

1868	1884				1980	1990	2015
An elementary school was built in Billingham to hold up to 168 pupils	A second elementary school was built to hold more children				Our school was built	Your parents were born	Lafford High School demolished

Key Vocabulary

Elementary School	Grants were given by the government to build the first schools in England to give basic education to all pupils
Victorian	During the reign of Queen Victoria

Knowledge

Boys and girls were generally separated in Victorian Elementary Schools having their own entrance and playground. Were taught in the same classroom at times but sat separately.

Classes often began with the teacher writing learning on a chalk board which children copied into their books. A lot of teaching was repetition. Learning names, dates or reciting times tables.

Punishment – the cane was used on the hand or bottom or on the back of the legs. Anything that displeased the teacher could be punished. Also you could get lines or detention. You may have to stand in a corner with a dunce's hat on. Even left handed children were punished and made to use their right hand to write with.

Equipment: slate – small chalkboard and wrote on it with a slate pencil. Older children had a book and they dipped a pen into ink which was in an inkwell.

Lessons: the 3 Rs. **Reading Writing, Arithmetic** was the focus. Also did Religion. Arithmetic was doing tables and sums. Abacus was used to help children.
