

Sports Days 1920s

1922

The First Parents Day - July 22nd 1922

The plans were for Sports at two o'clock, then tea followed by songs and an exhibition of country dances afterwards. The weather almost spoiled this inaugural Saturday event, as the rain curtailed the sports events, and tea in the open air had to be abandoned altogether. All the tables were transferred into the classrooms at the last minute, and a large number of pupils, parents, Governors and Staff sat down together. The evening's programme of music and folk dancing was postponed until the following Wednesday. Mr. Jenkinson was in charge of the arrangements, and several Governors acted as judges and stewards for the sports. Mr. S.G. Cliff was the starter, Mr. E. Dickinson was marshal, and Miss M.A. Griffiths was recorder. All the points gained in the events counted towards the inter-House Cup. The score after the Saturday sports was Holgate 55; Talbot 47.

The pre-downpour sports results give us for the first time the names of 42 of that first intake of pupils.

Throwing the cricket ball	1. Brooke, 2. Garbett 3. Rothera F.A.
100 yards Girls under 13	1. M. Lindsey 2. M. Hudson 3. R. Pearson
100 yards Boys, Open	1. Garbett 2. Cockburn 3. Barker E.J.
High Jump, Girls Open	1. S. Dawson 2. S. Swaine 3. Lilian Dykes
220 yards, Boys under 13	1. Knee 2. Keenan 3. Philip Bull
300 yards Handicap, Girls Open	1. C. Madden 2. J. Taylor 3. Winifred Walsh
High Jump, Boys Open	1. Webster 2. (Equal), Knee and Glew
3-legged race, Girls under 13	1. Clarice Allen & F. Hirst. 2. S. Brown & L. Pearson, 3. Alice Scott & C. Madden
High Jump Boys under 13	1. Knee 2. Backhouse 3. Philip Bull
Balance Race, Girls Open	1. M. Wootton 2. Molly Price 3. M. Everett
440 yards Boys Open	1. Garbett 2. Cockburn 3. Crossley
100 yards Girls Open	1. N. Swaine 2. W. Walsh 3. L. Deighton
Sack Race Boys under 13	1. Philip Bull 2. Knee 3. Rothera F.A.
Obstacle Race Girls Open	1. E. Richardson 2. Lilian Dykes 3. J. Taylor
880 yards Boys Open	1. Garbett minor 2. Garbett major 3. Cyril Teale
Blindfold Driving, Girls Open	1. M. Lindsey & Doris Miles, 2. L. Booker & L. Deighton, 3. Emma Bates & E. Parker
Obstacle Race, Boys Open	1. Tait S. 2. Webster 3. Thorpe A.

1923

The Second Annual Sports and Parents' Day - July 14th 1923

Unlike the year before, the weather did not interrupt the planned Saturday programme of sports, tea and cricket.

The Sports

Points gained by the pupils in the sports were added to those gained by work and conduct during the ordinary school routine, and at the end of the summer term would decide which of the two Houses should be awarded the "Talbot" shield. (Previous reports of this "Talbot" trophy mentioned a silver cup). In keeping with the motto of the school, "Labor Ipse Voluptas" (find pleasure in the work itself) the only 'prizes' given to the winners of the events were the points gained for the pupils' respective Houses. The trophy had been awarded to Talbot House in the previous year, and that competition had been keen and close, as it was on this day.

Each event followed on smoothly from the last - a tribute to the organisation of the school's staff. Mr. A. G. Jenkinson, the headmaster, presided over the gathering, and had very efficient officials in Mr. Sydney G. Cliff, (starter), Mr. Philip Crossland (marshall), Miss M. A. Griffiths (recorder), with the remainder of the staff giving valuable support. Members of the governing body assisted with the judging. The two Houses ran practically neck-and-neck in their competition until the closing events. Holgate won the Cricket Ball event, and Talbot levelled things immediately. Talbot took the lead in the boys' Open 100 yards sprint, but lost it immediately in the girls' Open High Jump. Holgate went ahead by gaining a first and third in the 220 yards, lost it immediately in the girls' 300 yards, regained it in the boys' open high jump, and lost it again an event later. Then the Houses were level for a couple of events, and so it went on, with the lead changing again and again, until with twenty of the twenty-one events completed, the score stood at Talbot 62, Holgate 60. It was time for the Relay event, in which both girls and boys took part. Holgate jumped off with a lead and increased it to several yards in the first few laps, but amid excited cheering a Talbot boy got ahead. The girls maintained the advantage and finally Talbot House won well, while the whole school cheered itself hoarse. An outstanding feature of the sports was the splendid running of Smith Major, who won the open 100 yards, quarter-mile and half-mile. The first two events produced very keen finishes, but Smith ran the half-mile with great ease in brilliant style. He also helped to turn the scale in the relay, so that he did great work for Talbot House during the day.

