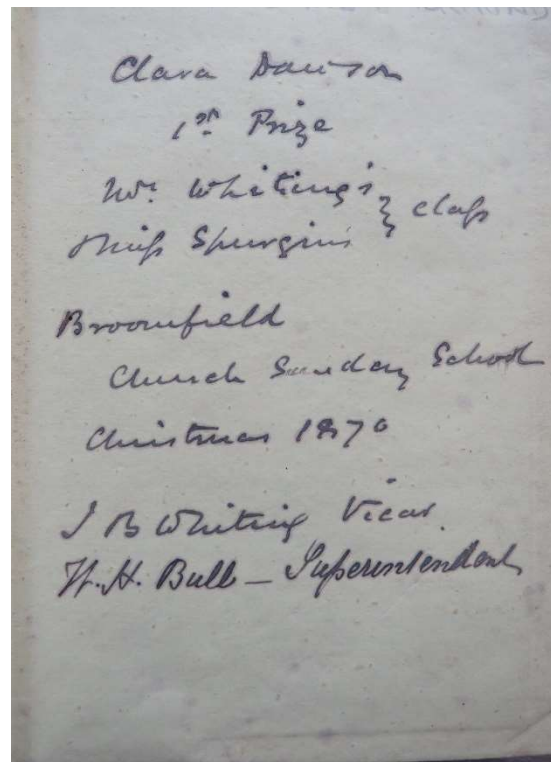
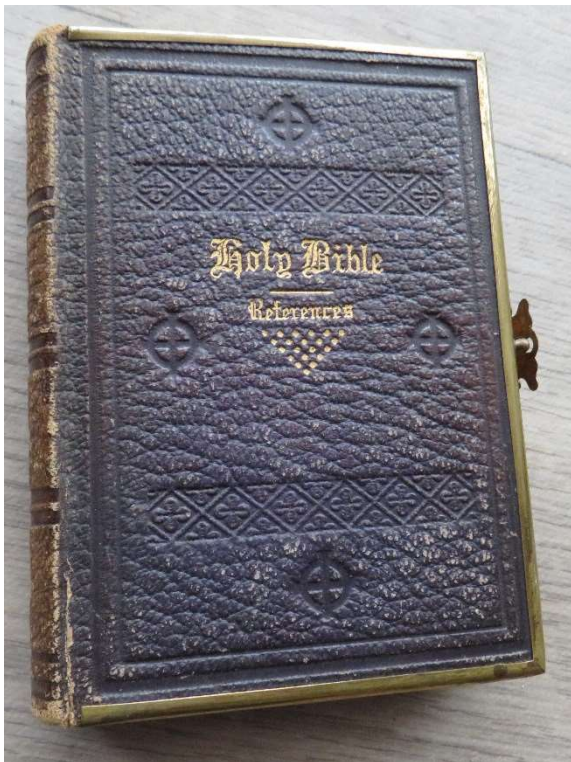


Prizes

Over the years several family members have been awarded prizes at either school or Sunday School. Here is a little about those that have survived deaths, world wars and many house moves.

The earliest is a Sunday School prize awarded to great grandmother, Clara Dawson, at Christmas 1870. The Bible, with wafer thin pages and a metal clasp, is inscribed,

*"Clara Dawson 1st Prize Mrs Whiting's Miss Spurgeon's class.
Broomfield Church Sunday School Christmas 1870.
J B Whiting Vicar H H Bull Superintendent"*



Clara's Bible

John Bradford Whiting and his wife, Charlotte are living in Broomfield Vicarage, with their young family in 1871.¹ Although there are Spurgeon

¹ 1871 census for Broomfield, Essex RG10 1663 folio 117.

families in the area, there are none in Broomfield itself in 1871, so Miss Spurgeon cannot be identified.

In 1906, my grandmother, Ivy Gertrude Woolgar, received a medal from London County Council for 'punctual attendance' during the year 1905-6.



Clara Dawson c. 1878



Ivy Gertrude Woolgar c. 1904



Coming forward in time, there are four postcards that my father, Cyril Braund, was given by St. Mark's School in Battersea for good conduct. The earliest is dated October 1920, when he was five. There are others dated Christmas 1920 and 1922 and one is undated. Two depict trains and the others scenes that I suppose were thought to be appealing to a young boy.



St. Mark's School c. 1923, Cyril middle row, third from left

Cyril Braund.
In Good Conduct. October 1920.
 LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL—REWARD CARD.

