Celebrating 65 Years
Girton Glebe Primary School

1951  2016
Saturday 7th July 1951, Girton Glebe School was officially declared open to an audience of 180 invited guests. The school designed by the County architect, Wilfred Wingate, was the first post war junior school to be built in Cambridgeshire.

“A modern school of which Girton and its school children can be very proud”.

The new school cost £ 39,854 to build and opened with 4 junior classes, dining room, staffroom and kitchen. 3 linked infant classrooms were added in 1957, larger infant classroom in 1962 and the hall and classroom added in 1968. In 2014, 2 new KS1 classrooms and toilets were built.

Michael Pease, then Chairman of Girton Parish Council, had been a great influence in making the new school a reality even carrying out a census of local babies in the village from 1949 to 1951 to provide the County Council with a number of likely entrants. These records are now held at Cambridgeshire archives.
Welcome

Girton Glebe was built in 1951, so this year we celebrate 65 years as our village's community primary school. Many have contributed to the school since its inception: as pupils, staff members, parents, grandparents, families, neighbours and visitors.

We are a friendly and inclusive school at the heart of our village and today is an opportunity for us to thank all those who have made our school a wonderful place for children to learn and grow.

A sincere thank you also to the Friends of Girton Glebe, for organising today's special events and celebrations.

Helen Scrivner
Headteacher
65th Anniversary Celebration Assembly
Thursday 7th July 2016 at 2.45pm

Order of assembly

Welcome

Anniversary Film – memories of the school

Pupils Summary of Activities – learning in the 1950’s

School Song

Address by Chair of Governors – Mrs Rowena Barnes

Photographic exhibition opening
A new school uniform was introduced, a very distinct blue colour blazer and cap with blue and gold strip ties. The uniform was very expensive and could only be bought from the uniform shop in town. Mrs Ayres taught class 6 and seen (below left) with the girls netball team. Mr. Cheason taught class 4 and was very artistic. Seen (below right) with the school football team who played on the recreation ground.
Mr. Brian Foot became the first headmaster at Girton Glebe and lived in the house next to the school. Mr Foot was very nice and treated everybody with great respect and retired in 1980 after more than 30 years as headmaster.

The school playground (below left) in 1950’s was grass and a gate lead out to the recreation ground. The new school was fitted with central heating, new furniture including school desks and even had a library.
The new kitchens at the school cooked for not only Girton children, but the surrounding schools too. In 65 years the school have had many long serving members of staff fondly remembered by all.

1970’s (top left) Dennis Cheason, Penny Cunnington, Nan White, Janet Harradine, Gill Brown, Alison Meek, Mrs Johnson, (front) Joy Man, Mrs Clayton, Roger Milner, Brian Foot, Jill Foot, Helen Cooper, Jean Wilson.

Doreen Tyrrel’s 40th year of service
Sue Reich retiring after 17 years
Headteachers

Brian Foot
1946 to 1980

Michael Madden
1980 to 1989 (seen left)

Susan Baker
1989 to 2004 (below right)

Philip Atkin
2004 to 2014 (below left)

Helen Scrivner
2014 to present
Fun days and Fetes.

The school held an annual Fete in July, the maypole making many appearances as it has today as part of the 65th celebration activities for the children of Girton Glebe.

Concerts would be held on the grass area behind the school which is now the reception play area, pond and forest area.

Sponsored swimming events popular in 1960’s. The children swam a total of 34 ½ miles in one day in the school pool which was built by local residents and staff during 1960 & 1961 and opened by Olympian, Herb Elliot. The pool is still in use today and enjoyed by the children.
Friends of Girton Glebe would like to thank all those who have given their time and shared their memories as we mark this special day.

Our thanks to Doreen Tyrrell, Janet Harradine, Graham Clare, Sue Reich, Naomi Whitworth, Linda Miller, Gilly O’Brien, Brian Johnson, Revd Barbara Johnson, Joy Cakebread, Winifred Wicks, Jenny Knights, Vanessa Goodchild, Jo McEvoy, Jack Stevens, Emily White, Phoebe Mclachlan, The Cotton Hall Trustees, Nathan Timothy, Gary Ryan, Girton WI, Rowena Barnes, Paul Smith at the Co-op, Lynnda Osborne, Sharon McGinty and Susan Lomax.

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