

Nayland Primary School children celebrated the Silver Jubilee on Thursday with a tea party, held in brilliant sunshine on the school field.

All 144 pupils proudly wore paper crowns they had made themselves and together with most of the guests had red, white or blue clothes to add to the colour of the occasion.

Before tea, conjuror Tony Green, of Clacton, held the children spellbound for an hour with his entertaining Punch and Judy Show and magic tricks.

Tea was prepared by members of the parentteacher association committee and there was a special Jubilee cake decorated with a Union Jack piped in icing.

The party was attended by several former teachers, the management committee, parents and old friends of the school. Guests included two former headmasters, Mr C. Oliver and Mr Brighouse, and Mrs Taylor of Nayland, whose late husband

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Former teachers present included Mrs Gibbins, who was on the staff for 43 years, Mrs Keeble, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Street and Mrs Collingwood. Mrs Lankester, formerly caretaker, and Mrs Ensum, kitchen staff, also attended.