LONDON, BRIGHTON & SOUTH COAST RAILWAY.
 Express Passenger Engine, "Atlantic" Type.
 Two Cylinder Simple.
 Cylinders: Diameter 19", Stroke 26".
 Diameter of Coupled Wheels: 6' 7 1/2".
 Heating Surface: 2455 square feet.
 Area of Fire Grate: 31 square feet.
 Working Pressure: 200 lbs. per square inch.
 Weight of Engine and Tender in Working Order: 107 1/2 tons.

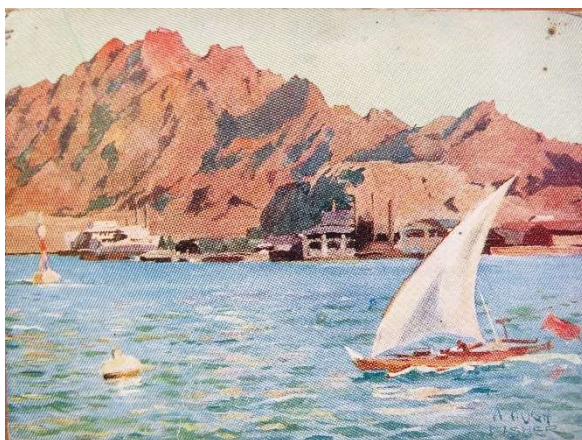


LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL—REWARD CARD.
Cyril Braund
 for
Good Conduct
 THE KINCHINJUNGA MOUNTAINS, FROM TIGER HILL, INDIA.

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Cyril Braund. For Good Conduct.
Christmas, 1920.
 LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL—REWARD CARD.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.
 Compound Express Passenger Engine.
 One High Pressure Cylinder: Two Low Pressure Cylinders.
 High Pressure Cylinders: Diameter 19", Stroke 26".
 Low Pressure Cylinders: Diameter 21", Stroke 26".
 Diameter of Coupled Wheels: 7'.
 Heating Surface: 1456 square feet.
 Working Pressure: 220 lbs. per square inch.
 Weight of Engine only: 59 tons 18 cwt.
 Maximum Indicated Horse Power about 1300.



Cyril Braund.
For Good Conduct.
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 LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL—REWARD CARD.

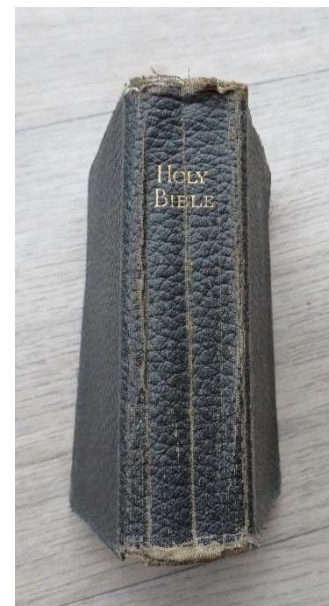
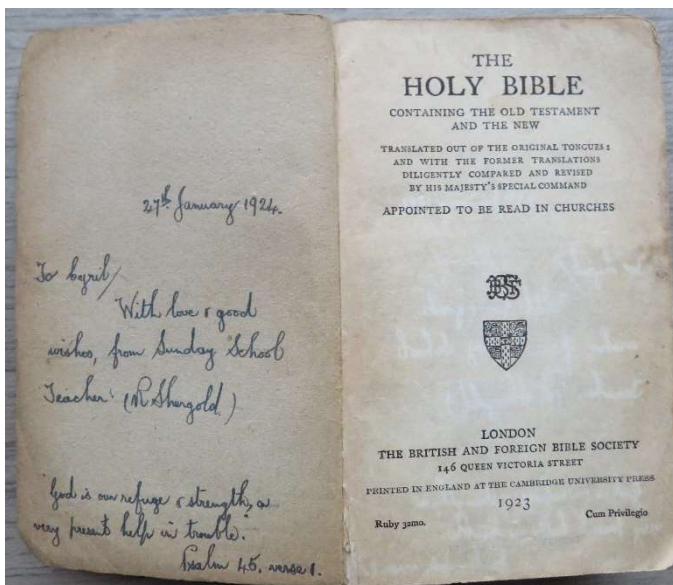
THE SIGNAL STATION, ADEN.—Aden is a seaport town built upon a volcanic peninsula on the south coast of Arabia. It became a British possession in 1839. The Suez Canal has made it an important station, both for trade and for the coaling of vessels. In 1839 it had six hundred inhabitants; in 1901 it had a population of 41,000. In ancient times Aden was supplied with water from immense tanks cut out of the solid rock to collect rain water. Some of these are still used. Another source of supply is the distillation of sea water.