The Results

Throwing Cricket Ball	(1) Kirk (H) (2) Knee (H) (3) Tait S.(T).
100 yards, girls under 13	(1) Violet Dodds (T) (2) P. Addis (T) (3) M. Butt (T).
100 yards, boys, open	(1) Smith Major (T) (2) Cockburn (T) & Kirk (H) dead heat.
High Jump, open, girls	(1) Molly Garbett (H) (2) Hilda Gaunt (H) & M. Lindsay (T) equal second.
220 yards, boys under 13	(1) Harold Goulding (H) (2) Gorner (T) (3) Turner (H).
300 yards, open, girls	(1) M. Lindsay (T) (2) May Bull (T) (3) Lizzie Pearson (H).
High Jump, open, boys	(1) Kirk (H) (2) Knee (H) (3) Webster R. (H).
Three-legged, girls, under 13	(1) M. Hudson & Ada Watson (T) (2) May Bull & Molly Price (T), (3) Clarice Allen & Connie Madden (H).
High Jump, boys, under 13	(1) Wilson (T) (2) Chappell (H) (3) Cliff (H).
Balance Race, open, girls	(1) P. Addis (T) (2) Lizzie Pearson (H) (3) Maud Wood (H).
440 yards, open, boys	(1) Smith Major (T) (2) Kirk (H) (3) Cockburn (T).
100 yards, open, girls	(1) Molly Garbett (H) (2) Freda Swaine (T) (3) F. Hurst (H).

Sack Race, boys, under 13	(1) Turner (H) (2) Gorner (T) (3) Chappell (H).
Obstacle, open, girls	(1) Hilda Finch (H) (2) R. McAllister (T) (3) Freda Swaine (T).
880 yards, open, boys	(1) Smith Major (T) (2) Garbett (H) (3) Copley (T).
Blindfold Driving, girls	(1) Adelaide Brandford & Maud Wood (H) (2) S. Dawson & Freda Swaine (T), (3) K. Thompson & K. Hawkesworth (T).
Four-legged race, open, boys	(1) Dooley W.L., Raymond Wilkinson, Burns (H), (2) Buttnell, Rothera F.A., Cyril Teale (T), (3) Hawkesworth S., Harry Crossley, Raymond Pacy (T).
High Jump, girls, under 13	(1) Violet Dodds (T) (2) P. Addis (T) (3) Hilda Gaunt (H).
Sack Race, open, boys	(1) Rothera F.A.(T) (2) Burns (H) (3) Turner (H).
100 yards, boys, under 13	(1) Harold Goulding (H) (2) Gorner (T) (3) Cliff (H).
Relay	Talbot.

House Totals: Talbot 72, Holgate 60.

The Cricket Match

The Parents v Boys cricket match was enjoyed by all on that July afternoon, and the fathers just managed to snatch a victory over their progenies by eight runs.

Samples of the work of the scholars were exhibited during the day, and proud parents and visitors appreciated the drawings, needlework and handwork on display in the Art room. At the close of this day, Mr. Jenkinson, his staff and the Governors would have felt a great sense of achievement on a successful and busy few days. The summer holidays beckoned!

1924

The Third Sports and Parents' Day, July 26th 1924

The Officials:

President	Mr. A.G. Jenkinson
Starter	Mr. J.A. Storer
Marshall	Mr. P. Crossland
Recorder	Miss Morgan Jones

Points awarded; 1st - 3 points, 2nd - 2 points, 3rd - 1 point, and relay race 1st - 10 points, the totals to contribute to the winning of the House Challenge Cup. The colours of orange (yes, orange) and green were flourished by Holgate and Talbot, making it obvious to the spectators that the individual efforts were part of a whole effort for the benefit of the House. Individual overall winners in the open scratch events received "Victor" and "Victrix Ludorum" Cups. The Long Jump and Tug o' War have been introduced for the first time.

Results (H - Holgate House, T - Talbot House).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (open)	(1) Stanley Hawkesworth.(T) (2) Kirk W.(H) (3) Knee C.(H).
100 yards scratch, girls (open)	(1) Freda Swaine (T) (2)M. Lindsay (T) (3) F. Hirst (H).
100 yards scratch, boys (open)	(1) Kirk W. (H) (2) Cockburn (T) (3) James W. Smith (T).
High Jump. Under 14, girls	(1) Hilda Gaunt (H) (2) Winnie Sadler (T) (3) Violet Dodds (T).
Sack Race, Under 14, boys	(1) Morley (T) (2) Rappit A.(H) (3) Thorpe A.(T).
220 yards scratch, girls (open)	(1) M. Lindsay (T) (2) J. Hodgson (T)(3) M. Wootton (H).
880 yards scratch, boys (open)	(1) James W. Smith (T) (2) Garbett (H) (3) Copley G.(T).
330 yards handicap, girls (open)	(1) M. Lindsay (T) (2) B. Heath (H) (3) Hilda Sharpe (T).
High Jump, Under 14, boys	(1) Morley (T) (2) Rappit A. (H) (3) Miles (T).
100 yards scratch, Under 14, girls	(1) Jennie Hodgson (T) (2) Violet Dodds (T) (3) F. Long (H).
Sack Race, boys (open)	(1) Heenan (H) (2) Cyril Teale (T) (3) Frank A. Rothera (T).
Balance Race, girls (open)	(1) Jessie Ledger (H) (2) Mary Moody (T) (3) Hilda Finch (H).
440 yards scratch, boys (open)	(1) Cockburn (T) (2) Kirk W.(H) (3) James W. Smith (T).
300 yards scratch, girls (open)	(1) Freda Swaine (T) (2) M. Lindsay (T) (3) Hilda Sharpe (T).
100 yards scratch, Under 14, boys	(1) Morley (T) (2) Harold Goulding (H) (3) Cliff (H).
100 yards, over 14, girls	(1) Freda Swaine (T) (2) F. Hirst (H) (3) M. Wootton (H).
High Jump, boys (open)	(1) Kirk W. (H) 4ft. 9in. (2) Webster R.(H) (3) Buttrell (T).
High Jump, girls (open)	(1) F. Hirst (H) (2) E. Gaunt (H) (3) M. Lindsay (T).
220 yards scratch, open, under 14, boys	(1) Harold Goulding (H) (2) Cliff (H) (3) Turner F.(H).
4-legged Race, girls (open)	(1) Molly Price, Mary Moody & May Bull (T) (2) Lilian Dykes, Freda Swaine & Hettie Littlewood (T), (3) M. Finch, H. Finch & E. Killingbeck (H).
880 yards handicap, boys (open)	(1) James W. Smith (T) (2) Garbett (H) (3) Keenan J.(H).
Skipping Race, 100 yards scratch, girls (open)	(1) F. Hirst (H) (2) M. Lindsay (T) (3) F. Long (H).
220 yards scratch, boys (open)	(1) Cockburn (T) (2) Kirk W. (H) (3) Mills (T).
Obstacle Race, girls (open)	(1) M. Wootton (H) (2) Maud Wood (H) (3) Lilian Dykes (T).
Four-legged Race, boys (open)	(1) Richard Buttree, Cyril Teale & Rothera F.A. (T), (2) Barker E.J., Kirk W. & Knee C. (H), (3) Martin E., Dooley W.L. & Slatcher N. (H).
Relay Race	Talbot House.
Tug o' War	Holgate House.
Long Jump, girls (open)	(1) M. Lindsay (T) (2) Winnie Sadler (T) (3) Lilian Dykes (T).
Long Jump, boys (open)	(1) Kirk W. (H) 15ft. 4in (2) Knee C.(H) (3) Copley G.(T).

