

# The History of Five Ways

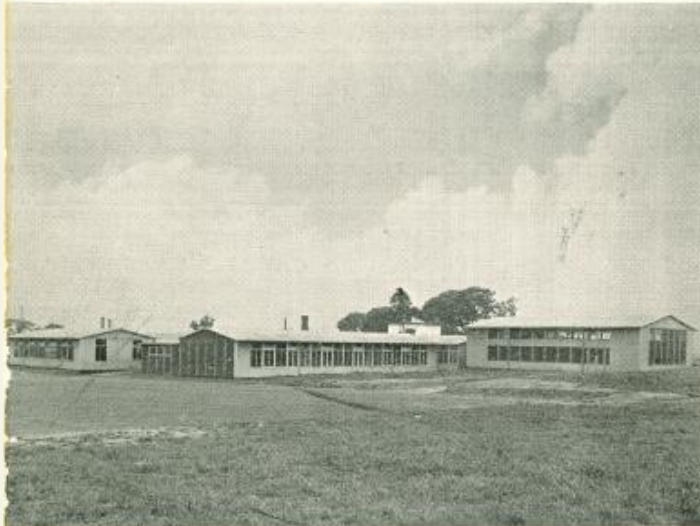
70 years

1954 - 2024

Heath Hayes 271  
at home

COUNTY COUNCIL OF STAFFORDSHIRE  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CANNOCK CHASE DIVISIONAL EXECUTIVE  
HEATH HAYES COUNTY JUNIOR SCHOOL



**OFFICIAL OPENING**

by

**Councillor J. A. Robson**

Chairman of the Staffordshire County Education  
Committee,

at 7-0 p.m. on

**Monday, 28th June, 1954**

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Official opening  
on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1954.

The school was  
called Heath Hayes  
County Junior  
School

## Order of Proceedings

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Chairman: ALDERMAN A. HAMPTON, O.B.E., J.P. (Chairman  
of the Cannock Chase Divisional Executive).

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1. Hymn "City of God How Broad and Far."
  2. Chairman's Introductory Remarks.
  3. COUNCILLOR J. A. ROBSON  
will declare the School open.
  4. Dedicatory Prayers by the Rev. A. Hulse.
  5. Songs by the Children.
  6. Vote of Thanks.  
  
*Proposed by Mrs. E. Jones, C.C., Chairman of the Cannock  
Urban District Council, and of the Managers of the School.*
  7. Closing Prayers by the Rev. A. P. Sanders.
  8. The National Anthem.
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*Light Refreshments will be served and the School Building  
will be open for inspection at the close of the Ceremony.*

## Cannock Heath Hayes County Primary School

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For a number of years the Heath Hayes County Primary Junior and Infants Schools suffered damage as a result of subsidence through mining operations and in the early part of 1951 this damage was so serious that it became necessary to vacate the premises and provide temporary accommodation for the children. In June of that year the National Coal Board and the Authority's Mining Consultant agreed that there was little likelihood of further damage to the Infants' School and steps were taken to reinstate the premises in order that they could again be taken into use. The case of the Junior School was however more serious and in view of the fact that the expert opinion was to the effect that further substantial damage to the premises was inevitable, and that approximately three years would elapse before the buildings could be available for use, the Authority approached the Ministry of Education with a proposal that a new school should be erected to replace the existing Junior Department. The Ministry were reluctant to agree with this proposal until the possibility of repairing the existing premises had been fully explored, and negotiations with the Coal Board on this matter were somewhat protracted. However, in July, 1952, the Ministry agreed to the inclusion of a replacement school in the Authority's building programme.

The question of providing a suitable site for the new school presented serious difficulties in view of the fact that the whole area was liable to subsidence and when agreement on the site was reached it was apparent that traditional building was not practicable. It was therefore obvious that the lightest possible form of construction must be adopted and the Authority decided that the school be in prefabricated aluminium, erected on a strongly reinforced concrete raft and divided into units as a precaution against uneven settlement.

