

HERITAGE TRAIL



WESLEYAN DAY SCHOOL

Wesleyan Day School 1853-1915

In the 19<sup>th</sup> Century “National” schools were set up by religious institutions. They provided the first near-universal system of elementary education in England and Wales. The Griffydham Wesleyan Day School was built in 1853 to accommodate 200 pupils. At that time part of Griffydham and Peggs Green were in Thringstone Parish until 1884. The boundary ran along Top Road. The Wesleyan Day School attracted wide support from surrounding villages. Children from Griffydham, Coleorton, Peggs Green, Swannington, Osgathorpe and Thringstone attended the school.

The school was located on Nottingham Road just beyond the [Red Lion Inn](#). The school closed in 1915 when a new school was built in School Lane. However, the old school continued as an Institute until it was demolished.

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



BEST ATTENDANCE PHOTOGRAPH 1905



This plaque was discovered covering an old well in a garden on Top Road. It is the only remains of the school. The text would have read  
 WESLEYAN DAY SCHOOL OPENED 1853 ERECTED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION WITH AID FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY GRANTS

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