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Cyril's School Prize Postcards

I also have three Sunday School prizes awarded to Cyril Braund, in 1924. The first, unsurprisingly, is a Bible, which he was given in January 1924, perhaps to mark his nineth birthday, which was the following week. It is inscribed,

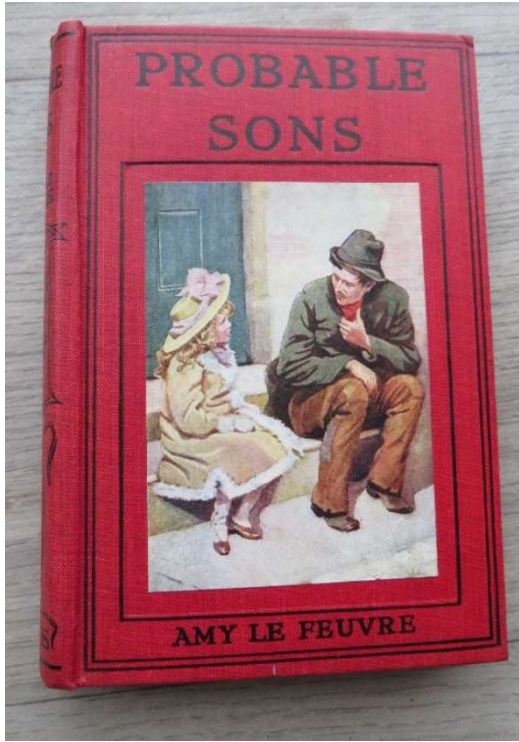
*"To Cyril, with love and good wishes,
from Sunday School Teacher (R Shergold)
God is my refuge and strength a very present help in trouble.
Psalm 45 verse 1"*



Cyril's Bible

Interestingly, Reginald Shergold, who was responsible for the class was only a ten years older than Cyril; he lived locally and worked in an engineer's office.

The other two prizes, which were awarded later the same year, appear to me 'improving' stores for boys. The book he was given in August was for "Collecting and Keeping the texts given Sunday by Sunday for six months Jan-June 1924."



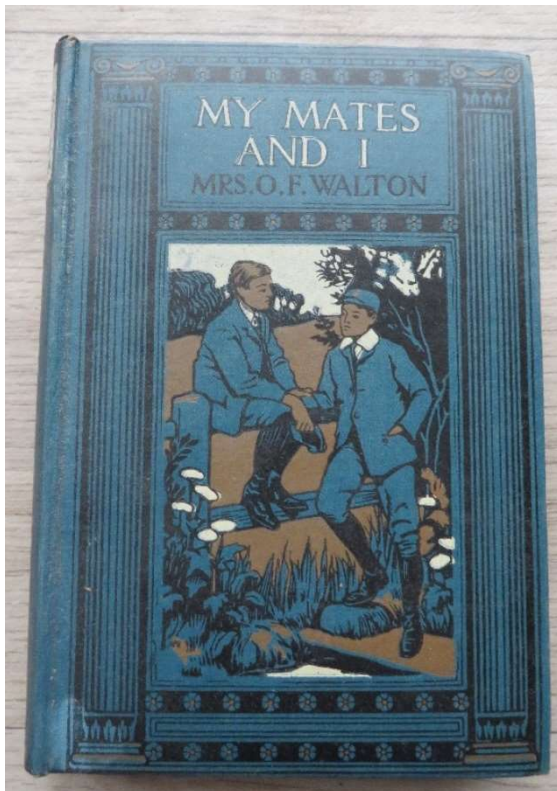
30th August. 1924.

To Cyril Braund.

For collecting & keeping the
tickets given Sunday by Sunday
for six months Jan. - June. 1924.

Reg. Shergold
(Sunday School Teacher)

1. Timothy 6. 12.



January. 1925.

Awarded to Cyril Braund
for good conduct & regular attendance
during 1924.

