

SCHOOL ROLL NOTES

1 – all figures are taken from the log-books. If there is nothing recorded in the log books for any year then no attempt has been made to estimate one.

2 – regard all figures as indicative as they are sometimes infrequent so that reliable averages hard to come by, especially as attendance figures are always less than the total of children on the books, particularly in C19 and early C20 due to prevalence of infectious diseases and how bad weather affected children who had long distances to walk to & from school.

3 – don't give too much importance to apparent year-on-year fluctuations as they may be from different parts of the year.

4 – no records exist at all before 1863.

5 – it seems reasonable to interpret the figures as supporting the view of a declining population in late C19 into the 1910s & 20s & then gradually picking up again gradually to the present day with a plateau in the 1960s followed by growth at least in part due to village expansion due to the Greengate estate in the 1970s . The Census returns follow a similar pattern.

6 – note the step-down from 1958/9 due to the transfer of over elevens into the Modern School system – yes, it took that long for school building to catch up with the 1944 Education Act.

	Boys	No.		Girls	No.		Infants	No.		TOTAL
1863	highest attendance	56		no record			no record			
1864	highest attendance	61		no record			no record			
1865	highest attendance	79		no record			no record			
1866	no. on register	76		no record			no record			
1867	no. on register	75		no record			no record			
1868	no. on register	82		no record			no record			
1869	no. on register	80		no record			no record			
1870	no. on register	77		no record			no record			
1871	no. on register	83		no record			no record			
1872	no. on register	83		no record			no record			
1873	no. on register	86		no record			no record			
1874	no. on register	80		no record			no record			
1875	attendance on exam day	82		no record			no record			
1876	highest attendance	92		no record			no record			
1877	no record			no record			no record			
1878	no record			no record			no record			
1879	highest attendance	83		no record			no record			
1880	no record			no record			ave attendance– Aug	34		
1881	attendance on exam day	79		no record			highest attendance	52		
1882	no. on books	85		ave attendance– Jul	40		ave attendance– Sep	50		175
1883	no. on books	76		no record			on books	61		
1884	no. on books	80		no record			attendance on exam day	51		
1885	no. on books	77		ave attendance– Jul	28		attendance on exam day	46		151

1886	no. on books	75	no record		ave attendance– Aug	57	
1887	no. on books	72	on books	63	on books	64	199
1888	typical no. on books	75	no record		on books	68	
1889	ditto	84	highest attendance	59	ave attendance– Jan	49	192
1890	ditto	86	highest attendance	50	attendance on exam day	48	184
1891	ditto	85	on books	51	on books	46	182
1892	ditto	81	on books	50	on books	50	181
1893	ditto	82	highest attendance	48	on books	53	183
1894	ditto	92	no record		on books	44	
1895	ditto	84	no record		on books	55	
1896	ditto	85	on books	45	on books	48	178
1897	ditto	80	no record		on books	51	
1898	ditto	78	highest attendance	48	on books	46	172
1899	ditto	75	on books	48	on books	44	167
1900	ditto	70	on books	45	on books	45	160
1901	ditto	72	highest attendance	52	on books	41	165
1902	ditto	64	on books	60	on books	42	166
1903	ditto	58	on books	59	on books	34	151
1904	ditto	57	on books	55	on books	36	148
1905	ditto	56		log ends	on books	34	
1906	ditto	58			on books	29	
1907	ditto	57				log ends	
1907	no. on books on 2 Sep	129		start of mixed school	start of mixed school		129
1908	typical no. on books	140					140
1909	ditto	133					133
1910	ditto	123					123
1911	ditto	117					117
1912	ditto	121					121
1913	ditto	122					122
1914	ditto	118					118
1915	ditto	95					95
1916	ditto	90					90
1917	ditto	93					93
1918	ditto	98					98
1919	ditto	100					100
1920	ditto	110					110
1921	ditto	104					104
1922	ditto	97					97
1923	ditto	84					84

1924	ditto	77						77
1925	ditto	80						80
1926	ditto	84						84
1927	ditto	93						93
1928	ditto	100						100
1929	ditto	100						100
1930	ditto	100						100
1931	ditto	102						102
1932	ditto	106						106
1933	ditto	109						109
1934	ditto	107						107
1935	ditto	104						104
1936	ditto	96						96
1937	ditto	88						88
1938	ditto	84						84
1939	ditto	88	Sept 1939 figure (Levens children) plus 17 South Shields & 43 Newcastle evacuees, total 143.					88
1940	ditto	81	most Newcastle children returned home 20 Dec 1940					81
1941	ditto	79	Jan 1941 Levens 74, Newcastle 11, "private" evacuees 5, total 90					79
1942	ditto	91	May 1941 Barrow evacuees 53					91
1943	ditto	88	Jun 1943 Levens 88, all evacuees 13, total 101					88
1944	ditto	91	Oct 1944 6 additional London evacuees					91
1945	ditto	84	Jul 1945 Levens 83, London evacuees 3					84
1946	ditto	73						73
1947	ditto	77						77
1948	ditto	80						80
1949	ditto	84						84
1950	ditto	85						85
1951	ditto	90						90
1952	ditto	95						95
1953	ditto	95						95
1954	ditto	100						100
1955	ditto	94						94
1956	ditto	97						97
1957	ditto	98						98
1958	ditto	72	all girls over the age of 11 who had not gained admission to grammar schools now transferred to Kendal Girls Secondary Modern School					72
1959	ditto	69	all boys over the age of 11 who had not gained admission to grammar schools now transferred to Kendal Boys Secondary Modern School					69
1960	ditto	73						73
1961	ditto	65						65

1962	ditto	65						65
1963	ditto	70						70
1964	ditto	69						69
1965	ditto	65						65
1966	ditto	64						64
1967	ditto	68						68
1968	ditto	69						69
1969	ditto	66						66
1970	ditto	68						68
1971	ditto	64						64
1972	ditto	75						75
1973	ditto	77						77
1974	ditto	81						81
1975	ditto	84						84
1976	lucky to find one entry a year detailing no. on roll	78						78
1977	ditto	73						73
1978	ditto	77						77
1979	ditto	78						78
1980	ditto	65						65
1981	ditto	58						58
1982	ditto	61						61
1983	ditto	69						69
1984	ditto	76						76
1985	includes "future part-time new entrants"	90						90
1986	no figures at all up to end of log on 21 Mar 86							
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