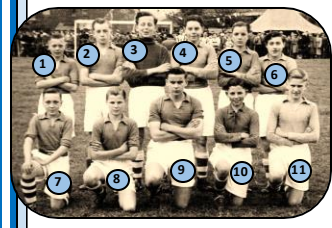


# BRILLIANT FOOTBALLERS!

Joe Livesey remembers playing in Inskip's 'Under 15's' football team, known simply as 'Inskip School', and explained that they kept winning because they had such a lot of boys of just the right age. Their trainer was Joe's Uncle, Dick Livesey, from Walker House.

The showground photo below shows the 1951 winning team.



1. John Chippendale
2. Peter Stuart
3. Colin Cowperthwaite
4. Alan Swarbrick
5. Bob Stuart
6. Jean Hulican
7. Colin Parkinson
8. Tom Catterall
9. Robert Cooper
10. John Gaskell
11. Winston Gorst
12. Ronnie Taylor

In 1952 after Alan Swarbrick had left school, Bill Cummings took his place. This was their 'Wonder Year', when they won **The Garstang Shield, The Gt. Eccleston Show Cup & The Hambleton Cup!**

The team is shown below, outside the school, with the Garstang Shield.



1. Clifford Whitehead
2. Peter Stuart
3. Colin Cowperthwaite
4. Jackie Cooper
5. Joe Livesey
6. Bill Cummings
7. David Cooper
8. Jim Livesey
9. David Thornton
10. David Nuttall
11. Jack Chippendale

**13th October 1952: 'Whist Drive and Dance and Presentation of Garstang Shield, Hambleton Cup (Rycroft) and Gt Eccleston Show Cup to David Thornton, captain of the School Football Team. Miniature cups were also presented to members of the team by Mr Ken Horton, of Preston North End.'**

They each received a medal for the Garstang Shield win, which Mr Walmsley had had engraved with their names.

# POPULATION 1951 - 471

# 1950-1960

In July 1950 Miss Parker resigned her position as Infant Teacher and, later that year, she married Thomas Gardner at St. Anne's, Copp.

## Inskip Juniors & Seniors December 1950



1. John Livesey
2. Jim Livesey
3. Jim Maxfield
4. Alan Swarbrick
5. Bob Stuart
6. Jean Hulican
7. Colin Parkinson
8. Tom Catterall
9. Robert Cooper
10. John Gaskell
11. Winston Gorst
12. Ronnie Taylor

13. David Cooper
14. Ken Taylor
15. Daisy Nuttall
16. Ethel Livesey
17. David Nuttall
18. Frank Parkinson
19. Joe Livesey
20. Jackie Cooper
21. Clifford Whitehead
22. Teddy Cooper
23. David Livesey
24. Brian Maxfield

25. John Brown
26. Jean Cowperthwaite
27. Vera Cookson
28. Dorothy Chippendale
29. Barbara Cummings
30. Joan Brown
31. Mary Catterall
32. Joan Parkinson
33. Violet Chippendale
34. Unknown
35. Margaret Stuart
36. Ruth Dyke

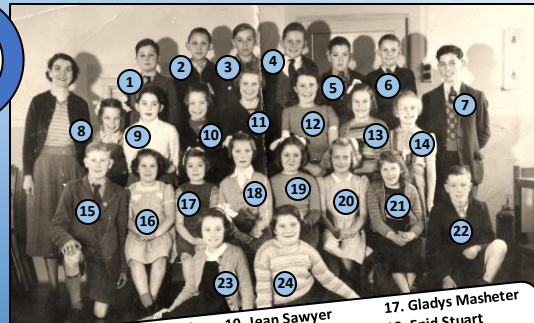
## More Coronation Celebrations 1953



**A NEW QUEEN!**  
Following the death of her father, King George VI, in February 1952, Queen Elizabeth II was crowned on June 2nd 1953. Inskip's Coronation Celebration, organised by the Parish Council, took place on Saturday 13th June. 'Vera Cookson, a scholar, crowned as Coronation Queen.'