R. L. Shergold.
Sunday School Teacher.

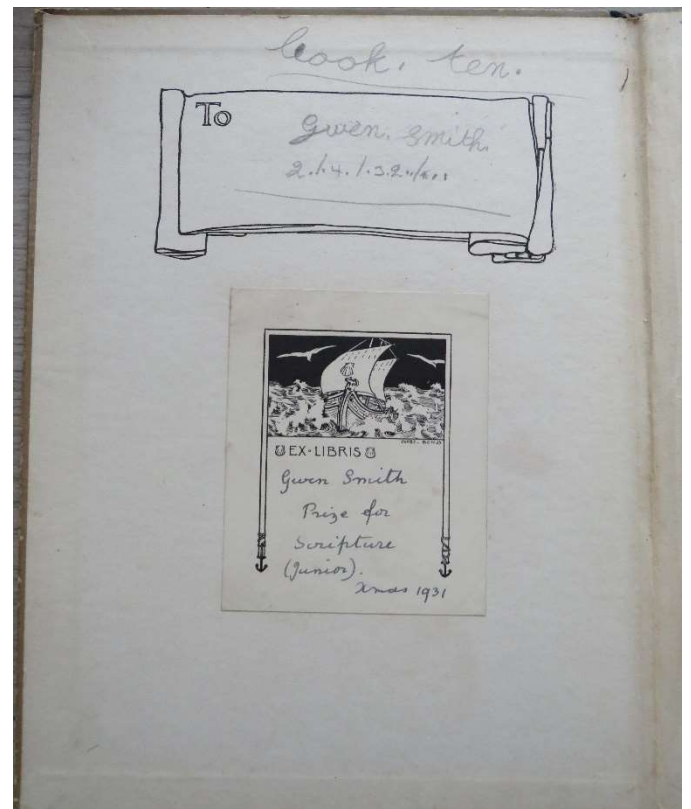
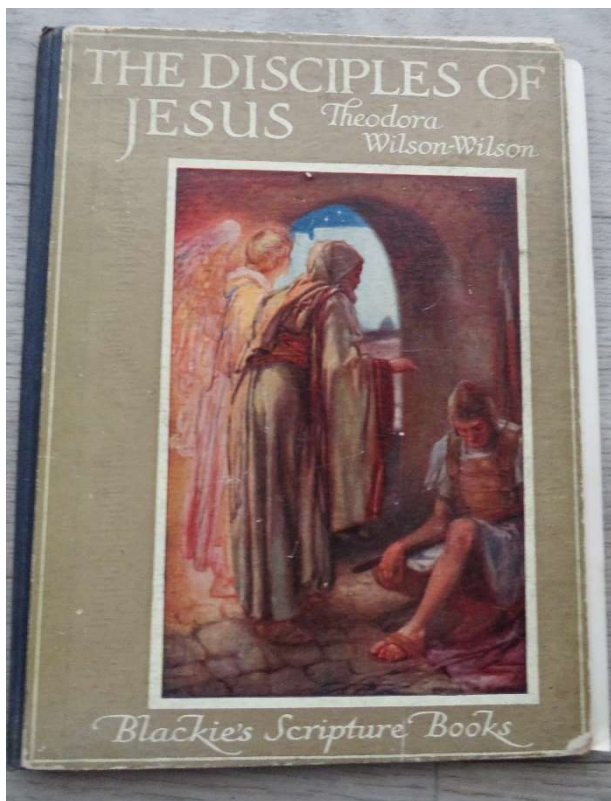
I will never have thee nor forsake
thee... Jesus Christ the same
yesterday & to-day & for ever.

Hebrews 13. 5. 8.

