

## FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

The Feast of the Holy Innocents was a feast and recreation day which dated back many years. Tradition held that the school children dressed as the Community for the day. The youngest of the boarders taking on the role of Reverend Mother Prioress and the oldest were their Novices.

We have photographs and accounts of the Feast of the Holy Innocents in our Archives and you can read about the ritual of the opening ceremony known as “Court” in an extract from the ‘Red Book’, a history of New Hall published in 1898.

There is a short account on page 20 of Fishy Tales from Mary McDonnell a pupil at the school and in S Antony Magdalen’s account of her school days on page 49. A copy is attached.



**Fanny Morris (1890)**



**‘Innocents’ (1898)**