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**GUIDE TO SCHOOL RECORDS**  
**WOKINGHAM BOROUGH**



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## Introduction

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This is a guide to sources at Berkshire Record Office for the study of schools in the Wokingham area.

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## Using this Guide

The guide is arranged in alphabetical order of civil parish, and then according to the following abbreviations, which refer to the different kinds of record available:

AR	Admission register
D	Architectural drawing
LB	Log book
M	Managers' minutes
P	Photograph
PB	Punishment book
O	Other

The reference in brackets after each entry should be quoted if you would like to see that item. For more information about it, please look up the reference in the appropriate catalogue.

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## Arborfield

Arborfield, Newland and	D	1910-1959	(C/AR/P4/6; C/CL/L2/287,749)
Barkham CE Junior (Previously Arborfield and Barkham National)	LB	1892-1971	(84/SCH/1/1-3)
The Coombes County Infant School (Previously Arborfield County Infant School)	M	1971-1982	(C/EM132; 88/ED/30)

## Earley

Aldryngton County Primary (Previously Maiden Erlegh Primary)	D	1962-1963	(C/AR/P4/48)
	M	1964-1984	(C/EM138; 89/ED/40-42)
Earley Grammar (Never built)	D	1960-1961	(C/AR/P3/56)
Maiden Erleigh Secondary (Previously Maiden Erleigh Secondary Modern)	D	1959-1966	(C/AR/P3/15-17; C/CL/L2/762-763)
	M	1961-1986	(C/EM150,197; 86/ED/90)
Radstock County Primary	M	1982-1985	(89/ED/30)
St Peter's CE Primary (Previously Earley CE, National)	D	1949	(C/AR/P4/45)
Whiteknights County Primary	D	1954-1959	(C/AR/P4/46; C/CL/L2/549,704))
(Previously Elm Road Infant, Earley County Infant)	M	1956-1975	(C/EM139)

## Finchampstead

Finchampstead CE Primary (Previously Finchampstead Free)	AR	1945-1962	(88/SCH/46/1)
	D	1904-1956	(C/AR/P4/55)
	LB	1886-1974	(C/EL44/1, 2; D/P56/28/10)
	M	1871-1877, 1885-1961	(C/EM31/1; D/P56/28/5-6; C/EM31/2)
	P	c.1900- 1978	(88/SCH/46/4-8; D/EX665/2/1-2)
	PB	1905-1952	(88/SCH/46/2)
	O	1871-1980	(C/EZ3-4; 88/SCH/46/2A, 3A,9-12)
Gorse Ride County Junior	M	1973-1981	(88/SCH/47/6)
	O	1971-1982	(88/SCH/47/1-5)
Gorse Ride County Primary	M	1971-1975	(C/EM140)
Nine Mile Ride County Primary (Previously Nine Mile Ride Council)	D	early 20C- 1964	(C/AR/P4/54; C/CL2/292,345,680)
	M	1931-1982	(83/ED/29; C/EM141; 83/ED/40)

## Grazeley

Grazeley CE Primary (Previously Grazeley Parochial, National)	D	1912-1947	(C/AR/P4/59)
		n.d.	(C/EC1/46)
	O	1905	(D/P110/25/31)

## Hurst

St Nicholas' CE Primary (Previously Hurst CE, National, Hurst And Ruscombe National)	AR	1894-1987	(88/SCH/39/1-7)
	D	1888-1968	(D/EX268/30; D/P73/28/44-45; C/AR/P4/69-70; C/CL2/600)
	LB	1863-1949	(D/P73/28/21-28)
	M	1890-1980	(D/P73/28/29-30; 88/SCH/39/10)
	P	c.1946- c.1955	(88/SCH/39/12-14)
	PB	1924-1946	(88/SCH/39/8)
	O	1818-1984	(D/P73/28/20,31-43; D/P142/28/7; C/EZ49/1-3; 88/SCH/39/9,11,11A)

## Remenham

Remenham CE (Previously Remenham National)	D	1904-1912	(D/P99/28/6/1; C/AR/P4/98)
	LB	1871-1906	(D/P99/28/1)
	M	1892-1929	(D/P99/28/3)
	O	1873-1950	(D/P99/28/2,4-6)

## Shinfield

Ryeish Green County Secondary (Previously Three Mile Cross Council, Three Mile Cross Secondary Modern, County Primary)	D	1909-1958	(C/CL/L2/29; C/AR/P3/41; C/CL2/656)
	M	1910-1948, 1964-1982	(C/EM17/1-3; 153; 88/ED/28)
	P	n.d.	(C/EC1/45)