Cyril's Sunday School Prizes

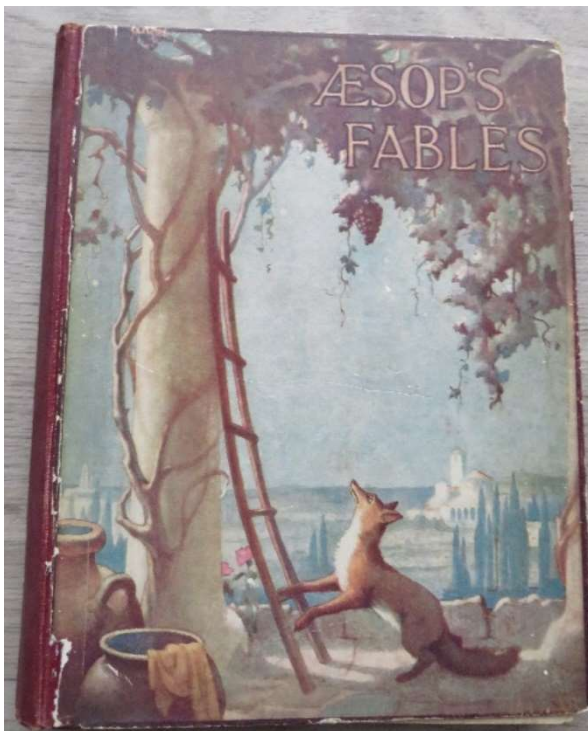
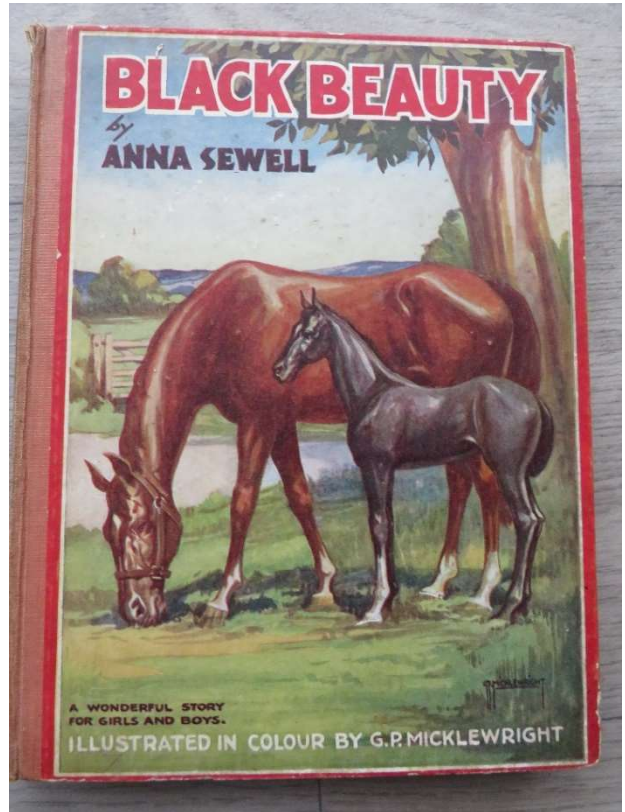
The final prize was for good conduct and attendance in 1924. There are no further prizes. Perhaps Cyril's attendance at Sunday School was short-lived, maybe he won no more prizes, or perhaps they didn't remain within the family. There is no indication of which Sunday School this was; perhaps the one attached to St. Mark's church.

My mother, Gwendoline Catherine Smith, was given three prizes whilst she was at Stebbinga House School. The earliest was a prize for scripture, which she won in 1931, when she was six.



Gwen's Scripture Prize

The Christmas she was eight, Gwen won two prizes, one for reading and one for good conduct.



