SCHOOLS
In 1844 Sir Henry Fletcher Bart., as a benevolent local landowner, built the first village school (now the Old School House on the Worthing Road).

At first there were forty pupils, and by the following year there were twenty-five girls and an equal number of boys. The first paid schoolmaster was Mr Henry Chapman, whose motto was, "work well and play well". Mrs J Penfold was the schoolmistress. Infants were also being admitted by 1876.

To accommodate the increasing number of children, the school building was extended in 1888 - the large room and School House being erected by the Rev H S Barwell, and the north wing by the Rev N Andrews, both vicars of Southwater. By 1899 the average number of children attending had risen to 96. The average attendance between 1903 and 1904 was 90, including 33 infants.

By 1905 the School had outgrown its premises and a new School to accommodate 140 pupils was built on the opposite side of the Worthing Road and opened in October of that year. The picture over the page was taken before the ceremonial walk across the road to the new school.

The second picture over the page was taken when the average attendance was 123.

1905 Photo thanks to Jill King
The 1905-1969 school building on the east side of Worthing Road.