## Shinfield (cont)

Shinfield CE Junior (Previously Primary, Shinfield Free, Piggotts Charity)	AR	1924-1970	(88/SCH/48/5-8)
	D	1905-1967	(C/AR/P4/101; C/CL/L2/500,752)
	LB	1873-1976	(88/SCH/48/1-4)
	M	1809-1949	(D/P110/25/5/1, 2- D/P110/25/15/1-2)
	P	1908-1980s	(88/SCH/48/17-43)
	PB	1923-1958	(88/SCH/48/9)
	O	1600-1979	(D/P110/25/1-4, 6-11,16-26; D/QX4/1; 88/SCH/48/10-16)
Shinfield County Infant (Previously part of Shinfield Primary)	D	1905-1967	(C/AR/P4/102)
	M	1977-1986	(88/ED/21; 89/ED/57/1-2)
Spencers Wood CE	LB	189-1915	(C/EL20)

## Sonning

Sonning CE Primary (Previously Sonning) National)	AR	1865-1968	(89/SCH/1/7-10)
	D	1905-1992	(C/AR/P4/104; 2000/SCH/1/7)
	LB	1883-1963	(89/SCH/1/1-6; C/EL19)
	M	1900-1919, 1963-1997	(D/P113/28/19; 89/SCH/1/14-15; 2000/SCH/1/1-6)
	P	n.d.	(C/EC1/48-49)
	PB	1902-1953	(89/SCH/1/11)
	O	1952-1988	(89/SCH/1/2A,12- 13,14A,16-19)

## Swallowfield

Farley Hill County Primary (Previously Farley Hill Council)	AR	1925-1985	(88/SCH/45/3; 92/SCH/1/1)
	D	1920-1963	(C/AR/P4/114; C/CL/L2/125,590)
	LB	1925-1994	(88/SCH/45/1-2; 98/SCH/2/1-2)
	M	1926-1985	(C/EM110,156; 86/ED/110)
	PB	1925-1981	(88/SCH/45/4)
	O	1928-1986	(88/SCH/45/1A,2A, 5; 98/SCH/2/3)
Hephaistos Special	M	1967-1978	(C/EM245)
Lambs Lane County Primary (Previously Lambs Lane Council)	D	1907-1965	(C/CL/L2/8; C/AR/P4/115)
	M	1908-1939, 1969-1975	(C/EM18/1-3; 157)
	P	n.d.	(C/EC1/47)
Riseley Common CE (Previously Swallowfield CE, Riseley Common National)	D	1854	(D/EX268/47)
	LB	1873-1969	(C/EL99/1-4)
	M	1903-1970	(C/EM69)
	O	1854-1970	(D/P129/28/5-7)
Sir Charles Russell's CE	AR	1873-1908	(SCH17/11/1-2)
	P	1894-1902	(D/EX681/2-3)

## Twyford

Polehampton CE Infants (Previously Polehampton National Girls and Infants)	O	1987	(88/SCH/56/1)
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## Twyford (cont)

Polehampton County Junior (Previously Twyford County County Junior, Polehampton National Boys, Polehampton)	D	1905-1958	(C/AR/P4/120-121)
	M	1965-1982	(C/EM159, 257; 88/ED/113)
	P	n.d.	(C/EC1/54)
The Colleton Primary (Previously Twyford County Primary)	M	1973-1986	(C/EM 158, 257; 83/ED/7; 86/ED/23, 69; 88/ED/22)
	P	1979-1987	(88/SCH/54/2-56)
	O	1973-1986	(88/SCH/54/1)

## Wargrave

Crazies Hill CE Primary Previously Crazies Hill National)	D	c.1850	(D/EX268/52)
	M	1903-1915	(D/P145/25/8)
	O	1859-1889	(D/P145/25/5, 7; D/P145/28/3)
Hare Hatch	O	1859-1873	(D/P145/25/5)
Reading and Wokingham District [workhouse school]	M	1850-1902	(G/R1/11-45) (in minutes of Reading Board of Guardians)
	O	1850-1856	(D/EX1461/1)
The Piggott CE Infant (Previously Piggott National Infant)	LB	1901-1947	(88/SCH/36/1)
	PB	1927-1958	(88/SCH/36/2)

## Wargrave (cont)

The Piggott CE Junior (Previously Piggott's National, Piggotts Charity and Wargrave National)	AR	1921-1991	(97/SCH/3/4-6)
	D	1898-1959	(97/SCH/3/8; C/AR/P4/133)
	LB	1863-2000	(88/SCH/37/1-7; 97/SCH/3/1-3; 2001/SCH/2/1-2)
	M	1799-1855	(D/P145/25/11)
	PB	1921-1950	(88/SCH/37/8)
	O	1815-1959	(D/P145/25/5, 7; D/P145/28/2,4,6; 88/SCH/37/2A,4A, 5A; 97/SCH/3/7)