The Victor Ludorum Cups for boys and girls were won by Kirk W. (15 pts.) and M. Lindsay (13 pts.) respectively. House results were: Holgate 84½ points, Talbot 97½ points.

The Cricket Match

After tea a cricket match was played between the parents and the boys. The parents were all out for 7. Mills performed the "hat-trick" and took 7 wickets for 3 runs. The boys responded with 51 for 4 wickets. The parents were sent in and made a total of 24.

One day later, on July 27th, the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games held in Paris took place. It is a possibility that some of the athletes who took part in the Hemsworth sports had been inspired by hearing of the achievements of Harold Abrahams and Eric Liddell, who won gold medals in the 100m and 400m events. Their story was not to be told until 1981 in the film 'Chariots of Fire'.

1925

The Fourth Sports and Parents' Day, Thursday July 23rd 1925

The fourth annual sports and parents' day of the Hemsworth Secondary School was held in brilliant sunshine, and there was a large gathering to enjoy the events. Great rivalry was shown between the three "Houses", and the spectators were treated to some excellent sports, although Kirk W. managed to run away with most of the scratch races.

The Results

[Names have been augmented where possible]

100 yards scratch open girls	(1) Vera Parton (2) Jennie Hodgson (3) M. Lindsay.
100 yards scratch open boys	(1) Kirk W. (2) Stanley Hawkesworth & Mills (dead heat).
100 yards scratch under 14 boys	(1) Brewin (2) Brian Harrison (3) Senior N.
100 yards scratch under 14 girls	(1) N. Wright (2) Ethel Gee (3) B. Heath.
100 yards scratch over 14 girls	(1) Jennie Hodgson (2) Vera Parton (3) Winnie Sadler.
Throwing Cricket Ball open	(1) Stanley Hawkesworth (2) Kirk W. (3) A. L. Wilson.
High Jump under 14 girls	(1) N. Wright (2) H. Brooks (3) E. Austin.
220 yards scratch open, boys	(1) Kirk W. (2) Mills (3) Stanley Hawkesworth
220 yards scratch under 14, boys	(1) Brewin (2) Brian Harrison (3) Reginald Clark & Senior N. (dead heat).
300 yards open handicap, girls	(1) May Bull (2) B. Heath (3) N. Wright.
High Jump, under 14 boys	(1) Brian Harrison (2) Brewin (3) Senior N..
Bunny Race (under 4ft. 9ins.) 80 yards, girls	(1) G. Laycock (2) Elsie Hinchliffe (3) May Bull.
220 yards scratch open girls	(1) Vera Parton (2) Jennie Hodgson (3) J. Fowler.
440 yards scratch open boys	(1) Kirk W. (2) Miles N. (3) Gerner H.
440 yards scratch under 14 boys	(1) Brian Harrison (2) Brewin (3) Ernest Rowney.
Balance Race open girls	(1) A. Jessop (2) V. Hammill (3) Hilda Finch.
High Jump open boys	(1) Kirk W. (2) Richard Buttree (3) Harold Goulding & Brian Harrison (tie).
High Jump open girls	(1) Jennie Hodgson (2) M. Lindsay (3) Violet Dodds & N. Sadler (tie).
880 yards scratch open, boys	(1) Kirk W. (2) Stanley Hawkesworth (3) Garbett.
300 yards scratch open, girls	(1) Vera Parton (2) M. Lindsay (3) J. Fowler.
Four-legged Race girls	(1) Price (2) Holgate (3) Holgate.
Four-legged Race boys	(1) Talbot (2) Price (3) Price & Talbot (tie).
Sack Race open boys	(1) J. Castle (2) Howitt (3) Morley.
Wheelbarrow Race open girls Hodgson.	(1) M. Walker & Heywood (2) V. Johnson & John Mellor (3) Winnie Penn & Hodgson.
Skipping Race open 100 yards, girls	(1) Vera Parton (2) Phyllis Addis (3) Edna Law.
Mile Handicap open boys	(1) Gibbon (2) Garner H. (3) Clifford Nettleton.
Old Girls' Race 150 yards	(1) Hilda Gaunt (2) S. Dawson (3) Edith Gaunt.
Old Boys' Race 220 yards	(1) Cockbourn (2) Copley G. (3) Tait S.
Brothers' & Sisters' Race	(1) Connie White & Harry Walker.
Relay Race	(1) Talbot.
Tug of War	(1) Price.
Long Jump girls	(1) M. Lindsay (2) Lilian Dykes & Vera Parton (tie).
Long Jump boys	(1) Kirk W. (2) Stanley Hawkesworth (3) Richard Buttree.

