High and Primary Schools re joint interests concerning Royal Quays development to be able to put joint proposals to the developers concerning social and educational needs for the children in the area.
	May 23	Meeting at Norham of Headteachers of North Shields to discuss the proposed Royal Quays Development. To look at ways the site can be used for educational purposes.
	May 31	Headteacher met with Community Development Officer from the Tyne Wear Development Corporation to discuss Royal Quays development and educational uses for site. It was agreed that a feasibility study be carried out, to be funded by TWDC to look at the best ways of using the site and liaising with schools.
	June 22 – 24	Party of 12 children to London. Visited Madame Tussards, were allowed inside No. 10 Downing Street! Visited London Zoo and various other places of interest.
	Sept 28	Problems with the heating system. Now that it is linked to a central computer the heating is not coming on to meet the schools needs. Thermostats were placed in various classrooms to give temperature readings to turn on the heating but they were all in 'warm' classrooms (i.e. those which get a lot of sunlight) therefore cold classrooms get little if any heat.
	March 20	Headteacher went for an interview for a term's secondment to work on an Educational Feasibility Study for the Royal Quays Development. He was successful and starts in the post on 15 April for 3 months. Miss Pippet will become Acting Headteacher.
	June 3	Mr Arnold and Mr Burleigh took ten boys to the Esso Petroleum Open Day where they had been invited to meet Emlyn Hughes (former England football captain) who organized a penalty shoot out competition. The boys were presented with T-shirts and footballs and given a special tea – a good time was had by all. Thank you letters had been sent.
	June 7	Mr Colin Mountford (Ralph Gardner School) came and presented to school with two large photographs of the old railway sheds and locomotives at Percy Main during the 1950s.
	June 17	Today we had our initial meeting to discuss the way we intended to celebrate our centenary from February 1992, God Willing. A list of suggestions was drawn up to be discussed and followed up. It was hoped to have an exhibition and possibly a musical pageant as well as other functions during the celebration. It was also hoped to be able to give each

		child a centenary mug if we can from school funds All arrangements are of course only in the early stages of preparation.
	June 18	A special assembly was held when the Parents' Association presented the school with two special tape recorders – one for use with headphones and also a large one for use in the hall . The school was also presented with a selection of excellent books for the school library.
	July 18	Due to a break in and vandalism (19 large windows broken) Reception class parents were met at the door this morning and asked to take their children home because of the large amount of glass splinters in their rooms and among their equipment. Nursery children were also sent home after their morning trip out to the bus depot as their rooms were also unusable. Staff worked hard all day to clear these rooms of glass.
	Sept 2	Mr Holt returns to school after one term's secondment on Educational Feasibility Study for the Royal Quays Development. The classes are now larger than at any time during the present Headteachers stay at the school. Play scheme. This had taken place during the holidays with damage and a great deal of litter being caused. There had also been much vandalism and break ins.
	Sept 5	Further break-ins have taken place this week. A video recorder has been stolen but much damage has been caused i.e. doors broken open – door frames damaged. It is estimated that since the beginning of this present financial year £10,000 worth of damage has been caused.
	Sept 10	The previous night there had been rioting on the Meadowell Estate fortunately no damage had been done to the school at this time but children who live on the estate were tired and frightened. The headteacher informed the staff that he wanted them off the premises by 4.00 p.m. until such time the atmosphere had calmed down and there was no likelihood of further outbreaks of trouble.
	Sept 11	The Headteacher visited the Tyne & Wear Development Corporation in Newcastle to present his final report of the educational feasibility study he had been seconded to undertake in the summer term. The senior officials of the Corporation were present together with representative from the Training and Enterprise Council and the LEA Adviser. There would be an Educational Centre developed on the Royal Quays Site and a teacher from the LEA to run it. All the recommendations made by the Headteacher were going to be put into place. This facility would greatly enhance the educational provision for the area.
	Dec 10	Supt J Broughton of North Shields Police visited the school to discuss with the Governors the rapid increase in vandalism in this financial year. He discussed the different methods of security that could be used. He also offered the services of a community policeman from funding provided for the Meadowell Estate to cope with the results of the riots in September.
1992	Jan 20	A group of 6 children visit the new education centre at the Royal Quays site to meet Mr R Keys, Junior Minister for the Environment, who attended the centre to sign an agreement for the commencement of the building of homes
	Feb 1	PERCY MAIN CENTENARY YEAR COMMENCES - SATURDAY 1 ST FEBRUARY 1992 – School accepted its first pupils on this date in 1892. Present school building opened in 1968.

	Feb 11	CENTENARY PRESENTATION. Mugs with the Percy Main School Crest were presented to the children to commemorate the Centenary Year (Funded by the Tyne & Wear Development Corporation). Previous members of staff were invited to present the mugs. Mugs were also presented to staff and visitors, kitchen staff, cleaners and dinner supervisors.
	March 13	Mr C Benneworth, Senior Advisor of the LEA to discuss with Headteacher extra funding (£30,000 over 3 years) to assist school in handling problems caused by the aftermath of Sept 1991 Meadowell riots.
	March 19	Visit by Mr Waller, Music Teacher at Norham High School to rehearse for pageant.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS</p> <p>In addition to the being presented with a special commemorative mug the school performed a pageant in which every child took part called 'Journey to the Tyne', this was sponsored by Tyne & Wear Developments. The school collected comments from the village children and their parents/carers about their memories of village life (<i>one comment mentioned about the day that several pies which were cooling on windowsills in the village all went missing!</i>) The comments reflected a poor life with children living in poverty.</p>		