The Piggott CE (Previously Piggott C E Secondary Modern, Piggott CE Senior)	D	1938-1967	(C/AR/P3/48; C/CL2/687)
	P	1939	(D/P145/28/17)

Wargrave CE Senior	D	1938-1939	(C/CL2/586)
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## Winnersh

Bearwood County Primary (Previously Bearwood Council, Bearwood St Catherine's CE, St Catherine's National)	D	1925-1930	(C/AR/P4/152; C/CL/L2/140)
	LB	1884-1920	(89/SCH/39/1-6)
	M	1926-1938, 1947-1978	(C/EM33; 165/1-2; 88/ED/29)
	O	1964-1975	(89/SCH/4A, 5A)
The Forest (Previously The Forest Boys Grammar, Woodley Hill County Boys Grammar (on site in Earley))	M	1949-1985	(C/EM116/1-2; 166; 247; 89/ED/14)

## Winnersh (cont)

Winnersh County Primary	M	1970-1975	(C/EM167)
Winnersh Grammar School for Boys	D	1954-1957	(C/CL2/520,565,630,632)

## Wokingham

Emmbrook County Infants (Previously Emmbrook County)	AR	1968-1980	(88/SCH/44/2)
	LB	1968-1980	(88/SCH/44/1)
	M	1976-1985	(C/EM208; 89/ED/10)
Emmbrook County Junior (Previously Emmbrook County Primary)	D	1963	(C/AR/P4/155)
	M	1965-1986	(C/EM170, 207; 88/ED/130)
Keep Hatch County Primary (Previously Keep Hatch County Infant)	M	1961-1975	(C/EM172)
Ludgrove School (Previously Wixenford School)	P	1926-1934	(D/EX1883/1)
Maiden School of Charity	O	1628-1822	(D/EX67)
Manual Instruction and Cookery Centre	D	1911	(C/CL/L2/53)
St Crispin's School (Previously Wokingham Secondary Modern)	D	1950-1958	(C/AR/P3/53-54; C/CL2/667)
	M	1952-1980	(C/EM258/1-2; 168; 258/3)
St Paul's CE Junior (Previously St Paul's National)	M	1903-1983	(D/P154B/28/2-3)
	O	[1860s]-1984	(D/P154B/4-11)

## Wokingham (cont)

The Emmbrook School (Previously Emmbrook County Secondary)	M	1964-1975	(C/EM169)
The Hawthorns County Primary (Previously Woosehill County Primary)	M	1981-1986	(88/ED/148)
The Holt (Previously The Holt County Girls, Holt County Girls Grammar, Wokingham County Girls Grammar, Wokingham County Girls	D	1930-1950	(C/CL/L2/164,194; 378,599,722,746, 773-774; C/AR/ P3/52)
	M	1930-1949, 1961-1982	(C/EM28/1-3; 171/1- 2, 248, 88/ED/36)
The Palmer CE Infants (Previously Wokingham National)	M	1829-1842	(D/EXZ110/6/1)
The Palmer CE Junior (Previously Palmer County Junior, Palmer CE, The Palmer CE, Martha Palmer Charity)	AR	1902-1977	(88/SCH/49/4-14)
	D	1874-1946	(D/P154/25/3; C/CL/L2/325)
	LB	1873-1978	(88/SCH/49/1-3)
	M	1875-1988	(D/P154/25/4; C/EM185; 82/ED/37; 88/ED/66; 89/ED/99; 92/SCH/5/1)
	P	1930s-1974	(97/SCH/5/2-6)
	PB	1910-1975	(88/SCH/49/15)
	O	1863-1994	(97/SCH/5/1,7-8; D/P154/25/5-6; 88/ED/94; 88/SCH/49/3A, 16- 20)

