



Donington on Bain Primary School

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Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Today we celebrated the Donington on Bain Primary School's 95th anniversary. Records show that a school has been in the village since 1818. On the 3rd October 1930 the old school closed and the new school opened with 106 pupils on roll. At that time children up to the age of 14 attended.

We are fortunate to have four of the original logbooks in school with the earliest book starting in 1915. Important events are recorded such as Armistice Day and Victory in Europe alongside the day to day life of the school which seemed to involve very frequent visits from the local attendance officer!

The children have looked at photographs of the original building before the addition of Class 1 and 2 as well as the office and toilet block. They have seen photographs of former staff and pupils along with original timetables from the early part of the last century. Knitting, needlework and clay modelling were a key feature of the daily timetable alongside arithmetic and writing.

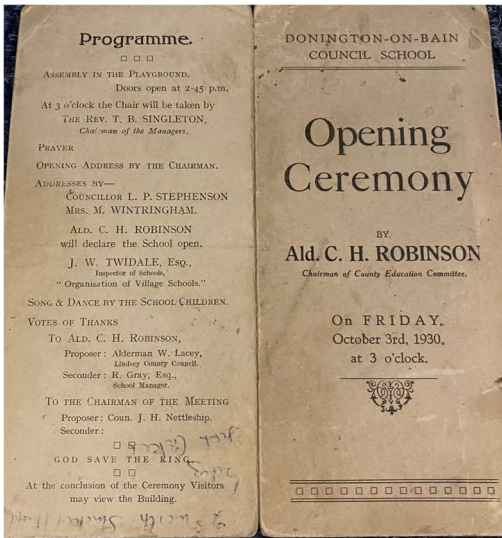
Sport has played a key part in the life of Donington on Bain Primary School since the 1930's with many events recorded in photographs and cuttings. Sports Days have always taken place at the school and in the early part of the school's history on this site even included the high jump as one of the main events.

It has been a fascinating day which will culminate with Celebration Assembly this afternoon. Along with giving out Star of the Week certificates the children will each receive a little something to mark the occasion which have very kindly been provided by former parent Gemma James from Styleiced. [Styleiced-Facebook](#)



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We have really enjoyed looking back through the archives and learning more about this wonderful school which has been at the heart of the community for many years. As time marches on this has been an opportunity to reflect upon how life has changed but equally how some aspects still remain the same.

With best wishes,

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