

The following text has been copied directly from **Thurlstone Primary School** logbook archives dating from 1880 (when the school was first opened) to 1904.



The intention is to continue to add more text as time allows.

I hope you enjoy this glimpse into Thurlstone Primary School's past and the social history of the time.

January 9<sup>th</sup> 1880  
Thurlstone Infant School

I took charge of this school on Monday January 5<sup>th</sup> 1880. During the morning thirty-two children were admitted. On Tuesday morning three children were admitted.

On Wednesday and the following days of the week the classes worked according to the time-table.

Mary Jones

January 16<sup>th</sup>

Fifteen children were admitted to this school on Monday. In the course of the day these were classified according to their ages and abilities. During the week the classes worked according to the time-table, except the last hour on Friday morning when an examination of the fortnights work took place.

Mary Jones

January 23<sup>rd</sup>

In the course of the present week eight children were admitted to this school. Several children were absent during the week owing to the cold weather and for the same reason there was no recreation in the play-ground but during the recreation time the children sang or marched in school.

Mary Jones

March 5<sup>th</sup>

Three children were admitted to this school on Monday last. Marching has taken the place of recreation in the playground this week owing to the inclemency of the weather. Several of the children have begun to write in copy books.

Mary Jones

March 13<sup>th</sup>

The average attendance for this week is seventy being an increase of twelve from last week. Two children were admitted. Late children have been detained after school hours.

Mary Jones

March 20<sup>th</sup>

Late comers have been fewer this week.

Mary Jones

March 27<sup>th</sup>

One of the children attending this school died last week.

Mary Jones

May 1<sup>st</sup>

Two children were admitted on Monday morning. The attendance has been highest since the school was opened. Every Friday monitors are appointed to look after the fires, hats and apparatus during the following week.

Mary Jones

May 8<sup>th</sup>

Every dinner-time the backward children in arithmetic are detained. Reading is improving in the lower classes. Little out of the ordinary has occurred this week.

Mary Jones

June 5<sup>th</sup>

Owing to the wet weather the attendance has been lower than it otherwise would have been. The girls have begun their knitting for the examination.

Mary Jones

July 24<sup>th</sup> 1880

The school was reopened on Monday after a holiday of three weeks.

On Tuesday the children were classified afresh. These are now in four classes. The two higher I take while the two lower are under Ms Teresa Earnshaw's charge. I go to the two lower at the beginning and end of each lesson to see that all goes on right.

Mary Jones

August 7<sup>th</sup>

Many of the children have been absent this week from illness- measles or scarlatina. Several children have been kept at home half days to assist in hay making. These causes have made the attendance somewhat lower than might have been expected from the number on the register.

Mary Jones

August 14<sup>th</sup>

There is yet a good deal of sickness amongst the children.

Mary Jones

October 8<sup>th</sup>

There has been very fair attendance this week. In the morning of the examination eighty-nine children were present. The four songs for the examination were: 'As Tommy was Walking', 'Roll your Hands', 'King Alfred' and 'Little Bird'.

Mary Jones

November 12<sup>th</sup> 1880

Copy of H.M.I Inspectors Report  
Thurlstone Infant's Board School  
(Yorkshire)

'This new school which has been open only nine months is in a commodious and well lighted building, conveniently fitted up for its work. The mistress maintains good order and shows a kindly interest in her little charges. She has made a good beginning; with the few first standard children arithmetic was the strongest subject, next year this standard will be presented under more favourable circumstances. The first infants' class did very fairly all round. The second might add a little easy slate arithmetic to their work. The singing and physical exercises are well performed. The method of ventilation might be improved and a few blinds would be useful.'

G Hinchliff  
Clerk

December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1880

One third of the school is absent from illness. The attendance has got lower every meeting of the school.

Mary Jones

January 15<sup>th</sup> 1881

School was re-opened Monday last at 9am after the Christmas holidays. There has been a very fair attendance owing to the illness before the holidays. Playtime has had to be given up altogether owing to the inclemency of the weather. This time has been taken up with singing and calisthenics.

Mary Jones

March 12<sup>th</sup> 1881

This week there has been a change for the better in regard to the attendance, also in punctuality. Yesterday the children were cautioned against throwing stones.

Mary Jones

April 9<sup>th</sup>

Late-comers have been fewer this week. Marching in the school room has taken the place of usual playtime.

Mary Jones

May 20<sup>th</sup>

Illness has prevented many children from being present this week. There have been two deaths among the scholars.

Mary Jones

May 25<sup>th</sup>

I propose being absent this afternoon so that I may attend the funeral of one of the children.

Mary Jones

July 29<sup>th</sup>

This week the attendance has been higher than any other week since the opening of the school. The average for the week being 127. The staff is rather small for such as number and difficulty has been felt in giving the infants justice.

Mary Jones

August 13<sup>th</sup>

This week there has been a change in the teaching staff and consequently a change in the classes.

Miss Moorhouse began work here as a monitor on Monday afternoon. She had charge of the lowest class and considering that the work was new and the class somewhat large, she maintained good order. During the week a great improvement has taken place in her manner which was rather quick at first.

Caution has again been given against throwing stones in and out of the playground.

Mary Jones

August 20<sup>th</sup>

Holiday was given on Thursday for the Flower Show held in Penistone.

Mary Jones

September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1881

Instead of sewing being taken on Thursday afternoon it was taken this morning. Drawing was given on Wednesday morning instead of the usual singing lesson.

