

SHORT HISTORY OF BOLTONS C of E SCHOOL

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Boltons Church of England Primary School is in the village of Bolton Low Houses, but the original school building was situated a mile away in Bolton New Houses. The original building, which was built in 1854, ceased being used as a school in 1962 when our present school building was constructed. Over the years we have added to the site and the school building is now about three times bigger than when it was built in 1962. We have only recently replaced the old hall floor and windows, which in the 1960's would have been ultra-modern additions.

According to records the original school building in Bolton New Houses began to subside in 1926 when a lump of coal was dug out from underneath it by local men; this caused the playground to sink!

The old school building is now a private house.

The school held 150 year anniversary celebrations in July 2004 and we were delighted to welcome back many former pupils; they certainly noticed a few changes! The children were fascinated to hear their stories about school and were amazed at how different schooling was in the past.

The school was threatened with closure in the early 1980's, but thanks to the efforts of local people and pupils the school remained open. At that time the school roll was only 9- now we have 90 pupils so it was definitely worth saving.

We are very lucky to still have in school the original school clock, but sadly it no longer works.