## Wokingham (cont)

Walter Infant and Nursery (Previously Walter County Infant, St Paul's CE Infant, St Paul's National)	D	1953, n.d.	(C/AR/P4/156)
	M	1967-1985	(C/EM173; 88/ED/49, 129)
Wescott Road County Infants (Previously Wescott Road County Primary, Wescott Road Council, Wokingham Elementary or Council)	D	1905-1958	(C/CL/L2/5,655; C/AR/P4/154)
	LB	1906-1987	(C/EL87; 90/SCH/7/1-4)
	M	1906-1983	(C/EM27/1-2; 174-175; 85/ED/15; 89/ED/95)
	P	n.d.	(C/EC1/63)
	PB	1906-1967	(90/SCH/7/5-6)
	O	1922-1940	(C/EZ34)
Westende County Junior	M	1957-1983	(C/EM175; 85/ED/22; 89/ED/95)
West Mead Special	M	1953-1984	(C/EM117; 88/ED/152)
Whitelocke County Infants (Previously Wokingham County Infant)	M	1973-1983	(C/EM186; 88/ED/23; 89/ED/93)
Wokingham British (Previously Wokingham Baptist)	D	1886	(WO/Z3/9)

### Wokingham (cont)

Wokingham Institute of Further Education D 1951-1953 (C/AR/P2/15)

Woosehill County Primary M 1981-1986 (88/ED/148)

### Wokingham Without

Hatch Ride County Primary M 1973-1979 (C/EM176, 209)

Oaklands County Junior (Previously Oaklands County Primary) M 1963-1975 (C/EM177)

St Sebastian's CE Primary (Previously St Sebastian's National) D 1872-1954 (D/P154C/28/6-7; C/CL2/317)

The Forest CE Primary (Previously Forest CE, Forest Road CE) AR 1895-1955 (C/ER7)  
LB 1927-1962 (C/EL61)  
PB 1907-1958 (C/EZ11)  
O 1869-1933 (D/P154/28/19-20)

### Woodley

Addington Special (Previously Addington ESN) M 1971-1975, 1982-1988 (C/EM178; 88/ED/142; 89/ED/79)

Beechwood County Primary (Previously Beechwood County Infant and Junior) M 1972-1986 (C/EM182; 86/ED/107-108; 88/ED/54-55; 89/ED/58)

## Woodley (cont)

Bulmershe College of Higher Education	M	1963-1981	(C/EM119; 83/ED/10; 85/ED/43)
Highwood Primary (Previously William Gray County Infant and Junior, Bulmershe County)	AR	1968-1980	(88/SCH/40/3)
	D	1966	(C/AR/P4/157)
	LB	1968-1986	(88/SCH/40/1-2; 41/1-3)
	M	1967-1982	(C/EM183; 83/ED/38-39;
	PB	1975-1976	(88/SCH/40/4-5)
	O	1973-1979	(88/SCH/40/2A)
Rivermead County Primary (Previously Rivermead County Infant and Junior)	M	1973-1982	(83/ED/33- 35, 45)
South Lake County Primary (Previously South Lake County Infant and Junior)	D	1964-1965	(C/AR/P4/159)
	M	1963-1986	(88/ED/44-46; 86/ED/70; 88/ED/87)
The Loddon County Infant and Junior (Previously The Loddon County, Loddon County Primary, Woodley Junior, , Earley Junior, Loddon County Infants and Primary)	AR	1950-1979	(89/SCH/4/1-2)
	D	1945-1948	(C/AR/P4/47)
	M	1949-1985	(C/EM179/1-2; 89/ED/11-12; 89/SCH/4/3)
The Bulmershe (Previously The Bulmershe County Secondary Modern)	D	1964-1965	(C/AR/P3/55)
	M	1964-1986	(C/EM149, 210; 88/ED/32; 86/ED/84)

## Woodley (cont)

Waingels Copse Secondary (Previously Woodley County Secondary Modern, Woodley Council, Woodley County)	D	1938-1940	(C/CL/L2/256, 286)
	M	1953-1983	(C/EM118/1-2; 181, 211; 88/ED/74)
Willow Bank Primary (Previously Willow Bank Infant and Junior, Willow Bank County Primary, Duffield Road County Primary)	D	1970	(C/AR/P4/160)
	LB	1970-1986	(88/SCH/38/1-2; 89/SCH/3/1)
	M	1970-1986	(89/ED/33; 88/ED/146, 153)
	P	1973-1985	(88/SCH/38/3-11)
Woodley CE Primary (Previously Woodley and Sandford National)	AR	1890-1969	(87/SCH/3/1-7)
	D	1956-1958	(C/AR/P4/158; C/CL/L2/664)
	M	1903-1949	(D/P196/28/9-11)
	O	1890-1994	(D/P196/28/2, 12-15)
Woodley Hill House (Previously Woodley Hill Further Education College, Woodley Hill Grammar)	D	1949	(C/AR/P2/2)
Woodley Nursery	D	1948	(C/AR/P5/8)
	M	1948-1975	(C/EM/180/1-2)

## Further information

### Church of England schools

Records of the National Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor:

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Annual reports of the British and Foreign School Society:

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### Diocesan records

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