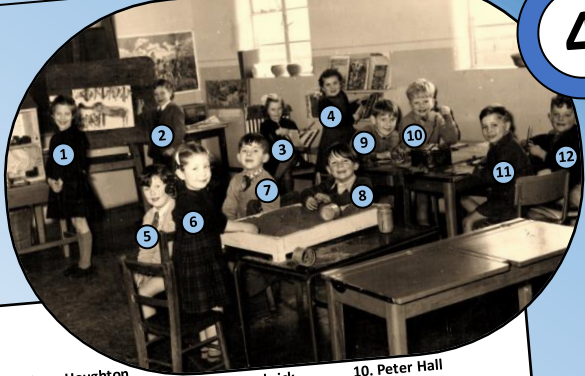
1. Barbara Cummings
2. Ethel Livesey
3. Mary Catterall
4. Vera Cookson
5. Kathleen Parkinson
6. Joan Brown
7. Jean Cowperthwaite
8. Billy Brown
9. Betty Swarbrick
10. Jennifer Swarbrick
11. Elizabeth Roskell

## Juniors & Seniors 24th June 1953



1. Robert Maxfield
2. Keith Widdows
3. Colin Parkinson
4. Ken Taylor
5. Eddie Gaskell
6. John Brown
7. David Nuttall
8. Mildred Cookson
9. Anne Stuart
10. Jean Sawyer
11. Joyce Sawyer
12. Jean Cowperthwaite
13. Mary Barron
14. Kathleen Thistlethwaite
15. Tommy Catterall
16. Mary Cooper
17. Gladys Masheter
18. Enid Stuart
19. Margery Smith
20. Margaret Livesey
21. Ethel Catterall
22. Bobby Livesey
23. Dorothy Roskell
24. Violet White

## Infants in their new classroom 24th June 1953



1. Barbara Houghton
2. Robert Cookson
3. Jean Whalley
4. Jennifer Swarbrick
5. Nigel Hall
6. Betty Swarbrick
7. Malcolm Mynott
8. Mervyn Cummings
9. Derek Cray
10. Peter Hall
11. Billy Brown
12. John Eccleston

# BUILDING CONDEMNED

As early as 1935 Inspectors had complained about the school building: 'Infants' room too small ..... cloakroom accommodation very inadequate.'

In 1947 when the RN Station closed down, the vicar had approached the Admiralty Surveyor to investigate 'any possibility of securing the buildings known as the GCI site for the purpose of alternative school premises.....'

By 1950 the school building was over 100 years old - there were problems with dry rot and a leaking roof and a very poor Hygiene inspection report ..... 'present school condemned'

## Inskip Infants December 1950



1. ? Chippendale
2. Joyce Sawyer
3. Jean Sawyer
4. Robert Maxfield
5. Margaret Livesey
6. Walter Danson
7. Edward Gaskell
8. ? Chippendale

9. Keith Widdows
10. Tonia Leach
11. Alan Eccleston
12. Mildred Cookson
13. Jackie Dobson
14. Mary Cooper
15. Bobby Livesey
16. Anne Stuart

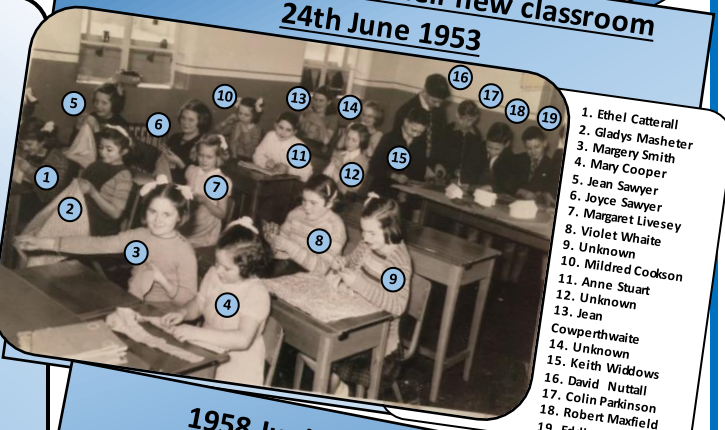
## & A NEW BUILDING!

