



History: Blue Class– Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality

What is our school made of?

Key Vocabulary

Local area	The area immediately close to us where we live
Mill	A large building where people worked
Site	An area of ground on which a town, building, or monument is constructed.
Source	The place where evidence comes from
Primary evidence	First-hand evidence such as a written letter or an artefact from the time.
Secondary Evidence	Evidence which has come from elsewhere such as a non-fiction book.
Foundation Stone	A stone laid at a ceremony to celebrate the beginning of construction of a building.
Founding Fathers	A person who starts or helps to start a movement or institution.
Founding	Involved in establishing or originating an institution or organisation.
Curate	A member of the clergy engaged as assistant to a vicar, rector, or parish priest.



Key People

Reverend Ormerod – curate
Temple Moore - architect

Key Places

Ormerod Avenue
Windmill Close
Edge Lane
Royton - used to be called Rye-Meadow
Oldham

Key Dates

1912 - 1914	Edge Lane Hollow was demolished
1914	World War One begins
1914	Construction of the school begins
1916	The junior school building was opened
1918	World War One ends
1927	The church tower was added
1933	Construction of the Infant building begins
1936	The Infant building opens





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The foundation stone of the old school on Edge Lane was laid in 1878 and the school opened on 26th May 1879 and was extended 1898. Despite the extension children were being turned away due to lack of space. After the church was built the Board of Education wrote to complain about the condition and size of the school, saying it was inadequate for the needs of the growing area.

The site chosen for the school and 350 pupils was Edge Lane Hollow. Thirty five cottages were demolished and the hollow (Formed by the completion of the new turnpike road to Rochdale) filled in with earth from Industry St (now St Philip's Drive).

Miss C H Ormerod, daughter of the Vicar laid the foundation stone on the Eve of All Saints Day, 31st Oct 1914. The 2 acre site cost £2000. The school, also designed by Temple Moore, was dedicated by the Bishop of Manchester on 2nd Nov 1916. The children transferred to their new school on 27th Nov 1916. The total cost of the school including the site was £12,248. The old school was used as an infant school for 234 children until the Parish could provide a new infant school.

In Jan 1929 the school became a Central School for Senior Children in Royton while St Paul's became the Junior School. In order to provide every child in the two parishes from 5 – 15 with a choice to attend church school a site was purchased next to the church and the foundation stone laid by Mrs Ormerod on 1st July 1933 and dedicated & opened on 21st July 1934. The total cost was around £9,000. In 1944, under the Education Act the school was transformed into a Secondary Modern School. In Nov 1951 it was granted Aided Status. Because the school became a Central School it meant that a new school needed to be built for the infants. In 1967 Royton & Crompton Secondary School was built at Luzley Brook and St Anne's was modernised and corridors built around the quadrangle. The building once again re-opened as a primary school in 1970. The school celebrated its centenary (100 years) in 2016

.WAYSIDE CROSS

The Wayside Cross was erected at the junction of Oldham Rd and Windmill St. It was part of Temple Moore's original plan and with the end of the war it was decided to make it a memorial to those who had died. It cost about £900.

The cross, which contains over 100 names, was unveiled in 1922 by Mrs Ormerod. With the increase in traffic and the building of Broadway in 1926, it was re-sited on an island at the top of Broadway where it remained until it was demolished by a lorry in January 1938. After remaining in the Royton Council yard for many years it was re-erected in a modified form in the graveyard of St Anne's Church