Mary Jones

September 16<sup>th</sup>

Copy books are progressing well during the last fortnight. Backward children have been detained after school hours this week. Late comers in the morning have been fewer than before.

Mary Jones

October 1<sup>st</sup>

On account of colds several children have been absent during the week. The average attendance for the week is 136.

The teachers have worked very hard and have been very painstaking and diligent all the week.

Mary Jones

October 17<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday and the following days I was absent from school. The afternoon of Friday was very stormy so the children had a half day holiday.

Mary Jones

November 1881

Copy of H.M.I annual report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School

‘This school is in a flourishing and efficient state. The Mistress, Miss Jones, has evidently been working with energy and is deservedly popular I should say with her young scholars.’

Miss Jones will shortly receive her certificate.

The amount of annual grant is £65.14s

November 26<sup>th</sup>

Late-comers rather troublesome this week. Instead of the usual playtime in the afternoon, the children, except the backwards ones, have been dismissed at a quarter to four.

Mary Jones

December 17<sup>th</sup>

On Monday afternoon a public examination was held in this school at 2pm. Prizes and certificates for attendance and proficiency were distributed to the children by Mr Goddard. Mr Hinchliffe occupied the chair. Mr Smith also took a very active part in the proceedings. A pretty lengthened programme consisting of object

lessons, singing and recitations were very creditably performed and well appreciated by a good audience. 159 children were present.  
Frank Taylor, one of the scholars, died this morning from diphtheria.

Mary Jones

December 22<sup>nd</sup>

This afternoon I give up charge of the school. I have been presented with a silver tea and coffee service, two volumes of Chambers' English Literature and Tennyson's Poems.

Mary Jones

January 9<sup>th</sup> 1882

Eleanor S.J. Turner, commenced duties as Mistress of this school on the above date.

Eleanor Turner

January 20<sup>th</sup>

Examined the second and third classes this morning and found the children in the latter class very backward. Order good during the week.

Eleanor Turner

January 30<sup>th</sup>

A holiday was given to the children owing to there having been a severe snowstorm.

Eleanor Turner

February 4<sup>th</sup>

Ruth Lindley, one of the scholars, died this morning from a severe attack of croup.

Eleanor Turner

February 16<sup>th</sup>

This morning the wood behind the stove caught fire, but was speedily put out before causing any damage.

Eleanor Turner

February 24<sup>th</sup>

The attendance has been somewhat improved this week. Children had marching instead of playtime this morning. Yesterday afternoon they were cautioned against throwing stones.

Eleanor Turner

March 17<sup>th</sup>

Miss Moorhouse has been unable to have her usual lessons as she has been suffering from a sore eye.

Eleanor Turner

March 24<sup>th</sup> 1882

Miss Earnshaw was absent from school on Monday due to indisposition.

Eleanor Turner

May 19<sup>th</sup>

On Thursday morning M.A.Bardsley gave a very interesting lesson on 'The Lion'. The order was good and the children were very attentive throughout the lesson. I taught two new songs during the week 'The Peasant' and 'Three Little Kittens'.

Eleanor Turner

May 26<sup>th</sup>

This morning A.S.Moorhouse gave a very nice lesson on 'The Dog'.

Eleanor Turner

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

The attendance on Tuesday was very, very low, only 34 being present in the afternoon. The average attendance for the week was low at 56. Several of the children are suffering from colds and swollen faces.

Eleanor Turner

July 4<sup>th</sup>

School opened on Monday morning after being closed three weeks for midsummer holidays.

Several of the children who have had fever are still absent. Teachers have worked energetically during the week.

Eleanor Turner



August 25<sup>th</sup>

There has been a slight improvement in the regularity of attendance this week, but it is still much lower than it ought to be considering the number of children on the books. On Thursday a holiday was granted to the children for Penistone Flower Show. The timetable has not been strictly followed this week – time been given for sewing.

Eleanor Turner

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Punished one boy for playing truant on Wednesday afternoon.

Eleanor Turner

October 13<sup>th</sup>

On the afternoon of the examination 148 were present out of which 108 were presented for examination. The songs chosen were: 'Little Dame Crumb' and 'My Little Doll'.

On Wednesday morning the children who were eight years of age were drafted into one of the mixed schools.

Eleanor Turner

November 6<sup>th</sup> 1882

Copy of H.M.I report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School  
Yorkshire

'The Infants are in fair order and the school is doing well on the whole. Reading and writing are satisfactory but the first class might be more advanced in arithmetic.

Sewing is credibly taught and the children in the first standard have been well grounded. A school clock is needed and better provision should be made for warming the room. No time should be lost in strengthening the staff'.

M.A. Bardsley has passed fairly.

A.S. Moorhouse cannot be admitted as a pupil teacher as she copied at her examination.

The amount of the grant is £87-6-0

## Staff

Eleanor Turner (certified teacher)

Martha Bardsley (1<sup>st</sup> year pupil teacher)

Ann Smith Moorhouse (candidate)

## List of object lessons:

The cow      A chair

The sheep    An orange

The cat      A slate

The lion      The farmyard

The tiger    Ice

The horse    The Clock

Form and colour.

November 10<sup>th</sup>

Holiday was given on Tuesday, the Statue Fair being held at Penistone. Several of the children absent from colds.

A.S Moorhouse left school today.

Eleanor Turner

November 17<sup>th</sup>

On Tuesday only 80 children were present owing to a stormy morning. Louise Smith commenced work in this school on Tuesday morning.

Eleanor Turner

January 26<sup>th</sup> 1883

The school has been closed today owing to a severe storm of wind and snow.

