



# School Log Book Extracts

## *Landford National School*

**1863 - 1869**

### **A note in the front of the log book:-**

**20 January 1875** - Owing to the increased expenditure necessary to the support of the School the Managers have decided to raise the rate of payment for the instruction given and have agreed hereafter the children of all farmers, keepers, head gardeners, policemen and household servants all be charged twopence per week, sixpence per week for 3 children and one penny per week for every child beyond this number. While the children of bona fide Labourers will be charged threehalfpence a week for one child, threepence for two, fourpence for three and penny for each child beyond that number.

Signed: *F. G. Girdlestone* Rector

*J. E. Nelson* Manager

**13th September 1863** - Reopened school - attendance low - many children being employed in minding sheep, pigs etc. (First entry)

**5th October 1863** - 12 slates brought from the Parsonage.

**24th November 1863** - Very stormy - attendance fair. C. King punished for making a smell intentionally. Should it occur again the child to be severely punished.

**26th January 1864** - Attendance large - A. King sick. Cautioned children not to play between the porch and the laurels.

**29th January 1864** - A. King punished for disobedience.

**3rd May 1864** - Silas King and Chas. King to pay one penny each for breaking pane of glass. S. King paid 1d.

**22nd June 1864** - Exd. 1st div. of Standard III in Arithmetic - all passed but one viz R. Moody. (Could be Rupert Moody)

**28th June 1864** - Coronation Day. Attendance below average. Many children absented themselves without leave. Children given an hour's holiday in afternoon.

**25th July 1864** - Henry Tutt punished for getting under the desk and tickling T. Reynolds leg - pretending to find his pencil - an excuse.

**5th September 1864** - Re-opened school after the Harvest Holidays. Attendance good. 2 new Scholars viz George Cox and Alexander Moody.

**6th February 1865** - Admitted Rose Moody, age 4 years 1 month.

**6th March 1865** - Admitted Elizabeth Jane King, age 4 years 10 months.

**25th May 1865** - Pupil Teacher informed me Thomas Gange had thrown a stone at a fowl and killed it.

**27th June 1865** - Holiday on account of Lady Susanna Nelson's marriage. (She visited the school regularly).

**12th September 1865** - Admitted Silas John Moody - age 2 years 10 months.

**20th October 1865** - A. Moody, C. King and S. Reynolds punished for insubordination.

**16th March 1866** - A. King sick with measles.

**19th March 1866** - Children with measles - 14 (including Alex Moody).

**17th May 1866** - A. Dibden pushed a piece of pencil up his nose - could not get it down - sent him home 4.10 o'clock.

**27th July 1866** - Children had their half yearly treat at Landford House.

**26th September 1866** - Children requested not to wear hoops.

**12th November 1866** - Admitted George King. Age 4 years.

**27th November 1866** - Charles King makes but little progress in the 3 subjects required by the Government. I intend to put him in a lower class than he is now working and not present him at the coming examinations as it is impossible for him to pass in any one subject.

**13th December 1866 (Thursday)** - Chas. King died last evening (taken ill on Monday)

#### **Xmas Prizes (1866)**

**1st Class** - 1st Prize - S. Hull    2nd - A. Moody    3rd - A. Eldridge.

**31st May 1867** - School closed on account of the children in the opposite cottage having the fever.

**22nd July 1867** - Received 1 bottle of ink from Mr. Nobbs, Downton.

**17th August 1867** - Admitted Ebenezer Albert Moody. Aged 4 years 7 months.

**22nd October 1867** - Admitted Mary Ann Emily King. Aged 3 years 9 months.

**6th November 1867** - Pencils promised. Commenced lighting fires.

**16th March 1868** - Admitted Emma King. Aged 4 years 11 months.

**18th March 1868** - Cut a new cane from the garden hedge.

**23rd March 1868** - Admitted Laura King. Aged 4 years 3 months.

**8th June 1868** - Admitted Andrew King.

**24th June 1868** - Alexander Moody moved from Standard I to II.

**24th July 1868** - Admitted Martha Moody, age 9 years 6 months.

**21st September 1868** - Admitted Frederick Moody, age 4 years 7 months.

**1st October 1868** - The children belonging to this school have been stopping the water course by the high-road during the dinner hour. They are therefore forbidden to leave the play-yard till further notice.

**2nd November 1868** - Am rejoiced to find that Acoring has ended for this Season and that nearly the whole of those absenting themselves on that account have returned to School this morn - have had a most beautiful harvest such as one of the oldest inhabitants have no recollection.

**28th December 1868** - Flooded out (for three days).

**29th March 1869** - Harry and Ann King returned to school - cause of absence - illness and no shoes.

**16th July 1869** - Received a letter from Mrs. Moody complaining of her son being placed in the form and his hands on his head - he was put there for disobedience - the matter was fully investigated by the Rev. F. G. Girdlestone and punishment confirmed. The parents sending children to this school to understand their children have to abide by the Rules and wishes of the Master.