House Challenge Cup points were awarded as follows - 1st. 3pts; 2nd. 2 pts; 3rd. 1 pt. Relay Race - 1st. 10 points.

"Victor Ludorum Cups points were awarded in open scratch events as follows - 1st. 3 points; 2nd, 2 pts; 3rd. 1pt.

"Victor Ludorum" Cups and Medals,

Boys - Kirk W. (20 points out of 21) Girls - Vera Parton (13½ out of 18).

House Challenge Cup - (1) Price (85½ pts; (2) Talbot 54½; (3) Holgate 48. A first place for the new House.

Bandsmen's Race (playing instruments whilst running) (1) Smethurst, (2) Lockwood.

The headmaster, Mr. A. G. Jenkinson, M.A., in a short speech after the sports, paid a tribute to his staff, thanking them for their co-operation and help in organising the sports, particularly Mr. Austin (secretary). Mrs. Alice Schorah presented the prizes, and also a large box of chocolates from the children to the headmaster.

The following were awarded school cricket colours - Barker, Mills, Hawkesworth, Glew, and Crossley.

A very large gathering sat down to tea after the presentations. In the evening an exhibition of Fives was given by Harry Crossley, the fives captain, and Walter Parsons, versus Barker E.J. and Kirk W. A keen game was won by Crossley and Parsons.

Another attraction was the cricket match, Parents v. School. The parents were represented by Ald. G. Price (capt.), Messrs. Brewin, Senior, Law, Wright, Kitching, Greenfield, Watson, Schorah, Benton and Barker. The School XI was: Barker E.J. (capt.), Mills, Stanley Hawkesworth, Glew, Harry Crossley, Mart, Frank A. Rothera, Wright W.H., Kirk W., Richard Buttree and Fred Williamson. The parents batted first and made 57 (Mr. Brewin 21 and Mr. Kitching 17). Mills took 7 wickets for 21 runs. The School easily passed this total without a wicket falling, and closed at 104. Stanley Hawkesworth made 50, winning a bat offered by the headmaster.

Carlton Main Colliery Band played during the afternoon, and one week later, the school was quiet again, as all pupils and staff began their summer holidays.

1926

The Fifth Sports and Parents' Day, Wednesday July 14th 1926

With the good weather of the summer months came the fifth annual sports of the school, held on the Wednesday afternoon of July 14th under ideal conditions. The field was bordered on three sides by tall trees which provided a shady vantage ground from which the thirty-seven events could be viewed with comfort. The sports proceeded without a hitch, and finished on time, due to the excellence of the organisation.

The officials were:

President	Mr. A.G. Jenkinson
Starter	Mr. P. Crossland
Recorder	Miss Morgan-Jones
Judges	The Governors and Staff
Stewards	School Prefects
Organiser	Mr. W. L. Austin.
Marshaller of competitors	Mr. R.T. Shiells

Mrs. J. Guest, Ackworth, presented the prizes, and selections were rendered by the Frickley Colliery Band.

The results were:

[Names have been augmented where possible]