Gwen's School Prizes

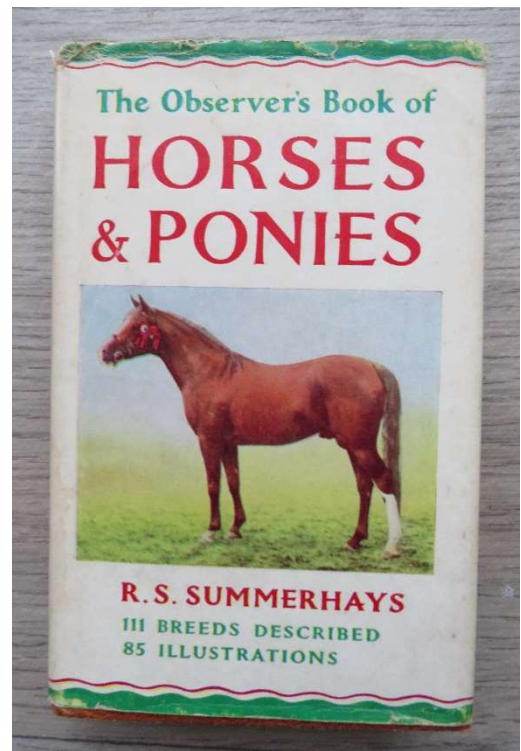
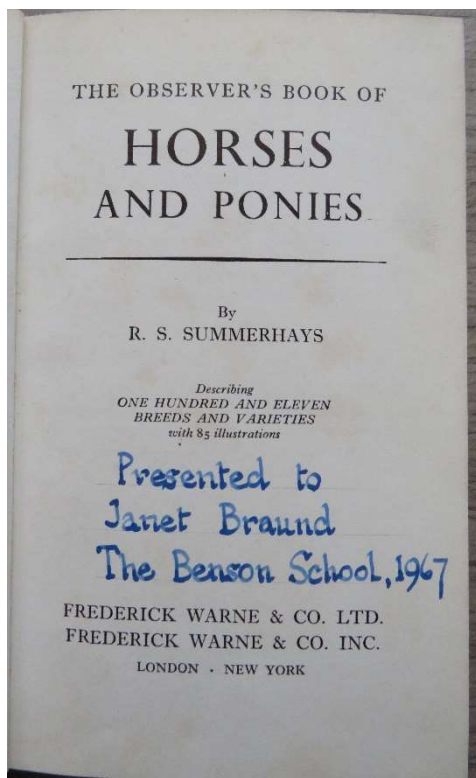
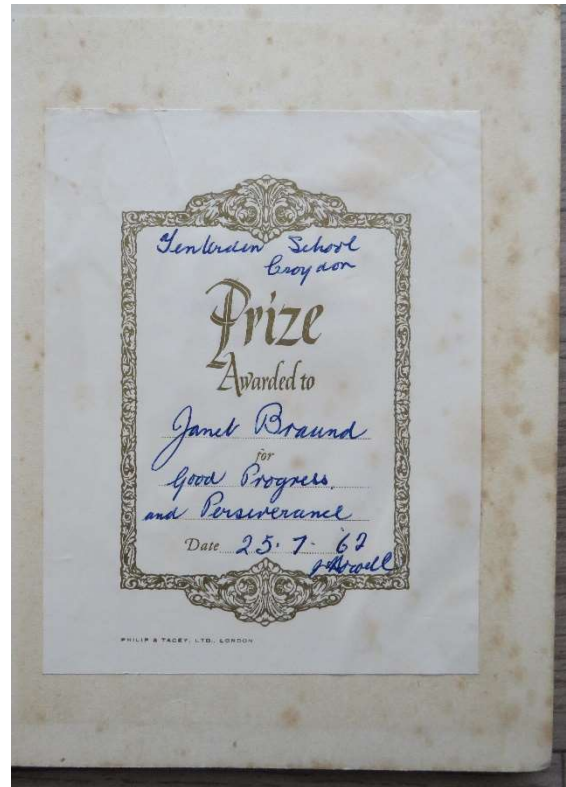
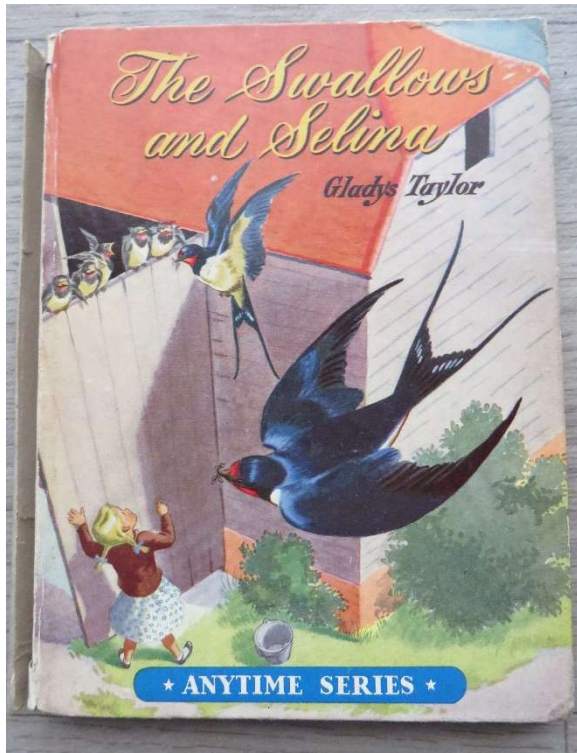
**Gwen in School
Uniform, with
her mother Ivy
c. 1938**



Finally, there are my own two prizes. The first, *The Swallows and Selina*, was from my infant's school, Tenterden. I loved this story and read it numerous times. The second I won in my last year at primary school. I had chosen not to go on the camp for those who were about to leave. Those who remained behind were given various 'fun' activities, one of which was to collect wildflowers. In the days when it was acceptable to pick wildflowers, I won the prize for the best collection. We could choose which observer book we wanted and I chose horses.



**Janet in School
Uniform 1961**



Janet 's Prizes

Of course there have also been other prizes, long since forgotten or discarded. There have been monetary awards, or book tokens, that have been spent and leave no trace,