The school is extremely interesting and is the latest development of a form of prefabricated aluminium construction designed and executed by the Bristol Aeroplane Company which has been extensively used in this country and abroad for schools, housing, hospitals, etc. The walls consist of units which comprise an aluminium outer skin and a hardboard inner lining the space between being packed with glasswool. The components of the roofs are similarly prefabricated but in this case the lining is also of aluminium. The inner packing of glasswool ensures that the thermal insulation is as high as in normal brick construction. Flat roofs are constructed with a special form of insulating slab covered with roofing felt. The finishing of the school is in accordance with normal standards; the Assembly Hall floor being of wood blocks while the classroom floors are linoleum. The heating is a normal low pressure installation with a separate domestic hot water system and the school is lighted by electricity.

The accommodation provided consists of an Assembly Hall, Kitchen, Dining Room, eight Classrooms, Head Teacher's Room, Staff Room and Medical Inspection Room, together with lavatory and sanitary facilities and the school is intended to serve 320 pupils.

The portion of the site not occupied by buildings will be laid out as playing fields and ornamental grounds by the Authority's Playing Fields and Grounds Department.

*Architects:*

WESTWOOD SONS & HARRISON, Baker Street, London, W.1.

*in collaboration with*

A. C. H. STILLMAN, F.R.I.B.A.,  
Architect and Surveyor, Staffordshire Education Committee.

*Contractors:*

BRISTOL AEROPLANE CO. (WESTON) LTD.,  
Oldmixon, Weston-super-Mare.

*Principal Sub-Contractors:*

General Building Works — GILBERT ASH LTD., COVENTRY.  
Heating Installation — C. MANTON & SON LTD.,  
Walsall.  
Electrical Installation — C. A. & W. J. POSTINGS LTD.,  
Wolverhampton.

Mr R. W. EVANS  
Headmaster from 1933 - 1956



Died 26 March 1980 86+ R. W. Evans

Headmaster 1933 - 1956



# Teachers from 1954



Mr. Smith, Faulkner Orme Savage  
Miss Hackwood Mr. Evans Miss Bevington.  
(Mrs. Yates.)

1954.

# Teachers from 1957



1957

Mr. Smith

Mr. L. Falkner

Mrs. Evans

Mrs. Kingan

Jr. Haycock

Mrs. H. Orme

Mrs. J. Woods

# Teachers from 1958 - 1959



1958 - 59

Back

Mr. Stanley Culshaw, Faulkner

Front

Mr. Orme, Mrs Woods, Mr Haycock

Mrs Knegers Mrs Evans



HEADMASTER AND SCHOOL BATHS ASSOCIATION  
OF THE JUNIOR MIXED SCHOOL HEATH HAYES

*request the pleasure of the company of*

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at the  
**OFFICIAL OPENING**  
of their  
**SWIMMING POOL**

by

A. W. G. WESTON, ESQ.

(Immediate Past President of the English Swimming Association)

at 3 p.m.

**SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE, 1962**

*A Garden Party will be held in the School Grounds after the opening*

Hill Street,  
Heath Hayes

Retirement of the Headmaster, Mr H Orme in July 1973.







May 1975  
Teachers at Five  
Ways Junior Mixed  
Infant School

"Five Ways" J.M.I. May 1975.

Mrs. Tavret Mr. Kieffugie Miss Deakin, Anslow, Mrs Gibson  
Mrs Okunwa, Mrs Dutton, Mrs Evans (Clerk)

Front Row.

Mrs Quiruga, Mrs Francis Mr. Blackford  
Mr Haycock, Mrs Johns, Miss Dangerfield.

Official opening of Five Ways swimming hall in July 1976

FIVE WAYS SCHOOL  
Official opening of  
**FIVE WAYS  
SCHOOL  
SWIMMING HALL**  
by  
**GWILYM ROBERTS M.P.**  
3p.m.  
saturday  
july 17<sup>th</sup> 1976 2p





The Opening



Children take  
a first swim  
watched by  
Parents.



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1976.

