

## Penhill Schools



### **Penhill School**, Cricklade Road

In 1952 a tender of £79,057 for the building of a new school was accepted by Wiltshire County Council, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Education, opened in 1956, Builder E W Beard.

1958 – 30 Windows Smashed in New School – One evening vandals threw heavy stones through 30 large  $\frac{1}{4}$  in plate windows at the new Penhill Secondary Modern School being built near Stratton Crossroads. The glass was worth nearly £150 and the cost to replace will be significantly more. Workmen got a surprise when they returned to work the following day, they found broken glass scattered everywhere inside the school and the stones and bricks thrown at the windows lying scattered in classrooms and corridor. Some of the broken windows were more than 20 feet above ground level. A tractor being used to prepare ground around the school playing fields was not overlooked by the wreckers – all the glass in its head lamps was smashed. Since the incident the contractors building the school have employed a night watchman and there has been no fresh damage.

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1963-65 headmaster R S Jones.

In 1970 as Penhill High the headmaster was Mr C G Viveash.

(This site was nicknamed 'Grange Hill' while the Grange Junior school pupils were rehoused here after the 1990 storm damage).

1990's became St. Lukes school, Cricklade Road and is a State special school for boys and girls aged from 11 to 16.

**Penhill North Infants** opened 1955

Headteacher 1963 Miss M Winnersh, 1965 Miss E M Couper.

**Penhill Primary** opened 1956.

Formal Ceremony 16/03/1956 2:30pm by Sir David Eccles.M.P.

**Penhill South Infants School** (now Sevenfields) opened 1964

**Penhill Junior School** opened in 1963.

1963-65 headteacher R S West

**Merton Fields Secondary School** 1963 to 1990's