100 yards scratch, open, girls	(1) Vera Parton (2) Jennie Hodgson (3) H. Wright.
100 yards scratch, open, boys	(1) Stanley Hawkesworth (2) Stanley Donaldson (3) Barber.
100 yards scratch, under 14, boys	(1) Fred Williamson (2) Senior N. (3) Mason.
100 yards scratch, over 14, girls	(1) Vera Parton (2) Jennie Hodgson (3) Ethel Gee.
100 yards scratch, under 14, girls	(1) N. Wright (2) B. Heath (3) S. Watkinson.
Sack Race, open	(1) Heywood (2) Frank Jessop (3) J. Castle.
High Jump, under 14, girls	(1) E. Allen (2) Marion Birkin (3) S. Watkinson.
120 yards hurdles, open, boys	(1) Garbett (2) Frank Rothera (3) Stanley Hawkesworth.
120 yards hurdles, open, girls	(1) Vera Parton (2) W. Sadler (3) Jennie Hodgson.
120 yards hurdles, under 14, girls	(1) S. Watkinson (2) Wright.
High Jump, open, girls	(1) J. Fowler (2) Jennie Hodgson (3) Vera Parton.
Four-legged Race, open, boys	(1) Hodgson, Morgan, Wright (2) Taylor, Harold Goulding, Barker, (3) George C. Mellars,
Castle J., Slingsby.	
220 yards scratch, open, boys	(1) Stanley Hawkesworth (2) Garbett (3) Stanley Donaldson.
220 yards scratch, U14, boys	(1) Fred Williamson (2) Sam Blackburn (3) Senior N.
220 yards scratch, open, girls	(1) Vera Parton (2) J. Fowler (3) May Bull.
High Jump, open, boys	(1) Harold Goulding (2) Warner & Thorpe equal.
High Jump, under 14, boys	(1) Sam Blackburn (2) Fred Booth (3) Fred Williamson.
Balance Race, open, girls	(1) Phyllis Stoker (2) V. Johnson (3) W. Lee.
Wheelbarrow Race, open, girls	(1) J. Greenfield (2) A. Jessop (3) V. Johnson.
440 yards scratch, open, boys	(1) Stanley Hawkesworth (2) Slatcher R.N. (3) Garbett.
440 yards scratch U14, boys	(1) John Mellor (2) Clifford Morgan (3) Heywod A.V.
300 yards scratch, open, girls	(1) J. Fowler (2) Vera Parton (3) B. Heath.
Bunny Race, girls under 4ft. 9ins.	(1) G. Laycock (2) Nellie Leaver (3) V. Hancock.
Four-legged Race, open, girls	(1) Marion Birkin, Esther Page, N. Wright. (2) Maud Wood, Hilda Finch, J. Long, (3)
Helen Penn, Olive Murphy, V. Hammill.	
Mile Handicap, open, boys	(1) Brian Harrison (2) Keenan J. (3) Taylor E.
300 yards handicap, open, girls	(1) S. Watkinson (2) B. Heath (3) May Bull.
Old girls' race, 150 yards	(1) Connie Madden (2) Millicent Wootton (3) Winnie Walsh.
Old boys' race, 220 yards	(1) Mills (2) Garbett (3) Cyril Teale.
Brother's and Sisters' race – Brothers	(1) Millicent Wootton (2) Harry Walker (3) H. Hilton.
Sisters	(1) M. Rappitt (2) M. Leaver & M. Austin (3) D. Law.
Band Race	(1) Mason (2) Tindlaper (3) Edwards.
Relay Race	(1) Price House. Tug-of-War - (1) Price House.
Long Jump, open, girls	(1) Vera Parton (2) Ethel Gee (3) Lilian Dykes.
Long Jump, open, boys	(1) Stanley Hawkesworth (2) E. John Barker (3) Stanley Donaldson.
Throwing Cricket Ball, open	(1) Stanley Hawkesworth (2) Wilson A.L. (3) Slatcher R.N.

Points for the "Victor Ludorum" Cups were awarded only in open scratch events. "Victor Ludorum" Cups were won by Vera Parton, 15½ points out of 21; Stanley Hawkesworth, 15 points out of 18. The points awarded for House Challenge Cup were: first - 3 points; second - 2 points; third - 1 point. Relay Race: First, 10 points. The points gained by each House were: Price 76½; Talbot, 61; Holgate, 59½. "Price" won the Challenge cup for the second year running.

In a speech, after the sports, the headmaster (Mr. A.G. Jenkinson) said he regretted the County Alderman and Mrs. Price (School Governors) had not been able to attend owing to a family bereavement. He thanked his entire staff for their efforts in making the sports a success, which they undoubtedly had been. He also congratulated the winners upon winning, and the losers upon their efforts to win which were more creditable considering the fact that no personal prizes were to be won.

Tea was served in the dining room, admirably catered for by Mr. & Mrs. Manning, the school caretakers. An exhibition of the scholars' work was held in Needlework, Woodwork and Art, some good work being on view, especially the drawings and paintings of Emma Bate. After tea a cricket match "Parents v. Boys," was played, in which the boys proved superior, the scores being: Boys, 82 runs, Parents, 57 runs.

1927

The Sixth Sports and Parents' Day, Wednesday July 20th 1927

Although the weather was inclined to be showery, the Sixth Annual Sports and Parents' Day at the school attracted a large number of visitors. The sports were held on the school playing fields which were bordered on three sides by tall trees. The local newspaper mentioned that the scholars "should consider themselves very fortunate that the school is so well equipped in this direction". Since the last sports, a new house, "Guest" House, had been formed, and had the honour of winning the Challenge Cup, with a total of 74 points, Talbot House was second with 73, Price House was third with 72, while Holgate House were so badly off for athletes that they could only amass 8 points. The "Victor Ludorum" Cups were won by Stanley Hawkesworth 14 points, and Jennie Hodgson 11 points. Records were broken in the following events:

440 yards scratch (boys),

300 yards scratch (girls),

Long Jump (boys). No prizes are awarded to the successful competitors.

Results [Names have been augmented where possible]

