

HERITAGE TRAIL



WESLEYAN DAY SCHOOL

Wesleyan Day School 1853-1915

In the 19th Century “National” schools were set up by religious institutions. They provided the first near-universal system of elementary education in England and Wales. The Griffydam Wesleyan Day School was built in 1853 to accommodate 200 pupils. The school was located on Nottingham Road just beyond the [Red Lion Inn](#). At that time part of Griffydam and Peggs Green were in Thringstone Parish until 1884



BEST ATTENDANCE PHOTOGRAPH 1905

The Wesleyan Day School attracted wide support from surrounding villages. Children from Griffydam, Coleorton, Peggs Green, Swannington, Osgathorpe, Worthington and Thringstone attended the school.



This plaque was discovered covering an old well in a garden on Top Road. The text would have read

WESLEYAN DAY SCHOOL OPENED 1853 ERECTED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION WITH AID FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY GRANTS

The headmaster for 26 years was Robert Hance who died in 1915. His grave can be seen in the Chapel graveyard.

Click [here](#) for further information on the Wesleyan Day School

The school closed in 1915 when a new school was built in School Lane. However, the old school continued as an overflow school and Institute until it was demolished.