**Tuesday 19th May 1953**  
The new school building was formally opened.



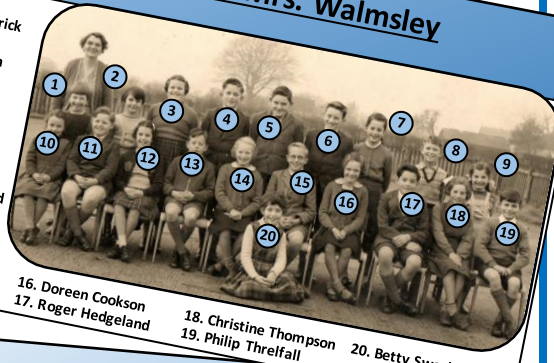
The Bishop of Blackburn dedicated the building and Lord Derby unlocked the main doors with a silver key.

## Juniors & Seniors in their new classroom 24th June 1953



1. Ethel Catterall
2. Gladys Masheter
3. Margery Smith
4. Mary Cooper
5. Jean Sawyer
6. Joyce Sawyer
7. Margaret Livesey
8. Violet White
9. Unknown
10. Mildred Cookson
11. Anne Stuart
12. Unknown
13. Jean Cowperthwaite
14. Unknown
15. Keith Widdows
16. David Nuttall
17. Colin Parkinson
18. Robert Maxfield
19. Eddie Gaskell

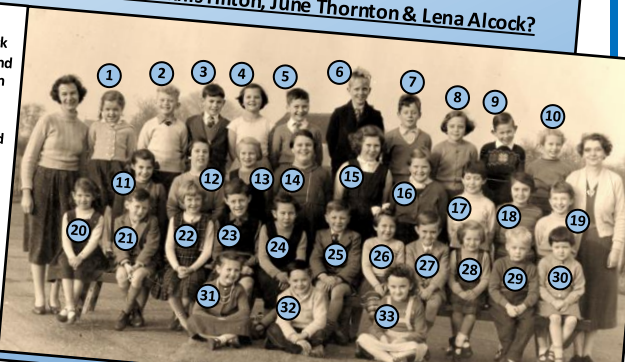
## 1958 Juniors and Mrs. Walmsley



1. Susan Swarbrick
2. Judith Smith
3. Lynn Eccleston
4. John Eccleston
5. John Stuart
6. Dennis Hilton
7. June Thornton
8. William Mallen
9. Ann Threlfall
10. Penny Hedgeland
11. Jimmy Hall
12. Ruth Eccleston
13. John Thornton
14. Barbara Cookson
15. Billy Livesey

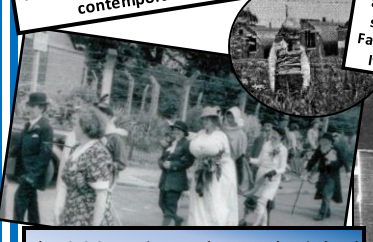
## 1959 Whole School

With Mrs Walmsley and Miss Wilson but where are Jimmy Hall, Dennis Hilton, June Thornton & Lena Alcock?



1. Christine Brown
2. Eric Smith
3. Philip Threlfall
4. Christine Cielecki
5. Bill Sawyer
6. Billy Livesey
7. John Thornton
8. Paula Cielecki
9. Michael Stuart
10. Sandra Parr
11. Ann Threlfall
12. Ruth Eccleston
13. Barbara Cookson
14. Lynn Eccleston
15. Margery Alcock
16. Brenda Taylor
17. Betty Swarbrick
18. Judith Smith
19. Susan Swarbrick
20. Penny Hedgeland
21. Robert Eccleston
22. Stephanie Pritchard
23. Roger Hedgeland
24. Elaine Eccleston
25. David White
26. Sandra Eccleston
27. Bill Ward
28. Christine Cookson
29. Jodie Brown
30. Ruth Porter
31. Christine Threlfall
32. David Bamber
33. Pat Hilton

**Displaced Persons Camp still there** and can be clearly seen in the background of contemporaneous photographs



In the early 1950s David Cooper and his brothers, shown in the Farm, shown on the aerial photo. It has since been demolished

**NEW HOUSES**  
Derby Crescent built in 1950 the first 8 houses of Derby Crescent were completed. Then in 1952/53 a further 16 were built. Miss Seed, who became the new Infant Teacher in September 1950, married in 1952 and became Mrs Eccles. She and her husband moved into one of the new houses.