- 17<sup>th</sup> May. Managers meeting for a Scale 2 Post. Given to Mrs. Jarrett.
- 19 " Managers meeting. Mr. K. Gouge appointed to Scale 2 Post.
- 29 " Party of children to Holland under leadership of Mr. Blackford.
- 18 June. Swimming course for teachers held in School Baths. Organised by Mr. Williams of P.E Dept.
- 23 " School Play "Oliver" put on for parents. Produced by Mrs. Gibson & Mr. Blackford.
- 1 July. Sports Day.
- 17<sup>th</sup> " Official opening of new Swimming Hall by Mr. Gwilym Roberts M.P. Garden Party raised £412! Very successful day. (See pictures opp.)
- 21 " School closed for Summer holidays.

1<sup>st</sup> July 1976 - Sports Day

17<sup>th</sup> July 1976 - Official opening of the new swimming hall.



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1977

- 23 May Dental Inspection.
- 26 ~ Visit to Staffs Agricultural Show 4<sup>th</sup> yr.
- 30 ~ Medical Insp. started
- 31 ~ School Sports.
- 2 June Half Term Break.
- 13 ~ Medical Inspections  
Art Competition for Queens Jubilee  
organised by Village Com.
- 22 ~ Jubilee Celebrations  
First & 2nd Years took part  
in a historical pageant - (see pictures)  
Third & 4<sup>th</sup> Yrs took part in Maypole  
Dancing and a Gym Display  
on the school lawns.  
The new flag pole, given to the  
school by Mr. Sam Barber, was  
used for the first time.  
The Infants Dept took part in  
a Fancy Dress Parade and also  
a historical sketch.  
All the above events were  
well attended by parents & the

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1977 -  
Dental Inspections

22<sup>nd</sup> June 1977 -  
Jubilee celebrations

Celebrating the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977.  
25 years since Elizabeth II became Queen.









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Queen  
Elizabeth  
✓ Sir Walter  
Raleigh.





1977

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Fourth Year  
P.C. Display  
also showing the  
new flag & mast  
presented to the  
school by  
Mr. Sam. Barber.

The flag was  
stolen two weeks  
later!





Miss Ivy Bates  
our school cook  
wearing the  
Tribute Medal  
presented to her  
for her work in  
school meals.



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1980

26 March to help Vietnamese children  
Attended the funeral of Mr. Robert Evans  
who was Headmaster here prior to me  
Mr. Evans was in his 87<sup>th</sup> year.

28<sup>th</sup> - Presented cheque for £1,000 to  
sponsor training of a Guide Dog  
for the Blind. Mr Whittle & his dog  
received the cheque on behalf  
of the Association. Money was  
raised by a "Sponsored Spell"  
Mrs Millard, general assistant in  
the kitchen retired, after 15 years service

Mr Whittle  
& his dog!





Expansion of Five Ways. The building of the  
Early Years Department in 1996



November 1996

December 1996





December 1996

January 1997







January 1997

February 1997





● (From left) Dr Wright, Roy Bowers and Cllr Merry on the overspill site. (Pic:C97-272-21)

## More classrooms underway

**FIVE** Ways Primary School, Heath Hayes, has extended its classroom facilities to cope with the growing numbers of children.

Despite a vigorous campaign by local councillors and residents, the Government has turned down requests

for a new school to be built to cater for the influx of children from new estates.

But last week Cannock and Burntwood MP Dr Tony Wright paid a visit to the school to see two new classrooms.

He said the extension was made pos-

sible thanks to the efforts of Cllr Mrs Joyce Merry who negotiated with Staffordshire County Council officers and members to secure the cash.

Dr Wright met Cllr Merry, who is chairman of the school governors, on site with headteacher Roy Bowers.





April 1997



# The Early Years official opening in January 2001



Celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002.  
50 years since Elizabeth II became Queen.







Whole school photograph celebrating 50 years  
of Five Ways in 2004.



Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.  
70 years since Elizabeth II became Queen.



Plant a tree for the  
Jubilee



Whole School photograph for the  
Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.





Whole school photograph celebrating 70 years  
of Five Ways in 2024