



Some Entries from Westbury School logbook

10 March 1863 - School was closed for the marriage of HRH Prince of Wales to HRH Princess Alexandra of Denmark.

26 June 1863 - Attendance was low due to a temperance fete in Salisbury.

1872 - No practical solution is forthcoming to deal with the considerable number of children to be found loitering in the streets during school hours.

17 June 1881 - Boy sent home in a very dirty state. In half an hour he returned as before accompanied by his brother who startled me by saying: `His mother says ye be to half kill `im, then he`ll mind ye more`.

22 June 1902 - Being Coronation week [Edward VII], no school was held. A splendid picture of their Majesties had been obtained, but a wait of five months ensued before receiving a grant of 10s. 6d. in order to buy a frame.

1905 - From a School Inspector`s Report:- Arithmetic must be taught on more intelligent lines, for mechanical aids are used for even the simplest of tasks in the higher class.

10 February 1916 - Many pupils from the upper class went to see an aeroplane that had crashed in a field at Penleigh.

Autumn 1918 - Many children set to blackberry picking to make jam for the army and navy.; I find that there is need of urgent prayer for patience to bear and forbear with the crooked tempers of boys who are not well-trained at home.; No school today - a visit to the town by Buffalo Bill`s Wild West Show.