**9th September 1958**  
Garstang Secondary Modern School opened for lessons!

**RNLI Inskip**  
On 12th January 1959, the site previously known as HMS 'Midget' was opened as the Royal Naval Wireless Station, Inskip. It had about 90 masts and aerials scattered across the airfield and was used for ship to shore radio communications. Four of the masts are 600 feet high.

# New Kitchen

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Since the new school building opened in 1953, school dinners had been served in the school hall. The meals were prepared at a Central Kitchen and transported to Inskip in the School Meals' Van.

By January 1960 discussions were taking place between the School Managers and the Education Authority concerning 'the proposed provision of a **SCHOOL KITCHEN**, to be built on to (& using a portion of) the existing scullery.'

## June 9<sup>th</sup> 1961,

Mrs Dyke, 'canteen worker, ceased duties today after 13 years work at this school. Miss Jillings commenced duties as canteen worker (temporary appointment).'

(Miss Marjorie Jillings was a former pupil – look for her on the Summer 1908 photo.)

## November 27<sup>th</sup> 1961:

'School dinners cooked in school kitchen for the first time. Miss Hodgkinson cook.'

## March 1962:

'Mrs Eccleston commenced duties as Welfare Worker & Assistant in dining room.' (Mrs Olive Eccleston)

## June 1962:

'Mrs Whitehead commenced duty as cook. Dinners cooked at school.'

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## 'Wedding Breakfast'

In April 1965, Miss Boyce, the Infant Teacher, married Mr Les Ansell. To celebrate the occasion Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Eccleston made a special 'Wedding Breakfast' with a large cake for all the children to enjoy.

### The photo shows:

Mrs Olive Eccleston Welfare Worker & Dining Room Assistant  
Mrs Mary Whitehead Cook  
Mrs Ansell Infant Teacher  
Mrs Winifred Walmsley Head Teacher

### Children:

1. Christopher Bradshaw 7. Janet Preston  
2. Thomas Thompson 8. Ruth Green  
3. Bill Ward 9. Alison Roskell  
4. Christine Cookson 10. Anne Swarbrick  
5. Duncan Cooper 11. Gillian Carey  
6. Colin Carey 12. Ian Thornton



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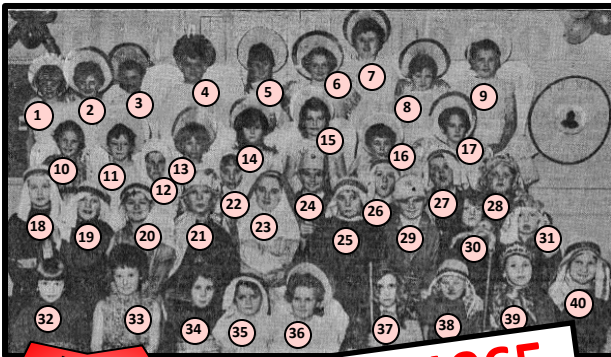
# 1960-1970

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## 18th December 1963: A Nativity Play

A photo was published by the 'Preston Guardian' and Mrs Walmsley was quoted as saying, 'In the past we have not had a Nativity Play, but merely had a Carol Service in school which has sometimes been recorded and played back at the church Carol Service. This year we decided to perform a play and it has proved very successful.'