Louisa Smith was absent from school through indisposition. Her place was taken by her sister.

Eleanor Turner

February 2<sup>nd</sup>

The school was closed on Monday on account of the storm. The attendance has been very low all the week. Marching and singing have occupied the time usually devoted to recreation. The boys have commenced their sewing.

Eleanor Turner

February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Gave a specimen lesson on 'The Orange' yesterday morning. Examined all the classes today – results not so satisfactory.

Eleanor Turner

March 1<sup>st</sup>

The school is to be closed tomorrow (Friday) as the workmen are going to fix the heating apparatus.

Eleanor Turner

March 9<sup>th</sup>

The school has been very much warmer this week since the heating apparatus was fixed.

Eleanor Turner

July 27<sup>th</sup>

Examined the first class this morning result fairly satisfactory. Cautioned the children against throwing stones. Made a slight change in the second class, Miss Brook now takes only the backward children in that class.

Eleanor Turner

August 24<sup>th</sup>

Nothing of importance has occurred during the week. Several children absent due to croup. Kindergarten was taken by the first class this afternoon instead of the usual singing lesson. Late comers were detained after school.

Eleanor Turner

November 15<sup>th</sup> 1883

Copy of H.M.I inspectors annual report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School  
Yorkshire

'Miss Turner has taught her school with much skill and has made her lessons attractive and interesting to her young pupils. The singing is cheerful, but there is a tendency in some of the children to shout. This defect should be carefully repressed and the voices of the scholars should be trained to sing softly. The galley is far too large and cumbersome and in its present state unsuitable for class teaching as the upper rows are too far removed from the teacher's supervision.

A box containing the letters of the alphabet, with a suitable frame and easel, is required for the younger infants.'

M.A. Bardsley has passed fairly but should attend to history.

Miss Turner will shortly receive her certificate.

The total amount of the grant is £85-10-6

February 8<sup>th</sup> 1884

Cautioned the children about throwing stones.

Eleanor Turner

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Examined the second class this morning and found a great improvement in all the subjects. Miss L Smith who takes this class has evidently been working with energy.

Eleanor Turner

June 13<sup>th</sup>

The usual lessons were not taken today as the children were having their photographs taken.

Eleanor Turner

June 20<sup>th</sup>

This afternoon I give up charge of this school.

Eleanor Turner

July 18<sup>th</sup> 1884

I took charge of this school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1884. I admitted one new scholar and re-admitted two children. Miss L. Smith gave a lesson on 'The Elephant' to the second class on Thursday. Miss Frances Tinker has taken the place of Miss Bardsley who, on account of ill health, has been obliged to give up teaching.

A. Abbey

November 28<sup>th</sup>

L. Smith and F. Tinker have been absent since Tuesday through illness. C. Smith has taken the place of her sister. The timetable has not been strictly adhered to on account of my having to take two classes. A. Abbey

December 12<sup>th</sup> 1884

Copy of H.M.I inspectors report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School, Yorkshire

‘The children are in fair order, and in elementary subjects fairly grounded. As at present they have not acquired habits of attention, their powers of observation are but modestly developed. After further experience the mistress, being earnest and painstaking, may be expected to make this a good school. The desks should be re-arranged so as to leave room for marching (hitherto neglected) and adapted to the length of the children’s legs, which now dangle unsupported.

My Lords regret that the state of M.A Bardsley’s health renders it necessary to remove her name from the register of pupil teachers serving at this school.’

L. Smith has passed fairly.

The total amount of grant is £70-8-6

February 6<sup>th</sup> 1885

L. Smith took charge of the school this morning as I was absent on account of sickness.

A. Abbey

February 13<sup>th</sup>

The teachers have worked well this week and there has been a decided improvement in the order.

Late comers have been very few during the last fortnight.

A. Abbey

October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Several of the children are absent through sickness, a great many having chicken-pox.

A. Abbey

November 2<sup>nd</sup>

The attendance last week was still poor owing to sickness amongst the children. The stormy weather also affected the attendance.

A. Abbey

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1885

Copy of H.M.I inspectors report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School

‘The improvements already effected gives promise of future excellence if corresponding attention is paid to hints given. If the board will furnish the galley

with flat edges it will be easier to make many of the lessons more attractive and to ensure habits of attention'.

L. Smith has passed fairly, but should attend to history.

Amount of grant received £74-0-0

January 15<sup>th</sup> 1886

School re-opened on Monday after having been closed for a fortnight. There has been a very poor attendance throughout the week on account of the stormy weather.

A. Abbey

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Very few children have been at school this week in consequence of the severe weather – snow having fallen heavily for several days. Average attendance 70.

A. Abbey

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

School closed today on account of the few children at school, there having been a very heavy fall of snow during the night.

A. Abbey

March 5<sup>th</sup>

School closed all week in consequence of the severe and stormy weather.

A. Abbey

March 12<sup>th</sup>

School re-opened on Monday but throughout the week the attendance has only been poor, the weather still being very stormy and cold.

A. Abbey

March 17<sup>th</sup>

In consequence of another snow storm attendance has been very poor.

A. Abbey

May 7<sup>th</sup>

Several of the children are suffering from whooping cough therefore the attendance has been smaller than it would otherwise have been.

A. Abbey

May 14<sup>th</sup>

This week about 30 children are absent from school with whooping cough.

A. Abbey

May 21<sup>st</sup>

Many children still absent. Taught a new song 'A Sunbeam' today.

A. Abbey

June 14<sup>th</sup>

Yesterday, being Whit-Monday, the school was closed for the day.