Girls 100 yards scratch, open	(1) K. Sayles (G) (2) E. Lee (G) (3) J. Fowler (T) - 13.4 secs.
Boys 100 yards scratch, open	(1) Stanley Hawkesworth (T) (2) Frank A. Rothera (G) (3) Harold Gorner (P) - 11.4 secs.
Boys 100 yards scratch, under 13	(1) Hodgson (G) (2) Pattison (P) (3) Breen (P) - 15 secs.
Girls 100 yards scratch, under 13	(1) K. Sayles (G) (2) D. Parkinson (G) (3) G. Wootton (T) - 11.4 secs.
Boys 100 yards scratch, under 15	(1) Senior N. (T) (2) Fred Williamson (T) (3) Miller (P) - 12.6 secs.
Girls 100 yards scratch, under 15	(1) E. Wilson (T) (2) S. Watkinson (P) (3) M. Parsonage (H) - 13.8 secs.
Boys Sack Race, open	(1) Hodgson (G) (2) Heywood A.V. (P) (3) Frank A. Rothera (G)
Girls High Jump, under 15	(1) B. Austin (P) (2) E. Wilson (T) (3) M. Parsonage (H) - 3ft. 10ins.
Boys 120 yards Hurdles, open	(1) Frank A. Rothera (G) (2) Harold Gorner (P) (3) Philip Bull (P)
Girls 120 yards Hurdles, open	(1) Jennie Hodgson (P) (2) Phyllis Addis (G) (3) J. Fowler (T) - 20 secs.
Boys 120 yards Hurdles, under 15	(1) Fred Williamson (T) (2) Miller (P) (3) Grayson (T) - 20 secs.
Girls 120 yards Hurdles, under 15	(1) K. Sayles (G) (2) S. Watkinson (P) (3) Nellie Leaver (G) - 21.8 secs.
Girls High Jump, open	(1) J. Fowler (T) (2) Jennie Hodgson (P) (3) W. Lee (T) - 3ft. 9ins.
Boys Four-Legged Race, open	(1) Hodgson & Co. (G) (2) Bowen & Co. (T) (3) Pickersgill & Co. (P).
Boys 220 yards scratch, open	(1) Stanley Hawkesworth (T) (2) Harold Gorner (P) (3) Frank Rothera (G) - 26.4 secs.
Boys 220 yards scratch, under 15	(1) Fred Williamson (T) (2) Miller (P) (3) Nelson (G) - 31.4 secs.
Girls 220 yards, under 15	(1) equal E. Wilson (T) & K. Sayles (G) (3) S. Watkinson (P)
Girls 220 yards scratch, open	(1) Jennie Hodgson (P) (2) J. Fowler (T) (3) B. Heath (P) - 34.4 secs.
Boys High Jump, open	(1) Fred Williamson (T) (2) equal Arthur Thorpe (G) & Warner C. (P) - 4ft 4½ ins.
Boys High Jump, under 15	(1) Fred Williamson (T) (2) Nelson (G) (3) Senior N. (T) - 4ft. 0½ins.
Girls Slow Bicycle Race, open	(1) G. Laycock (T) (2) N. Bower (P) (3) E. Austin (P)
Girls Wheelbarrow Race, open (P)	(1) M. Walker & Heywood (P) (2) Jennie Hodgson & Fullwood (P), (3) N. Chilton & Mellor
Boys 440 yards scratch, open previous record 64.4 secs.	(1) Stanley Hawkesworth (T) (2) Philip Bull (P) (3) Harold Gorner (P) - 61.8 secs -
Boys 440 yards scratch, under 15	(1) Fred Williamson (T) (2) John Mellor (P) (3) Clifford Morgan (G) - 74.2 secs.
Girls 300 yards scratch, open 58.4 secs.	(1) J. Fowler (T) (2) Doreen Schorah (G) (3) E. Wilson (T) - 42.6 secs - previous record
Girls Bunny Race, under 4ft. 9ins.	(1) G. Laycock (T) (2) H. Paley (T) (3) K. Bramley (T).
Girls Four-Legged Race, open	(1) J. Oakland & Co. (G) (2) G. Wootton & Co. (T) (3) Hilda Finch & Co. (H)
Boys Mile Handicap, open	(1) Taylor J. (G) (2) Thorpe A. (G) (3) Brian Harrison (G) - 5min. 35.6 secs.
Girls 300 yards Handicap, open	(1) S. Watkinson (P) (2) G. Wootton (T) (3) F. Hudson (G)
Old Girls' Race	(1) Freda Swaine (2) A. Bowler (3) G. Wootton.
Old Boys' Race	(1) Brooke (2) Kirk W.
Brothers' & Sisters' Race – Boys	B. Rappitt Girls - Millicent Wootton.
Relay Race	(1) Price House (2) Guest House (3) Talbot House.
Tug of War	Guest House.
Girls Long Jump, open	(1) Jennie Hodgson (P) (2) Ethel Gee (G) (3) Violet Dodds (T) - 13ft. 5ins.
Boys Long Jump, open previous record 15ft. 2ins.	(1) Philip Bull (P) (2) Stanley Hawkesworth (T) (3) Frank A. Rothera (G) - 15ft. 10ins.

Girls Long Jump, under 15
Boys Long Jump, under 15
Throwing the Cricket Ball, open

(1) M. Parsonage (H) (2) K. Sayles (G) (3) K. Barker (T) - 12ft. 3ins.
(1) Fred Williamson (T) (2) Taylor J. (G) (3) Heywood A.V. (P) - 13ft. 41/2ins.
(1) Stanley Hawkesworth (T) (2) Wright (H) (3) Arthur Thorpe (G) - 88 yards.

At the conclusion of the sports, Coun. Mrs. Dooley, J.P., distributed the awards. Holgate House seemed to have a poor representation among the competitors. The whole of the school was open for the visitors' inspection, and in the new hall an exhibition of the scholars' work in art, needlework and cookery was held. Some excellent exhibits were on view, especially in the cookery section, where a number of the articles looked very tempting. Conspicuous by its absence was the Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Prize Band, which owing to unforeseen circumstances, was not able to be present. A cricket match, Parents v. Boys, was held in the evening, resulting in a win for the boys, who declared at 91 for 4, to which the parents replied with 80 all out.

1928

The Seventh Sports and Parents' Day, Wednesday July 25th 1928

Guest House won the Challenge Cup for the second year running, with a total of 89 points at the annual sports, held in fine summer weather at the school. Many records were broken, most notably the throwing of the cricket ball by Stanley Hawkesworth, which exceeded the previous record of 94ft 1in. by a distance of 7ft. The awards were distributed by Mrs. G. Price, and in a brief speech, the Headmaster thanked Mrs. Price and the competitors. Throughout the afternoon, selections were rendered by the Frickley Band, and tea was served in the school dining room.

