

## Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I have been blessed this weekend to meet up with some very old school friends who both live and work abroad. We see each other very infrequently so it is always a joyous occasion to meet, talk and find out how our lives have diverged and changed since we last met. Throughout all our excited talk, we reflected on the common bonds we formed as very young children; the memories we share and the foundations of our friendship which have sustained us through several decades. Travelling home, I marvelled how our friendships have continued throughout the years, a constant in our lives no matter what the distance. This reminded me of the ever-

present love of God in our lives. As Psalm 118 reminds us, 'his love endures forever.' Through thick and thin, hard times and good and whether we notice it or not, God's love is there when we need it. Ephesians 3 v 18 goes further to tell us how hard it is to grasp 'how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is.'

I know that this same love of God is reflected across our diocesan family in the daily lives of our church schools. It is lived out in the relationships between pupils, staff, parents and the wider community. It is present through challenging times and good. It provides shelter, support, consolation and an assurance that we are never alone.

I hope that this week you can take a moment to pause, whether that be in a busy classroom, the playground or the office. Look and listen to the voices and interactions you see and hear and reflect on how the love of God is at work in your school community.



## What is love?

What is love  
That it might be given  
Without condition  
With such commitment  
That it changes my life?

It is love that lasts,  
That stands the test of time,  
Which years or distance  
Cannot threaten  
Or destroy.





What is love  
that it might be received  
With full acceptance  
And celebration  
And become all for me?

It is love that stays  
And lives with your heart,  
And keeps, forever new,  
That which is mine to give  
And yours to know.

What is love  
That is might make us one,  
And bind us ever still  
In what we give and take  
In one true union?

It is the way to know  
The truth that leads to life,  
Where love is ours  
And fullness is our gift  
That will not die with time.

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## Upcoming LDBE Courses

For more information and to book, please click the links!

27-09-22	10-00—12-30	Introduction to working in a church school	<a href="#">Online—click here to book</a>
27-09-22	16-00—18-00	The SIAMS Journey Inspection Day	<a href="#">Online—click here to book</a>
28-09-22	17-30—19-00	Governor Briefing	<a href="#">Online—click here to book</a>
29-09-22	16-00—18-00	Developing Knowledge in the Curriculum: RE - Subject Leadership	<a href="#">Online—click here to book</a>
30-09-22	10-00—15-30	So you want to be a Church School Headteacher	<a href="#">Face to Face—click here to book</a>

## Update—SIAMS National Meetings

Please find below, from the National SIAMS Team—

*The National SIAMS Team would like to thank all those who have registered, or who have tried to register, to attend one of the national update sessions on Thursday 3 November. Due to an unexpectedly high response, the session registration capacity has been reached and the link that was shared previously is no longer allowing people to register their attendance.*

*Consequently, we are now sharing the link that will allow you to gain direct access to the session of your choice. Please do not share this link with anyone apart from those members of your team who plan to attend the sessions. Thank you.*

*Links are as follows.*

*Thursday 3 November 10am-11.30am* [Click here to join 10am meeting](#)

*Thursday 3 November 6pm-7.30pm* [Click here to join the 6pm meeting](#)

*The sessions will consist of a presentation by Dr Margaret James, National Director of SIAMS, and no questions will be able to be taken to the high number of attendees.*

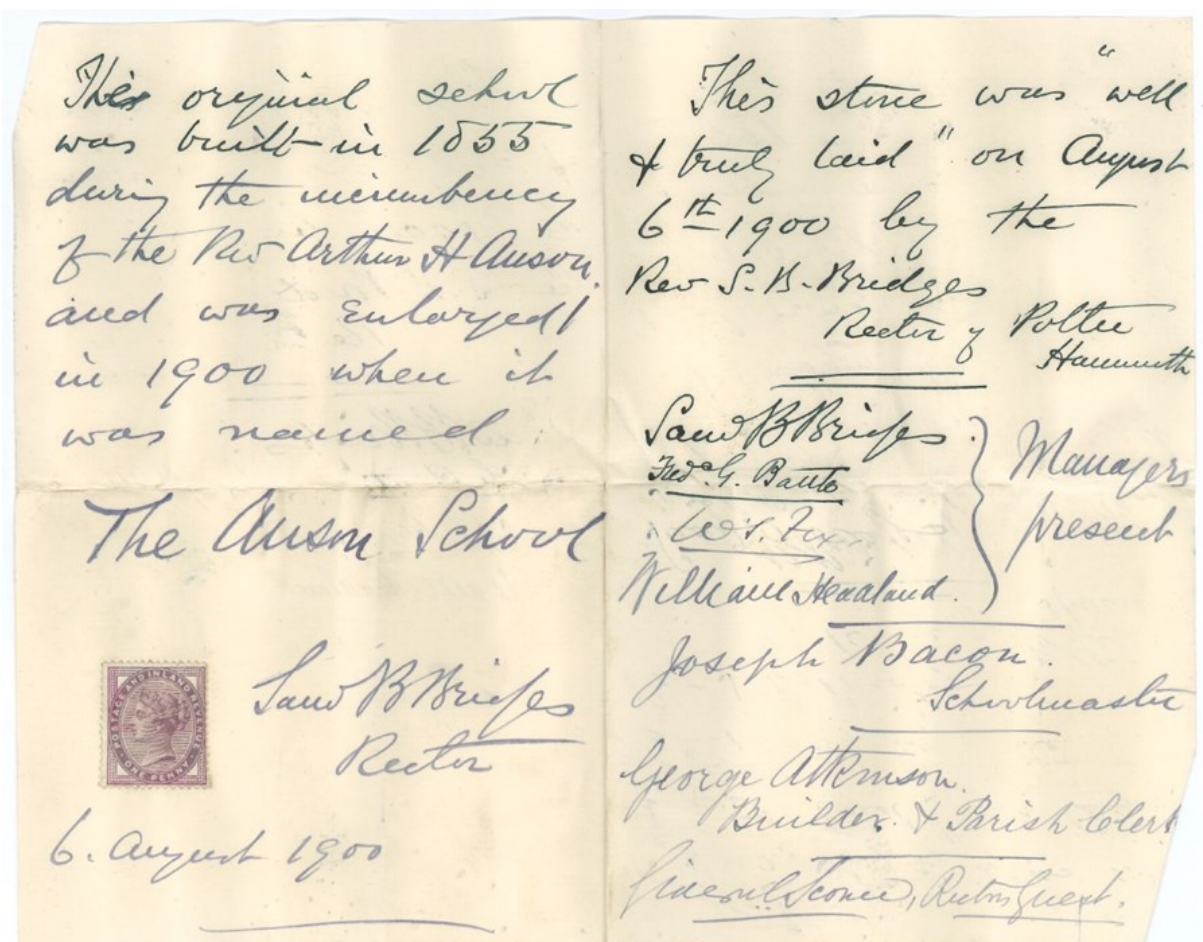
**Please note these sessions will be most relevant to schools being inspected from September 2023.**