The attendance today has been very poor – several more children are suffering from whooping cough.

A. Abbey

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1886

School re-opened on Monday after the mid-summer holiday. Mary Hannah Moorhouse commences her duties as a monitoress on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

A. Abbey

October 15<sup>th</sup>

Several of the children have been absent this week with measles and the attendance has not been so good in correspondence.

A. Abbey

October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Much sickness prevails amongst the children-no less than 50 being away on account of the measles.

A. Abbey

October 25<sup>th</sup>

The members of the school board have decided to close the school for a week as so many children are ill with the measles.

A. Abbey

November 3<sup>rd</sup>

School closed again till Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> –the sickness among the children being so great.

A. Abbey

December 11<sup>th</sup>

School re-opened on Monday December 6<sup>th</sup> after being closed since the above date. The attendance throughout the week has been very poor indeed; the average being only 56. Frances Tinker has been absent all the weeks through illness.

A. Abbey

December 11<sup>th</sup> 1886

Copy of H.M.I inspectors report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School

‘Although an epidemic caused the absence of four fifths of the children, the bearing and attainment of the remaining fifth were conclusive as to the excellence of the methods employed in their training. The managers are congratulated on the healthy interest which they take in the school’

L.Smith should be informed that she is now qualified. Miss Abbey will shortly receive her certificate.

Total amounts of grant received is £78-4-0

January 7<sup>th</sup> 1887

School re-opened on Monday when Miss L. Smith took charge for the day.

Average attendance for the week has been very poor on account of the stormy and severe weather, it being as low as 56.

F.Tinker has not resumed her duties having been absent for days.

A. Abbey

February 4<sup>th</sup>

Timetable not strictly adhered to on account of having to take two classes. Miss F.Tinker is still absent.

A. Abbey

February 18<sup>th</sup>

Attendance has been better. I gave teachers a months work in which each class will be examined. Annie G. Marsden has been appointed by the Board Members to supply F. Tinker’s place on the staff.

A. Abbey

April 7<sup>th</sup>

F. Tinker resumed her duties on Monday morning. School closed for the Easter holidays to be re-opened on Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> 1887.

A. Abbey



May 23<sup>rd</sup>

F. Tinker has been absent since Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> in consequence 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes were both taken by myself.

Several of the children were absent through sickness, there being several cases of scarlet fever.

A. Abbey

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

There are still several cases of scarlatina among the children. Examined standard 1 last week with fairly satisfactory results - Reading not so good as it might be.

A. Abbey

July 15<sup>th</sup>

School re-opened on Monday. Attendance has been very fair. Frances Tinker not at school all week nor any reason given for her absence. Mary Moorhouse has worked well during the week. Standard 1 and 1<sup>st</sup> class infants have begun their exams: knitting today.

A. Abbey

July 18<sup>th</sup>

F. Tinker not yet been to school.

A. Abbey

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Frances Tinker resumed her duties on Tuesday morning after being away a week and a day without permission.

A. Abbey

October 29<sup>th</sup> 1887

Copy of H.M.I inspector's report  
Thurlstone Infants' Board School

'The order and attainment of the infants have suffered so much from the effects of sickness both upon the children and upon the staff, that it is only in consideration of special circumstances that the Good Merit Grant can be recommended. Habits of attention should be carefully attended in every class.'

You are requested to state whether the managers wish F. Tinker's apprenticeship prolonged for one year.

Total amount of grant £66-15-0

January 13<sup>th</sup> 1888

School re-opened after the Christmas vacation. Staff now consists of:

A. Abbey - certified teacher

M.H Moorhouse – 2<sup>nd</sup> year pupil teacher

Annie Marsden – monitoress

Frances Tinker having completed her apprenticeship.

A. Abbey

February 20<sup>th</sup>

The weather was so stormy this morning that only 20 odd children were present, therefore did not mark the registers, but sent them home again. Number present this afternoon only 47.

A. Abbey

April 13<sup>th</sup>

Was obliged to close the school yesterday afternoon the attendance being so very poor on account of all the children having gone to a 'show' which was in Penistone.

A. Abbey

October 18<sup>th</sup> 1888

Copy of H.M.I inspector's report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School  
Yorkshire

'The good merit grant recommended without hesitation last year is now well earned, and this is the most creditable to Miss Abbey as she has received but scant assistance.

To do full justice to the children it would be well to appoint an assistant from some good infant school.'

Amount of grant earned £66.15.0

January 11<sup>th</sup> 1889

School re-opened on Monday after being closed for Xmas. Attendance throughout the week very poor owing to a great deal of sickness among the children. Miss Kitchens commenced duties here as assistant on Monday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1889.

A. Abbey

March 5<sup>th</sup>

School closed yesterday afternoon also this afternoon it being Shrove Tuesday.

A. Abbey

June 14<sup>th</sup>

Attendance has been very low – several fresh cases of measles and one of scarlet fever. Examined Standard 1 this morning – arithmetic and reading very fair; dictation not so satisfactory.

A. Abbey

September 27<sup>th</sup>

Attendance throughout the week very poor indeed – causes sickness and stormy weather. There are two cases of scarlet fever among the children.

A. Abbey

October 4<sup>th</sup>

Another case of scarlet fever this week. Attendance still very poor so many children being away through sickness.

A. Abbey

October 1889

Copy of H.M.I inspectors report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School

‘The infants are handled and taught with, on the whole, fair results. The first standard seems to have received more attention than the infants’ classes, and did fairly well except in number which is weak. Below the standard, writing alone has been well taught. The reading and counting are hardly consistent with the recommendation of a merit grant. It is hoped that the simple automatic ventilation orally recommended will be carried out, as the choice is now between cold down draughts and stuffiness.’

