



# Francis Askew Primary Academy

## Visitors' Comments



Name	Comment	Date
Dorothy Stone (nee Braham)	This part of the school was new then.	Jan 1951 – Dec 1960
Linda Lates (nee Calder)	Best school ever	1963 - 1969
Jean Smith (nee Vale)	Happy times	1963 - 1969
Janet Roche (nee Wells)	Good school	1957 - 1960
Kay Ballantyne (nee Wells)	Good school	1957 - 1958
Jenna Wordingham	Great school	1990 - 1996
Stephanie Miller (nee Lasher)	Happy memories!	1976 - 1981
Sharon Storey (nee Moat)	Fantastic memories	1978 -
Sharon Green (nee Ojisker)	Best school ever!	---
Connie S....	Memorable – certainly up market now. (Teacher)	1972 - 1982
Jean Hoave	Excellent art exhibition and warm welcome!	---
Maureen Taylor (nee Esam)	---	1957
Christine Court (nee Esam)	Many happy times & memories	1956 - 1966
Vicky Connolly	Great school, good times & memories	1984 - 1992
Jane Leese (nee Wooldridge)	Great school	1966 - 1973
Jeanine Lillford (nee Wooldridge)	---	1963 - 1972
Sarah Sasse	Many happy memories	1980 - onwards
Nancy Aveyard	Some good memories	1982 - 1990



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Christine Smith	Happy memories (Teaching Assistant)	1983 - 2007
Helen Warner (nee Smith)	Some fantastic memories	1983 - 1988
Joanne Russell	Lovely school, lots of happy memories and friends.	1977 - 1981
Tracey Drabarek (nee Sneed)	I will miss this school – so many happy memories.	1976 - 1981
Maureen Smith	Great memories at a great school.	1980 - 1989
David Casey	Best memory is from year 4 in Mrs Wilkinson's class and her 'Friday toffees!'	1987 - 1996
Donna Casey (nee Cox)	Many, many happy memories	1969 - 1976
	Above are the comments from the book. Below are the comments written on sheets.	



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### **Mrs Taylor (aged 67)**

I came to the school in 1956, when I was seven, attending the infants, juniors & seniors. Francis Askew was a great school; I made some special friends there. We had wooden desks with ink wells in them and worked in the same classroom, taught by just one teacher through all our school days. Every morning we sang hymns and said The Lord's Prayer. At 15 years old, I left school to go to work and there were lots of jobs for us. School days are the best days of your life – so enjoy them.

### **Jean Smith (nee Vale)**

My best friend and I were 'Staffroom Monitors' – we washed up the cups. I remember I used to sit in one of the chairs and mimic a teacher! I was proud to get a merit badge in assembly. Taking part in plays with Mrs Brown was something I enjoyed. It was a lovely school, lots of good times.

### **Mathew Smith**

Many great memories. As the 'Chair Monitor', I had the responsibility to put the chairs out for each assembly. I played football and hockey. One Christmas I was chosen to play Joseph. When I was in the 5<sup>th</sup> year, in Mr Holmes' class, we were taught by Mrs Downing & Miss Stone too. Miss Stone would poke us if we were naughty!

When I was a pupil there were then two big hills on the field, now there's only one and it seems so small. We had sports days and fancy dress competitions – I won when I came dressed as a Viking.

Each year we had a big harvest festival celebration in the hall and the stage would be full of donated food. There was a school choir, taught by Miss Blair, I was a member. The choir sang during assemblies and at Hull's City Hall with children from other schools in the city. Great memories



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### **Stephanie Miller (nee Lasher) 1976 - 1981**

I used to be the 'Bell Monitor' this duty meant I was allowed to just walk out of class without permission to press the bell for playtime and lunch. I even won the service to the school award in 1984 for ringing the bell and I've found my name in the book of awards! I was also a prefect during the school year 1984 – 1985.

I have fond memories of Francis Askew from Mrs Downing's class when I started, to my final year taught by Mr Holmes.

### **Helen Warner (nee Smith)**

I'm very happy to come and visit my old school, so many happy memories to write down –

- sitting in the hall for assembly,
- the country dancing with Mrs Forward and competing at Hull City Hall,
- every morning the Milk Monitor going to the nursery to collect the milk,
  - going to dinners and being served custard that was pink,
- our class trip to Raywell, including indoor fireworks when the teacher burnt the new carpet!

So many memories it's impossible to write them all down. It is such a shame this old school is being replaced.

### **Nancy Aveyard 1953 - 1959**

I enjoyed my visit very much, thank you to my guides.

I have many memories of the school. I started the infants in 1953 my teacher was Mrs Woodward; the infant part of the school was the ground floor. Francis Askew Juniors were upstairs, I remember being in Mrs Dublin's class. We went on a trip to London; we had our photograph taken in Paragon Station.

I sat my 11+ exam but failed so I went onto the senior school. I will be sorry to see this school knocked down.



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### **Nicola Aveyard 1982 - 1990**

Walking around the school brought back some lovely memories, remembering which teachers I'd been taught by in which classrooms. The building is just the same as I remember it. Assemblies were always in the lower hall, while we used the upstairs hall for PE lessons. I have great memories from playing in the sandpit and water while in the nursery; I enjoyed being in Miss Blair's class too when I helped by counting crayons!

I've enjoyed being guided around my old school, thank you.

### **Donna Casey (nee Cox) 1969 - 1979**

I have so many fond memories of my time here and made many friends who I still see. It was in the junior school that I had my first cookery lesson; I still enjoy cooking for my family now. I made my first Christmas Cake at this school and I now make lots of different types of cakes. Art was another favourite subject for me and I'm proud to say that I was the first pupil to receive 'The Ross Art Award'.

Best wishes to you all in your new building – reach for the stars! x x x