The Results

100 Yards scratch, girls, open:	1. Kathleen Sayles, 2. Ethel Gee, 3. J. Fowler. Time, 12 .5 secs (record).
100 Yards scratch, boys, open: (record)	1. Frank Rothera, 2. Stanley Hawkesworth, 3. Harold Gorner. Time, 10.5 secs.
100 Yards scratch, boys under 13:	1. Hodgson, 2. Walter Parsons, 3. George Woodall. Time, 14 secs. (record)
100 yards scratch, girls U13:	1. Muriel Bewick, 2. Grace Mills, 3. Estelle Rhodes. Time, 15 secs.
100 yards scratch, boys U15:	1. Harris, 2. Fred Williamson, 3. Donald McAllister. Time, 12 secs.(record)
100 Yards scratch, girls U15:	1. Mary Sutton, 2. Nancy Parsonage, 3. J. Cauldwell. Time, 14 secs(record).
Sack race, open, boys:	1. Albert V. Heywood 2. Horace K. Porter, 3. Frank A. Rothera.
High Jump, girls under 15:	1. Grace Mills, 2. Hannah McCroakam, 3. A. Leonard. Height 4ft.
120 Yards hurdles, open, boys:	1. Frank A. Rothera, 2. Harold Gorner, 3. Brian Harrison. Time, 16.1 secs.
120 Yards hurdles, open, girls: 20secs.	1. Kathleen Sayles, 2. Phyllis Addis, 3. Ethel Gee and J. Fowler, tie. Time,
120 Yards hurdles, boys U15:	1. Harris, 2. Fred Williamson, 3. Moss. Time, 18.5 secs. (record)
120 Yards hurdles, girls U15:	1. P. Bywater, 2. Eunice Allen, 3. Florence Hodgson Time, 21.5 secs. (record)
High Jump, open, girls:	1. J. Fowler, 2. Elizabeth Austin, 3. Jennie Hodgson. Height, 4ft. 5in. (record)
Four-legged race, open, boys: Thomas Hebden, 3. Norman Poole, Kemp and Ernest Townend.	1. John Taylor, Morris Gibson and Arthur Thorpe, 2. Hudson, Guest J.G. and
220 yards scratch, boys, open: (record)	1. Frank Rothera, 2. Stanley Hawkesworth, 3. Harold Gorner. Time, 25.5 secs.
220 Yards scratch, boys, U15:	1. Harris, 2. Fred Williamson, 3. Moss. Time, 29.5 secs. (record)
220 Yards scratch, girls, U15:	1. Mary Sutton, 2. Ivy Cauldwell, 3. M. Bower. Time, 34.5 secs.
220 Yards scratch, girls, open:	1. Kathleen Sayles, 2. Phyllis Addis, 3. J. Fowler. Time 32 secs. (record)
High Jump, boys, open; (record)	1. Frank A. Rothera, 2. Brian Harrison, 3. Harold Goulding. Height, 4ft. 10in.
High Jump, boys U15: 3ins. (record)	1. Fred Williamson, 2. Marlow, 3. Bernard Hemstock and Moss, tie. Height 4ft
Slow bicycle race, girls, open:	1. Marion Birkin, 2. M. Bower, 3. Grace Mills.
Wheelbarrow race, girls, open:	1. White and M. Highfield, 2. Heywood and M. Walker, 3. Walsh and Helen Penn.
440 Yards, scratch, boys, open:	1. Stanley Hawkesworth, 2. Frank A. Rothera, 3. Harold Gorner. Time, 61.5 secs.
440 Yards, scratch, boys U15:	1. Moss, 2. Bernard Hemstock, 3. Francis Time, 70.5 secs. (record)
Obstacle race, old girls:	1. Millicent Leaver, 2. Mary Sutton, 3. Nellie Leaver.
Bunny race (under 4ft, 9in), girls:	1. B. Hancock, 2. Edith Booth, 3. Joan Jagger.
Four-legged race, girls, open:	1. Vera Parton and Co., 2. Edna Law and Co., 3. Hannah McCroakam and Co.
Mile handicap, boys, open:	1. Taylor, 2. Stanley Hawkesworth, 3. Philip Bull. Time, 5min. 26.5 secs.(record)
Plant pot race, girls, open:	1. J. Webster, 2. S. Hawson, 3. P. Turner.
Old girls balance race:	1. Elsie Nicholson.
Old boys race, 100 yards:	1. James Smith. Time 10.5 secs.
Brothers' and Sisters' race:	1. M. Austin, Millicent Wootton.
Band race:	1. J. Webb, 2. S. Crow, 3. J. Hill.
House relay race:	1. Talbot
Tug-o'-war:	Guest House.
Long jump, girls, open:	1. Kathleen Sayles, 2. J. Fowler, 3. Lilian Dykes. 13ft. 9.25 in.
Long jump, boys, open:	1. Frank A. Rothera, 2. Brian Harrison, 3. Harold Goulding. 17ft. 5.5in. (record)
Long jump girls U15:	1. M. Parsonage, 2. D. Parkinson, 3. R. Fisher. 12ft. 4in.
Long jump boys U15:	1. Gordon Sterry, 2. Francis Walsh, 3. Moss. 13ft.3in.
Throwing the cricket ball: (record)	1. Stanley Hawkesworth, 2. Frank A. Rothera, 3. Reginald Clark. 100yards 1ft.
Swimming House relay race:	Holgate House.