Amount of grant £57-4-0

November 4<sup>th</sup> 1889

The school was closed all week; the heating apparatus being out of order and thus the school could not be warmed.

A. Abbey

November 22<sup>nd</sup>

School now heated – attendance better.

A. Abbey

November 27<sup>th</sup>

There are three fresh cases of scarlet fever among the children.

A. Abbey

May 9<sup>th</sup> 1890

Miss Kitchins has been absent all the week through sickness. In consequence of the absence of the assistant the time table has not been strictly kept to as the first class infants and standard 1 have had to work together as much as possible.

A. Abbey

May 16<sup>th</sup>

Miss Kitchins still absent and will be for several weeks.

A. Abbey

June 6<sup>th</sup>

The 'staff' now only consists of Alice Abbey – head teacher and Mary H. Moorhouse 4<sup>th</sup> year pupil teacher. Miss Kitchins having left on account of her health.

A. Abbey

August 15<sup>th</sup>

School closed all day on account of the agricultural show which was held at Penistone.

A. Abbey

October 24<sup>th</sup>

I give up charge of this school today.

A. Abbey

October 31<sup>st</sup> 1890

I took up charge of this school on October 27<sup>th</sup> 1890.

Mary Littlewood

November 17<sup>th</sup> 1890

Copy of H.M.I inspector's report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School

'The board is congratulated on the great improvement effected in the ventilation as well as on the higher level of attainment now reached. Some low backed kindergarten desks are required for the babied class. This group of children might with advantage receive more attention with the view to the early formation of good habits. It is understood that the improvements in the offices orally suggested will be carried out.'

Amount of grant received is £56-5-0

November 28<sup>th</sup>

The weather this week being very stormy many of the children were absent. This morning a deep snow had fallen and in consequence only 32 children were present.

Mary Littlewood

February 20<sup>th</sup> 1891

On Friday afternoon opened the school at quarter past one and dismissed at 3 O'clock on account of joiners coming to make alterations to the gallery.

Mary Littlewood

May 25<sup>th</sup> 1891

The school re-opened today after having been closed for three weeks on account of an influenza epidemic. Only 33 children were present this morning owing to the wet weather.

Mary Littlewood

September 4<sup>th</sup>

School closed for the day on Monday August 31<sup>st</sup>. From September 1<sup>st</sup> all school fees hitherto payable in this school will be abolished.

Mary Littlewood

September 11<sup>th</sup>

Several new children have been admitted into the baby's class this week. The attendance in the second and third classes has not been so good owing to many children suffering from the whooping cough. The attendance officer visited school on Tuesday afternoon.

Mary Littlewood

October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Children had a half day holiday on Tuesday afternoon on account of a show being held in Penistone. The whooping cough is still very bad among some of the children.

October 26<sup>th</sup>

The school was left in charge of Miss Moorhouse on Wednesday and Thursday of last week-I being ill. The whooping cough is much worse. This morning 46 children were absent.

Mary Littlewood

November 6<sup>th</sup>

Thirty children over seven were transported to another school on Monday. Have admitted six new scholars this week. I have arranged the children in their respective classes for the New Year. The attendance is still very low, many being absent through whooping cough.

Mary Littlewood

November 12<sup>th</sup>

Copy of H.M.I inspector's report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School

'The infants are kindly and sensibly handled and taught'  
Amount of grant is £60-12-0

March 4<sup>th</sup> 1892

As my assistant has left I have had to make a new time table and alter the arrangements of the classes.

Mary Littlewood

April 8<sup>th</sup>

Miriam Wood, aged 13 years, has been engaged by the Board as monitoress to be presented next October as Candidate on Probation.

Mary Littlewood

September 8<sup>th</sup>

School closed today for the rest of the week on account of sickness among the children – over 60 being absent with measles.

Mary Littlewood

September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Re-opened school on Monday after being closed since the above date. Only 47 children were present – the measles still being very bad among the children.

Mary Littlewood

November 11<sup>th</sup>

Copy of H.M.I inspector's report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School

'The children are bright and have been very well taught. Had a stronger staff been supplied throughout the year so as to secure closer habits of attention and quicker order, the highest grant might have been recommended. Notwithstanding the serious drawback of there being no classroom for the babies'

Amount of annual grant - £67-15-0

Amount of annual fee grant - £44-10-0

Total - £112-5-0

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1893

Closed school today for one week on account of the Feast.

Mary Littlewood

July 7<sup>th</sup>

Re-opened school on Monday. Attendance very good. Closed school on Thursday in honour of the Royal Wedding.

Mary Littlewood

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

The attendance this week has been very good indeed. Examined all the classes. First class did very well in the elementary subjects. Second class is weak in writing and third class did fairly well. Babies are improving.

Mary Littlewood

November 6<sup>th</sup> 1893

Copy of H.M.I inspector's report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School

The infants are kindly handled and thoroughly well taught. To secure the highest grant it remains that restless and talkative children be systematically checked. A cloakroom should be provided. Special attention is requested to the enclosed form 69. S Wainwright has passed fairly but should attend to history and method. I am to enquire whether she will sit the Queen's Scholarship Exam in July 1884.'

Amount of annual Grant - £75-10-0

Amount of fee Grant - £49-0-0

Total - £124-10-0

April 1894

School was closed on Monday on account of Sanger's Circus being at Penistone. The attendance has been low owing to severe colds among the children.