- Jennifer Smith
- Unknown
- Janet Porter
- Bill Ward (Angel Gabriel)
- Unknown
- Christine Cookson
- Margaret Parr
- Unknown
- Sandra Eccleston
- Unknown
- Unknown
- Anne Whitehead
- Alison Roskell
- Unknown
- Anne Swarbrick
- Unknown
- Unknown
- Unknown
- Unknown



- Andrew Walker? (King)
- Jane Alcock (Elizabeth)
- Pat Hilton (Mary)
- Tom Hilton? (King)
- Michael Drew (Joseph)
- Robert Eccleston (Simeon)
- David White
- James Porter (King)
- David Thornton
- Unknown
- Unknown
- Anna Brown
- Unknown
- Maureen Eccleston
- Unknown
- June Thompson
- Unknown
- Unknown
- John Thompson

Do you remember everyone having to do their corrections by Friday Dinner Time or we couldn't go out for games?

## GAMES ON THE FRONT FIELD!

November 1959: 'All Managers mentioned the kindness of Mr Robert Swarbrick of Inskip Lodge in granting the use of his field in front of the school for games including Football (with new Goal Posts complete)..... We highly appreciate all his tremendous help to our School.'

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## MARCH 1965

HOUSED in a converted Naval Radar Station, Inskip Church of England Primary School is the smallest yet visited by the 'Spotlight' team. There are only 31 pupils and the total since the School's foundation in 1959.

The explanation for this, according to Mrs. W. Walmsley, the head teacher, is that there has been a drift away from the farming industry toward more English than they district to take other jobs.

'She has been at the school for over 20 years and has a refreshing outlook on teaching. She said: "We think that children in this part of the world are going to speak more English than they will ever write, so we try and teach them to speak properly."

Mrs. Walmsley believes in giving youngsters responsibility before they start their secondary education. For this reason there are school prefects, the school's first-time use of any young people to be involved in the running of the school. They are brought up in a clearly laid out manner, so that if necessary they should be able to take over the school if necessary. They are encouraged to write their own plays and given the opportunity to perform them as well. We saw several kids rehearsing a scene from "Emergency Ward Nine" in full hospital costume with make-believe injuries wrapped in bandages.

Another subject given encouragement is model-making – and the boys were busily engaged making a Norman village. "Fear of St. Peter's Church," the Rev. J. Green visits the school once a week to take assembly and religious instruction.

Children are eagerly looking forward to Parents' Day in July, when they will write a new play under Mrs. Walmsley's guidance, and perform it.

The only other teacher is Miss J. Boyce, of Cleveleys. It is her first appointment since leaving Training College, and she is to be married next week.

### Enthusiastically Making a Norman Village

- Left to right  
Tom Hilton  
John Thompson  
Robert Eccleston  
James Porter  
David de la Plain  
Michael Thornton  
Keith Eccleston



### Making baskets for Mothering Sunday

- left to right  
Maureen Eccleston  
Alison Roskell  
Stephen Pye  
Anne Swarbrick  
Unknown  
June Eccleston



# DOUBLE PAGE IN GARSTANG COURIER!

# Modernisation

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**FIRST EVER SCHOOL CLERK**  
9th May 1960: 'Mrs Hardman commenced duties as school clerk.' The paperwork was increasing and Mrs Walmsley was busy teaching the juniors all day, every day, so she needed a little help with things like 'dinner money' and 'bank money'. I think I remember Mrs Hardman working at school for just one day a week.

The **RADIO** and big grey **TAPE RECORDER** were in full use throughout the sixties.

1964 St Martin's College opened, founded by the Church of England. From then on, Inskip School welcomed students on Teaching Practice.

### A Time For Reading

- Left to right  
Alan Thompson  
Unknown  
Christopher Bradshaw



- left to right  
Sandra Eccleston  
Unknown  
Carolyn de la Plain  
Margaret Parr  
Jane Alcock



### Children's Own Production, 'Emergency in Ward 9'

### After PT

(As it was then known)



- Top: David de la Plain  
Keith Eccleston  
Front: James Porter  
Tom Hilton  
Michael Thornton  
Robert Eccleston  
John Thompson



- left to right  
Unknown  
June Thompson  
Christine Cookson  
Jennifer Smith

### Tea Time in the Wendy House

(Not known as the Home Corner yet!)