The "Victor Ludorum" cups awarded for the most points in open scratch events went to Kathleen Sayles (girls) and Frank A. Rothera (boys) with 12 and 19 points respectively. The total House points scored by the respective School Houses were: Guest - 89, Talbot, 65, Price 43 and Holgate 40. The Boys v Parents cricket game was played during the evening, and the scores were: Parents 116, Boys 130 for 5.

1929

The Eighth Sports and Parents' Day, Wednesday July 24th 1929

A large crowd of spectators watched the events of the afternoon, with the classrooms open for inspection, and an exhibition of needlework, woodwork and art drawings on view in the Assembly Hall. The Headmaster requested that donors of Victor Ludorum Cups would come forward in order to keep alive the spirit of friendly rivalry between the Houses.

House Points Holgate 80, Guest 66, Talbot 55, Price 36.

Victor Ludorum cups Walter H. Wright (Head Boy of the school) and Kathleen Sayles.

Event	First	Second	Third	
100 yards girls, open:	Kathleen Sayles	Emily Wilson,	Ethel Gee	Time 15 secs.
100 yards boys, open:	Walter Wright,	Norman Senior	Sam Blackburn	Time 10.3 secs.(new record)
100 yards girls, U13:	W. Bower	A. Collinson	Muriel Hilton	Time 14 secs
100 yards boys, U15:	Thorpe	Hemlock	Marlow J.	Time 12 secs
100 yards girls, U15:	Mary Sutton	Dorothy Parkinson	Annie Dodd	Time 12 secs (new record)
Boys sack race:	Albert Heywood	Robert Wilson	Bramley	
Girls' High Jump U15:	Dorothy Parkinson	Marjorie Harrison	Marjorie Deane	Height 3ft 9 ins.
120 yards hurdles, boys:	Sam Blackburn	Fred Williamson	Arthur Thorpe	Time 17.2 secs
120 yards hurdles girls:	Kathleen Sayles	E. Wilson	Florence Hodgson	Time 19.1 secs (new record)
120 yards hurdles, boys U15:	Bernard Hemstock	Arthur Thorpe	Marlow	Time 19 secs.
120 yards hurdles, girls U15:	Mary Sutton	Sybil Howson	Alice Hinchcliffe	Time 21 secs (new record)
Girls' open High Jump:	J. Fowler	Grace Mills	Eunice Allen	Height 4ft 4 ins. (new record)
Four-legged race boys:	Guest House	Holgate	Guest	
220 yards boys:	Walter Wright	Sam Blackburn	Fred Williamson	Time 24.5 secs (new record)
220 yards boys U15:	Arthur Thorpe	Bernard Hemstock	John Jacques	Time 30 secs.
220 yards girls U15:	E. Sutton	Kathleen Liversedge		Time 35 secs
220 yards girls open:	Kathleen Sayles	E. Wilson	Marion Birkin	
Boys' High Jump:	Walter Wright	Arthur Thorpe	Senior	Height 4ft 10 ins
Boys' High Jump U15:	Marlow	Bernard Hemstock.	Arthur Thorpe	Height 4ft 2ins (new record)
Slow bicycle race girls:	J. Read	Marjorie Harrison	Rosalind Atkinson	
Wheelbarrow race, girls:	M. Walker and Heywood	Mary Jones and Hudson	M. Norton and Roebuck	
440 yards boys:	Walter Wright	Moss		Time 60 secs (new record)
440 yards boys U15:	Arthur Thorpe	Bernard Hemstock	Ernest Wright	Time 68.5 secs (new record)
Obstacle race, girls:	Kathleen Perry	Dorothy Rogers	A. Finch	
Bunny Race, girls:	Joan Jagger	G. Ramsden	M. Townend	
Four-legged race, girls:	Kathleen Sayles	Hannah McCroakam	E. Kirk	
Mile Handicap, boys:	Mellor	Taylor	Arthur Thorpe	Time 5mins 28.5 secs
Plant pot race, girls:	E. Nuttall	A. Chadwick	F. Senior	
Old Girls Egg and Spoon race:	Kathleen Thompson			
Old Boys 220 yards:	Harold Goner	Stanley Hawkesworth	William Kirk	Time 24 secs.
Brothers and Sisters race:	C. Wilson	M. Wainwright		
House Relay:	Holgate			
House Tug o' War:	Holgate			
Long Jump, girls:	Kathleen Sayles	Ethel Gee	Marion Birkin	13ft. 9ins.
Long Jump, boys:	Sam Blackburn	Fred Williamson	Morris Gibbon	16ft. 0ins
Long Jump U15 girls:	A. Hinchcliffe	Dorothy Parkinson	Marjorie Harrison	11ft 9ins.
Long Jump, U15 boys:	Bernard Hemstock	Francis	Hudson	15ft. 0ins.
Throwing the Cricket ball:	Clarke	Ellison	Fred Williamson	86yds 8ins.
House Relay Swimming:	Holgate			

Apart from being Victor Ludorum in 1929, Walter Wright achieved a high standard of play in his school cricket Team. The batting averages for the 1929 season reveal him at the head of the list, with an average of 38.1 runs for 19 innings. Reginald Clarke and Fred Williamson both averaged 20 for 20 innings each, with the latter heading the bowling averages with 77 wickets at a cost of 7.4 per wicket. Clifford Morgan had 30 wickets at a cost of 8 runs per wicket. Walter Wright accepted 15 catches during the season, and gained the school some recognition as a nursery for future sporting talent. Walter was the son of Mr. Alva Wright, the Clerk to the Hemsworth Urban Council.