Mary Littlewood

August 31<sup>st</sup>

Miss Wainwright has been absent all week on account of a death in the family. Consequently the timetable has not been strictly adhered to.

Mary Littlewood

October 5<sup>th</sup> 1894

Miss Wainwright sat the scholarship examination July 1894 and passed third class. The attendance has been very fair. Several children have been absent all week suffering from chicken pox and measles.

Mary Littlewood

October 29<sup>th</sup> 1894

Miss Clara Smith, a transfer from Millhouse Board School, commences duties at this school today. 27 children over seven left after the exam. Arranged the children in their respective classes for the year.

Mary Littlewood

November 20<sup>th</sup>

Mr J Wadsworth, Clerk to the Board visited the school this morning at 8.15 during the instruction of Pupil Teachers.

Mary Littlewood

November 20<sup>th</sup>

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'All the classes are taught in one room. The attainments are very creditable. It would be advantageous to train the children to answer in full sentences. Several children were absent from the inspection on account of sickness. There is, as yet, no cloakroom. The cells in the offices should be single, each with its own door and light'

A cloakroom must be provided without further delay or the grant will be seriously endangered.

Miss Wood has passed fairly.

Amount of annual grant - £81-15-0



Amount of fee grant ~ £47-0-0  
Total ~ £129.5.0

November 23<sup>rd</sup>

The attendance this week has been very good. Dismissed school at 3.30pm as scholars were going to Menagerie held at Penistone.

Mary Littlewood

April 26<sup>th</sup> 1895

The board has provided a piano which I find very useful. I intend taking drill (musical) without apparatus and also with flags this year.

Mary Littlewood

September 6<sup>th</sup>

Several cases of measles have broken out among the scholars this week.

Mary Littlewood

September 20<sup>th</sup>

Twenty children have been absent this week on account of the measles.

Mary Littlewood

September 27<sup>th</sup>

Much sickness is still prevalent among the children. Over forty children were absent today.

September 30<sup>th</sup>

School closed for a month on account of the measles.

Mary Littlewood

February 28<sup>th</sup> 1896

Examined all classes today and number is the weakest subject throughout school. Many children absent on account of sickness and the inclemency of weather.

Mary Littlewood

March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Closed school Monday afternoon as all the children had gone to a circus.

Mary Littlewood

March 13<sup>th</sup>

Many scholars are suffering from whooping cough so attendance very low.

Mary Littlewood

April 24<sup>th</sup>

Attendance still continues very low. Over thirty children being absent all week through sickness.

Mary Littlewood

May 1<sup>st</sup>

Gave the monthly exam on Thursday and Friday. Miss Smith's class has made satisfactory progress. Babies sing and recite fairly well and are getting on nicely with drawing. Several new ones have been admitted in this class during the month. 1 and 2 classes taken by myself and Miss Bell have done fairly well. The progress of all classes have been greatly hindered by irregular attendance caused by whooping cough.

Mary Littlewood

June 19<sup>th</sup>

Attendance has gone down again this week owing to more sickness among the children.

Mary Littlewood

July 31<sup>st</sup>

Gave the monthly exam this week.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes are weakest in number; the other subjects are satisfactory. Rather more than half of 3<sup>rd</sup> class gave satisfactory in all subjects, the remainder of this class are far behind the others owing to irregular attendance. The babies have made little progress this month in reading and drawing but cannot answer easy questions very well. The order is weak I this class – the teacher must insist on strict attention.

Mary Littlewood

October 9<sup>th</sup>

School closed on Monday and Tuesday of this week on account of masons breaking two doorways into the school.

Mary Littlewood

November 30<sup>th</sup>

Copy of H.M.I inspector's report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School

'The school is well organised, under excellent control and very carefully taught'.  
M. Wood passed fairly and was marked in teaching (theory).

M.A. Bell passed below fair and was marked in history and Geography.

Amount of annual grant –

Average attendance 92 – 17/ per head - £78.4.0

Pupil teacher grant - £2.0.0

Fee grant - £46-0-0

Total - £126-4-0

February 26<sup>th</sup> 1897

I gave the monthly exam today. Babies have not made much progress yet. A few of them can draw upright lines nicely and know the sounds of a few letters.

Mary Littlewood

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1897

The attendance this week has been very low indeed. Thirty children absent the whole of the week, some suffering from influenza others from mumps.

Mary Littlewood

June 9<sup>th</sup>

I visited the school this afternoon and tested the registers and found them correct. Also witnessed the children in drill and heard them sing and was quite interested.

Thomas Biggs

November 24<sup>th</sup> 1897

Copy of H.M.I inspector's report  
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'The school is vigorously worked, the instruction is for the most part good and order is very pleasing'.

M. Wood has obtained a second class in the Queen's Scholarship examination.

M.A. Bell passed below fair and was marked in history and grammar.

Amount of annual grant –

Average attendance 97 – 17/~ per head £82-9-0

Queen's Scholarship Grant - £4-0-0

Fee grant - £48-0-0

Total - £134-29-0

January 14<sup>th</sup> 1898

Re-opened school after the Xmas holidays. Two absent on account of measles and two from ringworm.

Mary Littlewood

January 28<sup>th</sup>

The attendance has gone down very rapidly this week owing to measles among the children. Today fifty children were absent from school.

Mary Littlewood

February 4<sup>th</sup>

This week the attendance has been still worse than previous week owing to measles epidemic. Attendance 64, number on books 120.

