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Welcome to the school's last article for the Parish Magazine this academic year. It is a complete copy of one Y6 pupil's memories of his seven years at Ashurst CE Primary. We hope you enjoy it, especially his memories of school visits.

I cannot remember much in my first year at Ashurst, but I can remember my first day. As we got to school I wouldn't leave my parents alone, I was having a tantrum, I didn't want them to go. But after some time, I met a boy called Willem. Willem and I became good friends straight away. I can remember doing jolly phonics and Willem falling asleep in the Lego box. At the end of the first day I didn't want to leave school, I loved it so much. I can remember playing in the outdoor play cabin and falling off a scooter and cutting my leg. When Mrs Pockett said she would have to cut off my leg, I looked at her in horror.

The next year I was in Y1 and Mrs Smith was my teacher. In my class were Willem, Finlay, Howard, Richard, Noah, Jamie, Lola and me. I can remember going to the Sea Life Centre and touching a star fish. Also I remember a sea anemone that stuck to my fingers and wouldn't let go.

Then came Y2, another amazing year, I was even more excited because we visited Arundel Castle! We got on the mini bus and after about twenty minutes we were there and I could see the castle, it was a thing of great historic beauty. I can remember trying on the armour, it was so heavy. I can remember I was a pair with Howard and we saw a massive hole (like a well or a dungeon). We said "We could put naughty people down there." That was an amazing trip. There was one more amazing trip, Summers' Place, near Billingshurst. There was every kind of animal fossil you could ever imagine. But one animal stood out above the rest, a Diplodocus, called Dippy. It was HUGE! In the end it went to the Natural History Museum in London. After the talk about dinosaurs we were given a biscuit and some juice. And that was the end of the infants. Also in that year, a new pupil called Marrek arrived. At first I said, "Why's Alfie still here (because they looked similar)" Mrs Smith said "That's not, Alfie that's Marrek," And he is a good friend, still with us now. Thank you Mrs Pockett and Mrs Smith.☺

Now I was in the juniors (Y3) with new teachers: Mrs Robins and Mrs Harwell. I had made friends with all the boys in my year and a boy in the year above called Bertie, we are still friends today. In that year we went to Fishbourne Roman Palace and saw lots of Mosaics. It was a long journey but worth it. Another great trip was to Woods Mill. I was in a pair with Richard, we had to collect bugs and put them in a cup and look at them with a magnifying glass. On the walk we had a tour guide taking us around. On the path I spotted a Robin and it kept still, even when I wobbled past the bush. Everyone gathered round, Mrs Harwell got her finger and was so close to touching it but then it flew off, I thought to myself, that was a special moment..

Y4 was another great year. We went to the Brighton Museum which was very interesting, I can remember in one room there were two dummies on the table. What we

had to do was to put all the organs in jars like the Egyptians did. I can remember we had to pretend to pull the brains through the nose! Ugh!

The highlight of Y4 for me was St Mary's House, it was amazing. I can remember the garden was beautiful, but most amazing were the secret doors. There was one door that stood out above the rest. It was a secret book case, the tour guide pulled out one of the books, then we heard a clicking noise and then a door-shaped opening appeared and we walked into a room which looked like a dining room. The tour guide took us over to the corner and pulled out something small and another door opened into a tiny room, with loads of chairs inside, for the dining room. Thank you Mrs Robins and Mrs Harwell. We love it every time you come to visit us.

Y5, another new year, harder work, new teachers but most important Swanage! I was really looking forward to going to Swanage because I had heard all the previous Y6s who had come back from Swanage say how amazing it was. But before Swanage we had Shoreham College Cookery Day. It was so much fun because I got to know how to make and cook new food. I remember making a delicious Shepherd's Pie and cookies. But, by far, the highlight of Y5 was Swanage. Everything was amazing, especially Studland Beach where we built sand castles. I was with Richard and Howard and we built a massive crab and dug a MASSIVE hole! I also shared a room with Howard and Richard, Howard went on the top and bunk Richard went on the bottom bunk and, to my relief I got to sleep in the big double bed! I loved the walk to Corfe Castle and drawing it. We went to a sweet shop and on a steam train which looked like the one in Harry Potter.

Now for the hardest, and best, year of them all, Y6. We have had our former teacher, Mrs Sansbury, back after having a baby. We've been to the Planetarium as part of our Space & Planets topic and are about to go to Tangmere as part of our topic on France- this year it is 75 years since D-Day! And, of course our wonderful second Residential Week to Swanage is just three weeks away

There are so many people at Ashurst to thank for all the help and support I have received over the past seven years - including Mrs Williams with the SATs this year ( even though they were hard, I think enjoyed them, especially having Mrs Jesse sitting in the room throughout them, carefully and kindly watching over us. )Thank you Mrs Sansbury and Mrs Williams - and Mrs Jesse - for a wonderful Y6.

Lastly, thank you to ALL at Ashurst CE Primary School - Mrs Hedley, Mrs Ixer and Miss Kelsey - for everything you have done for me in my time here. And not forgetting, of course, Y6 still have another Swanage trip to look forward to in three weeks' time. Hurray!

**Thank you Christopher for all you have contributed to APS over the past seven years, and to all Y6 pupils leaving at the end of this academic year. We wish you all every happiness and success in the future.**

We hope you will visit the school's website for details of all LEAVERS' events this summer; and are able to join us for some, one and/or all of them.

Meanwhile, kindest regards

*Mrs Williams*