

March 1965 - The School playground was ready for use for the first time

By 1979 the Nursery had 25 pupils on roll. We now have 49!
We now have 260 pupils over Reception and KS1 compared to 198 in 1979

In November 1984 our pond was installed and still remains in use in our Wildlife Area

January 1994 we gained Grant Maintained status

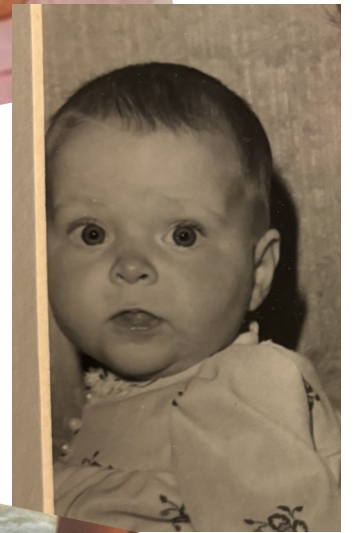
In 2001 HINS became an Academy

September 1967 Hadleigh Infants opened their Nursery

From 1980 the School were able to provide meals for children

Our new Office was constructed in 1994 - Mrs Ward worked in the Office from 1999-2009 and since then by the lovely Mrs Reader

HINS Heads Hall of Fame
1991-2007 - Mrs V Thompson
2007-2017 - Mrs B Dalley
2017-2022 - Mr S Proctor
2003 - Mrs L Fynn



Guess Who?



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☆☆ Answers to follow next week! ☆☆
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Memories from Mrs Thrale, Teacher at HNS 1992-2013 and Commendation Award Holder

I have been associated with HNS for 38 years, not only as a parent and teacher but now also as a grandparent of a current pupil. It is a place very dear to my heart and I have many lovely memories of wonderful children and fantastic staff.

My daughter started at Hadleigh in January 1987. In those days children started school at the beginning of the term in which they would have their fifth birthday. I had offered my services as a supply teacher and soon after began to cover classes when teachers were attending courses, which were introducing them to the new National Curriculum. I soon realised what an amazing, caring, happy, friendly, supportive and above all, incredible learning environment the school was.

After being a supply teacher, I had the opportunity of working first as a job share in the Nursery, now called Explorers, with Val Carracher, and later as a full time teacher in both Year One and Year Two. The Nursery was originally situated where the current Reception classes are in rooms 8 and 9. The building of the new purpose built nursery, at the front of the school, was a very exciting project but very messy and noisy. During my teaching time at Hadleigh we had other building projects, including having a new pitched roof and replacement windows - all during term time! Each class had to vacate their classroom when it was time for the work to begin on it. We were fortunate to have a spare classroom at the time, so each class moved to this room until their classroom was finished. The children enjoyed the experience but I'm not so sure all us teachers did!

I remember, as something a little more unusual, the whole school having an aerial photograph taken from a helicopter. We had arranged with the photographer on the helicopter that we would organise all the children to stand on the playground in the shape of an H (for Hadleigh). Getting every child to stand still in their particular place of the H formation, until everyone was in place, was no mean feat! Understandably it took a while, but the results were great, with photos of everyone looking up and waving.

When our late Queen was celebrating her Golden Jubilee we had an incredible party on the playground. Tables and chairs were put in several long rows and all the staff served the children with wonderful party food, which had been prepared by the kitchen staff. Every child and adult in every class had designed and made their own golden crown to wear at the party along with patriotic red, white and blue clothes. It really was a wonderful spectacle and the weather was very kind.

I remember many of the children I have taught through being a class teacher at HNS. Nothing delights me more than when I meet them out and about locally as young adults, enjoying the next stages of their learning and careers.

I feel very privileged to be a part of the history of HNS.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Paulo and Fikayo from Wales Class enjoyed doing their penguin designs

Charlie M, Brazil Class
Charlie enjoys the special days like Odd Sock Day

Kylo, Japan Class likes
'Danny Go Swipe and Scan songs'

Teddy, Brazil Class
'I like the massive playground with monkey bars'

Evie, Kenya Class
'everyone is kind'

Jack G, Brazil Class
'I like the big open space to run around'

Harrison from Brazil Class
likes school lunches

Violet, Brazil Class
'I like the people'

Bert, Wales Class
'I like the learning on the tables'

Lyla, Wales Class
'I like dressing up days'

Tilly, Brazil Class
'all people are kind'

Ethan from Wales Class likes going outside to do learning

Riley, Kenya Class
'best food ever in the kitchen'

Stanley, Kenya
'maths is great'

Eden, Wales
'it is good to play and learn'

Daisy, Japan Class
'the adults are helpful here and I have lots of friends'

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 ☆ Memories from Keely Horn, Hadleigh Pupil 1987-1990 ☆
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 ☆ As a pupil from 1987-1990, I have the fondest memories ☆
 ☆ of my time at Hadleigh Infants. A visit from the Mayor, ☆
 ☆ pet rats called Ruby and Pie kept in my Year 2 classroom ☆
 ☆ who we were allowed to name, looking for tadpoles at the ☆
 ☆ school pond and my teacher Mrs Allen playing the guitar ☆
 ☆ as we sang are just a few that spring to mind! I also ☆
 ☆ remember being a sugar plum fairy for our Christmas ☆
 ☆ play 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'. I always felt ☆
 ☆ happy and settled at Hadleigh and am so pleased to now ☆
 ☆ be able to have returned to the school as the 'Book Lady' as ☆
 ☆ I feel so at home there! ☆
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 ☆ Miss Hoath's first day at ☆
 ☆ Hadleigh Infants in 2004. 21 ☆
 ☆ years later and she is back with ☆
 ☆ us! ☆
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 ☆ Mrs S Cail - 1999 ☆
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 ☆ Longest Current Serving Staff ☆
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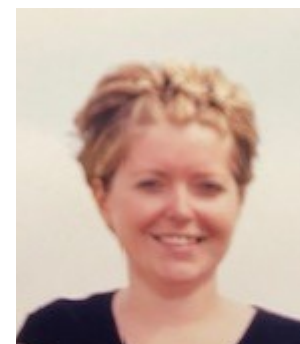
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 ☆ Mrs K Strickland - 1999 ☆
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 ☆ Mrs L Pratt - 1986 ☆
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 ☆ Mrs A Watson - 1988 ☆
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 ☆ Mrs E Larn - 1996 ☆
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 ☆ Memories from Mrs Pratt, 39 Years Service in Nursery and Counting! ☆

Hadleigh has always been a friendly and welcoming School right from the very first time I walked in back in 1986. Mrs Ball was the Head of the school then. Nursery was situated in Class 8 and 9 (Scotland and England Classrooms) and we had little wooden table and chairs. As the school pupil number increased, the nursery moved to Class 7 (Wales Classroom) and Reception was placed in Class 8 and 9. Most people won't remember that there was a corner shop at the top of Bilton Road where it meets Scrub Lane. The Nursery staff used to walk small groups of children to the shop to buy ingredients for cake making activities. It later became a flower shop so we bought plants to plant around the Nursery garden and around the School. We have always kept links to the local area visiting the local Castle, Fire Station and Police Station. More recently we have ventured to Belfairs Woods too. We have enjoyed many school trips but one that sticks out in my mind was visiting Colchester Zoo on a red double decker bus! Nursery have always loved getting the children involved with animals from hatching duck and chicken eggs and watching them develop, to having rabbits and guinea pigs, not forgetting Herby the pigmy hedgehog. Max the local cat braved visiting the Nursery garden regularly and Mrs Bennett's dog Cookie also spent time with the children throughout the School.

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