Mary Littlewood

February 8<sup>th</sup> 1898

School closed today by order of Medical Officer owing to measles epidemic. Miss M. Wood ceased duties at this school today.

Mary Littlewood

February 15<sup>th</sup>

Re-opened school on Monday after being closed since the above date. Only 47 children were present many not having recovered from measles.

Mary Littlewood

March 18<sup>th</sup>The attendance has considerably increased this week. A few are still absent on account of measles.

Mary Littlewood

March 25<sup>th</sup>

Attendance on Thursday and Friday very low owing to a snowstorm.

Mary Littlewood

May 17<sup>th</sup>

Twenty children have been absent this week owing to whooping cough.

Mary Littlewood

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Attendance still very low all week owing to whooping cough.

Mary Littlewood

June 10<sup>th</sup>

This week attendance a little better though many are still absent with whooping cough and ringworm. Admitted five new babies.

Mary Littlewood

July 29<sup>th</sup>

Attendance low twenty still being absent with whooping cough. School closed for bank holiday.

Mary Littlewood

September 9<sup>th</sup> 1898

Much sickness is prevalent among the scholars; whooping cough and mumps being very bad. Consequently attendance is low. Gave the bi-monthly exam I all classes. Standard 1 and first class satisfactory; second class weak in number. Babies now in the charge of Miss Smith, are getting on very nicely.

Mary Littlewood

November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Only a very small attendance this morning owing to a heavy snowstorm. School closed in the afternoon on that account until better weather.

Mary Littlewood

December 6<sup>th</sup>

Copy of H.M.I inspector's report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School

'This is a pleasing school, in very good order and carefully taught'.

M.A. Bell passed fairly, was marked in geography and method.

J. Goldthorpe below fair.

Amount of annual grant –

Average attendance 92 – 17/ per head ~ £79.1.0

Pupil teacher grant ~ £2.0.0

Fee grant ~ £46-0-0

Total ~ £127-11-0

Staff:

Mary Littleworth – certified teacher

Clara Smith – assistant

Mary Alice Bell – 4<sup>th</sup> year pupil teacher

Clementina Goldthorpe – 2<sup>nd</sup> year pupil teacher.

August 4<sup>th</sup> 1899

School will be closed on the 7<sup>th</sup> it being a bank holiday. Twenty-five children absent all week on account of measles. Miss.C. Goldthorpe absent since 25<sup>th</sup> July as her brother is suffering from measles.

Mary Littlewood

September 1<sup>st</sup>

There is sickness among the children, many suffering from sore throats others from measles. Admitted two new babies.

Mary Littlewood

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November 3<sup>rd</sup>

The attendance this week has suffered considerably owing to the inclemency of weather. Many children absent on account of colds.

Mary Littlewood

December 1<sup>st</sup>

Gave the bi-monthly exam and in writing uniformity of slope and equal distances of letters require special attention. Singing and recitation not very good.

Mary Littlewood

December 21<sup>st</sup>

Copy of H.M.I inspector's report  
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'This bright school is under very good discipline and creditably taught'

I am to inquire why C. Goldthorpe took second years papers last April, although she was admitted for four years from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1898.

Amount of annual grant –

Average attendance 102 – 17/ per head - £86-14-0

Pupil teacher grant - £1.0.0

Fee grant - £51-0-0

Total - £138-14-0

February 9<sup>th</sup> 1900

Gave the bi-monthly exam this week. About 12 of the babies have attended very well during this period and could read little words very nicely.

Mary Littlewood

March 30<sup>th</sup>

M.A.Bell was successful at the scholarship exam obtaining a place in the third division.. She was absent two days this week having a bad foot; consequently the time table was not strictly adhered to.

Mary Littlewood

June 29<sup>th</sup>

Closed school at 3.30pm today for one week holiday, it being Thurlstone Feast. Many children still absent through whooping cough. Miss C. Smith ceased duties in the school today.

Mary Littlewood

July 13<sup>th</sup>

Re-opened school today on Monday morning; only a fair number of scholars present. Many still suffering from whooping cough. Clementina Goldthorpe passed below fair at the April exam, having failed in arithmetic and being marked in music.

Mary Littlewood

October 26<sup>th</sup>

Attendance this week has been only fair owing to the inclement weather and sickness among the children. A few cases of measles have been reported this week.

Mary Littlewood

November 16<sup>th</sup>

School was left in charge of Miss Bell on Monday afternoon and Tuesday, head teacher being away ill. Attendance during week has been very low indeed owing to sickness among children. One in three families absent on account of diphtheria.

Mary Littlewood

November 20<sup>th</sup>

Copy of H.M.I Inspector's Report  
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'The children are under excellent control and the instruction intelligent'

Amount of annual grant –

Average attendance 100 – 17/ per head - £85-0-0

Pupil teacher grant - £2.0.0

Fee grant - £50-0-0

Total - £137-0-0

February 1<sup>st</sup> 1901

Attendance this week is much lower than the three previous weeks, owing to measles and chickenpox. Gave bi-monthly exam in all classes Children present did fairly well but nearly half were absent.

Mary Littlewood

April 4<sup>th</sup>

I have examined all the classes this week. The work in standard 1 was very satisfactory with exception of slate arithmetic. Second class infants have attended much better this period consequently a great improvement is manifest. Several new babies have been admitted to the babies' class. First class taken by the head teacher are getting on nicely.

Mary Littlewood

September 30<sup>th</sup>

This being the last day of the school year the Board gave a holiday.