## Potterhanworth CofE Primary School—Time Capsule Found!

The “Time Capsule” found in the upper walls of the south-west part, nearest to the main road, of Potter Hanworth school in the summer 2022 consists of a green glass bottle with an old-fashioned screw cap, containing the mast head from the front page of the “Yorkshire Post”, dated 6 August 1900, and a short hand-written document which records the extension of the original school building and the placing of a name stone in August 1900. The material was found during repairs to the west gable end of the building.

To begin, a picture of the message and a transcription are below.





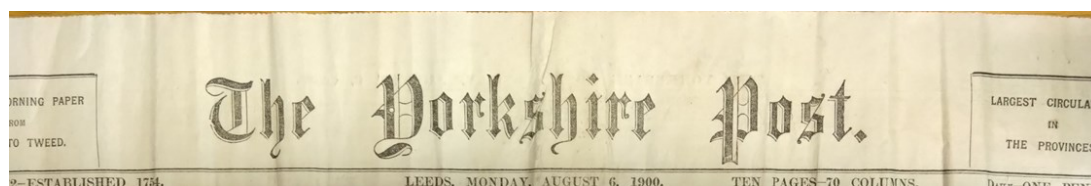
## Potterhanworth CofE Primary School—Time Capsule

<p>The original school was built in 1855 during the incumbency of the Rev Arthur H. Anson, and was enlarged in 1900 when it was re-named</p> <p>“The Anson School”.</p> <p>(Signed)</p> <p>Samuel B. Bridges,</p> <p>Rector</p> <p>6 August 1900</p>	<p>This stone was “well and truly laid” on August 6<sup>th</sup> 1900 by the Rev S B Bridges, Rector of Potter Hanworth</p> <table><tr><td>Samuel B. Bridges</td><td> </td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Fred. G. Battle</td><td> </td><td>Managers</td></tr><tr><td>present</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>William Headland</td><td> </td><td></td></tr></table> <table><tr><td>Joseph Bacon</td><td>Schoolmaster</td></tr><tr><td>George Atkinson</td><td>Builder and</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Parish Clerk</td></tr><tr><td>Gideon Sconce</td><td>Rectors Guest</td></tr></table>	Samuel B. Bridges			Fred. G. Battle		Managers	present			William Headland			Joseph Bacon	Schoolmaster	George Atkinson	Builder and		Parish Clerk	Gideon Sconce	Rectors Guest
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To the writers’ knowledge, this is the first written proof that the school was indeed extended in 1900. It had previously been thought that the first significant extension to the main building had been made in 1909, for which there is a date stone. It appears that the very weathered name stone, just readable as “The Anson School”, marked and commemorated the first extension. As part of the renovation work in 2022, the weathered stone was replaced with a new version with the same wording.

Careful study of the historical 25-inch Ordnance Survey maps for 1888 and 1905 do indeed show that the western part of the school building increased in length between the two mapping dates, matching both the date of the time capsule and where it was found.

The other paper in the bottle was the heading from the front page of the “Yorkshire Post” for 6th August 1900, presumably the date on which the bottle was sealed into the wall.





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The bottle itself appears to be a one-pint mineral water, or possibly beer!



This picture from 1908 - 09 shows the school with the extension in place. The name stone, much weathered by 2022, and replaced in the work which brought the bottle to light, can be seen in the gable end.