- Left to right: Duncan Cooper  
Gillian Carey  
Thomas Thompson  
Ruth Green

### NAVY PERSONNEL

By the time RNWS Inskip was commissioned as HMS Inskip on 21st March 1966, staff and children were accustomed to welcoming Navy children. The Admiralty Estate, as it was then known, along with the 2 detached houses near to the School House on the main road, had originally been built for Navy families in the late 1950s. (These 2 houses stand either side of what had been the original entrance to the displaced persons camp.)

## Garstang Music Festival

20th March 1963:

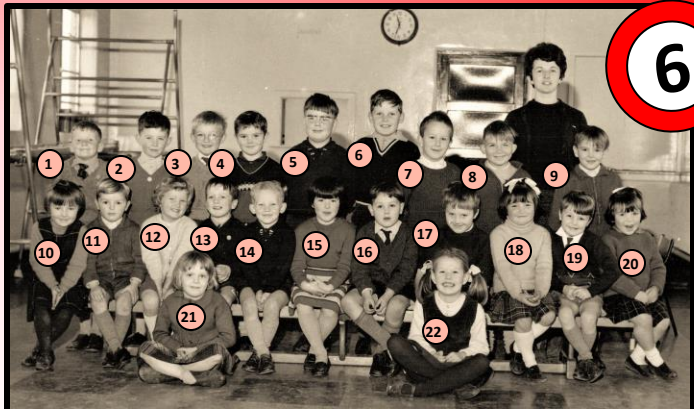
'Children from school choir attended Garstang County Secondary School for rehearsal for Choir Festival.'

3rd April 1963:

'Music Festival at Garstang County Secondary School at 7.30 pm.'

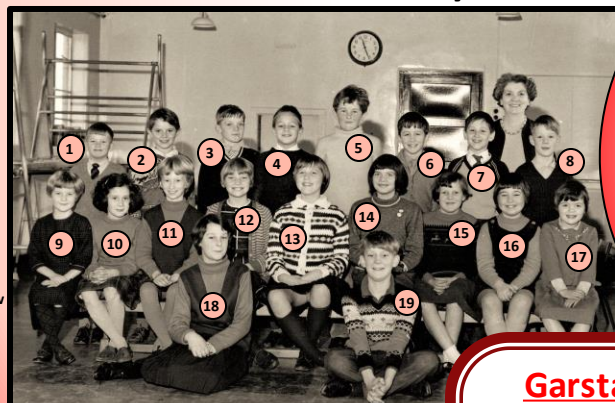
## December 1966 Infants & Mrs Ansell

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- Jimmy Large
- Alan Stuart
- Andrew Cummings
- Peter Thornton
- Duncan Cooper
- Thomas Thompson
- Neil Richardson
- John Rimmer
- Andrew Livesey
- Julie Thrallfall
- John Livesey
- Karen Large
- Michael Kirby
- David Hargreaves
- Janet Pye
- Stephen Catterall
- Geoffrey Cummings
- Yvonne Rimmer
- Mark Green
- Susan Rimmer
- Pauline Eccleston
- Gillian Bradshaw

## December 1966 Mrs Walmsley & Juniors



- Billy Large
- Ian Thornton
- Alan Thompson
- Unknown
- Jeremy Coleman
- Colin Carey
- Stephen Pye
- Christopher Bradshaw
- Ruth Green
- Maureen Eccleston
- Alison Roskell
- Jennifer Smith
- June Eccleston
- Gail Ogden
- June Thompson
- Anne Swarbrick
- Gillian Carey
- Janet Preston
- Keith Eccleston

### Sept. 1968

'Mrs Anne Bradshaw commenced duties as cook and Mrs Cynthia Eccleston as cook's assistant and welfare worker.'

### Sept. 1968

'Miss Jean Burton took up her appointment as Infants' Teacher.'

### October 1969

Miss Burton married and became Mrs Goodier.