Mary Littlewood

November 8<sup>th</sup> 1901

Copy of H.M.I inspector's report  
Thurlstone Infant Board School

'The children are bright and happy and are being well grounded'

Amount of annual grant –

Average attendance 98 – 17/ per head ~ £83-6-0

Pupil teacher grant ~ £3.0.0

Fee grant ~ £49-0-0

Total ~ £135-6-0

Staff:

Mary Littlewood – certified teacher

Clementina Goldthorpe – scholarship candidate

Julia A. Charlsworth – scholarship candidate

Annie Newton ~ scholarship candidate

November 8<sup>th</sup>

School was closed on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> on account of Statutes and bonfire day. Rather low attendance on account of several children having measles.

Mary Littlewood



November 12<sup>th</sup>

Owing to it being very wet this morning only 46 children were present and 82 absent. Consequently registers were not marked. This afternoon I marked the registers as 75 were present.

Mary Littlewood

December 10<sup>th</sup>

This morning, owing to a heavy snowstorm, only 58 children were present. 72 absent – consequently registers were not marked.

Mary Littlewood

December 13<sup>th</sup>

Only 5 present owing to heavy fall of snow. Sent the five little ones home and closed school.

Mary Littlewood

January 27<sup>th</sup> 1902

Owing to heavy snow storm on Monday morning only 45 children present. Registers not marked.

Mary Littlewood

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Whooping cough is bad among the little ones.

Mary Littlewood

July 25<sup>th</sup>

One case of measles.

Mary Littlewood

August 8<sup>th</sup>

Measles has spread rapidly this week. Today only half the children present.

Mary Littlewood

August 18<sup>th</sup>

Closed the school this morning indefinitely on account of measles, only 38 children present out of 155.

Mary Littlewood

Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

Reopened school this morning after being closed since the above date. A very fair attendance – 99 out of 155.

Mary Littlewood

Sept 12<sup>th</sup>

Many children are still absent on account of measles. Three babies have been admitted during the week.

Mary Littlewood

Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

23 children over seven were transferred to the mixed schools today leaving 132 on register. These were placed in their respective classes.

Mary Littlewood

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

School was closed on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon on account of Statues Fair. Admitted one new baby this week.

Mary Littlewood

Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

Miss Taylor absent all week on account of sickness. Attendance only fair on account of sickness among the children.

Mary Littlewood

Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

Miss Taylor absent from school again for a week owing to sickness. She has returned to school but is not able to take study.

Mary Littlewood

Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

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Thurlstone Infants School

‘The school is kindly conducted and the instruction is careful’

The Board of Education note that this school is ordered by the Sanitary Authority to be closed but if it is desired to press for an epidemic grant the notice of the Sanitary Authority ordering children to be excluded while the school was opened should be forwarded.

Amount of annual grant

Ave attendance of 101 at 17/-per head - £85 - 17 - 0

Grant under Art 102 £2 - 00 - 0

Fee grant £50 - 00 - 0

Total grant £140 - 18 - 0

Staff:

Mary Littlewood – (certified teacher)

Annie Newton – assistant

Julia A. Charlsworth – assistant

Lois Taylor – First year pupil teacher

Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1903

Reopened school on Monday having been closed since Dec 24<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Taylor was at school the first few days but has been away since on account of illness.

Mary Littlewood

Jan 30<sup>th</sup>

Miss Taylor returned to school last week but has been absent again this week. She has only been for lessons at eight four times this month. Admitted two new babies this week.

Mary Littlewood

March 20<sup>th</sup>

Attendance this week has not been so good owing to inclemency of weather. Miss Taylor still absent from school.

Mary Littlewood

April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Miss Taylor returned to school this week. She is much better but not well enough to continue her studies. Miss Newton has now charge of the Babies in the classroom. First and second classed are under charge of the head teacher and assisted by pupil teacher (P.T)

Mary Littlewood

May 8<sup>th</sup>

Miss Taylor owing to sickness has had to resign her duties as P.T. Miss Eleanor Smith has been appointed. She commenced duties in this school on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1903 teaching half time and studying half time. Attendance has been low this week owing to very wet weather.

Mary Littlewood

June 12<sup>th</sup>

Reopened school on Monday. Attendance very good. Miss Taylor very much better in health has returned to school again this week, but is not well enough to continue her studies.

Mary Littlewood

July 30<sup>th</sup>

School was left in the charge of Miss Newton this morning, head teacher being absent on account of the serious illness of her father.

Mary Littlewood

August 7<sup>th</sup>

Attendance much lower this week owing to sickness among the children; four absent with measles.

Mary Littlewood

August 21<sup>st</sup>

School was closed owing to a Flower Show being held in Penistone. Miss Taylor has been absent four days this week on account of sickness. Much sickness is prevalent among the scholars. Several cases of measles.

Mary Littlewood

August 28<sup>th</sup>

Attendance still very low owing to measles. Miss Taylor has returned to school this week but is still not able to continue her studies.

Mary Littlewood

Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

The school was left in charge of Miss Newton three days last week and also on Monday of this week. Head teacher being away on account of the death and funeral of her father.

October 9<sup>th</sup>

Attendance this week has been exceedingly low percentage only 55. The cause of this is measles, sickness and inclement weather. On Thursday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 36 children were transferred to the upper schools.

Mary Littlewood

October 20<sup>th</sup>

Miss Taylor has resigned her duties at this school on account of ill health.

Mary Littlewood

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

School closed for half a day on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Mary Littlewood

Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

School closed on this date as the County Councils architect is taking plans of the school.

Mary Littlewood

