

Barham Church of England Primary School

Guess the Teacher



What is your earliest memory? Sitting high up on a giant climbing frame in the school playground. I had never been so high up. These climbing frames are banned today because they are too dangerous. →



Were you naughty when you were younger? Not at school. Maybe a bit naughtier at home.

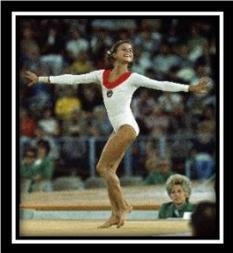
What was the best thing about school? My friends and the opportunity to learn new things. I went to three different primary schools. My favourite one was a bit like Barham – we did lots of art, drama, music and sport.

What was the worst thing about school? School dinners! (Yuck!)

Were you ever told off? I was once told off for smiling. I was very young and the music teacher stopped playing the piano, pointed at me and said, 'Stop grinning!'. I didn't know what 'grinning' was so I nodded and gave her a big smile to cheer her up. It didn't seem to work; she bashed out the keys on the piano and gave me a hard stare. It was only when I got home from school and asked my mum what 'grinning' meant that I finally understood the teacher wanted me to stop smiling and start singing instead.



Who was your best friend at school? Rhona. She and I had such fun but then she left my school to live hundreds of miles away. I was very sad. We lost touch but when I was a young adult, I bumped into her in Ibiza (a Spanish island). She hadn't changed a bit.



What did you want to be when you grew up? A gymnast like Olga Korbut (Russian Olympic champion, 1972). I also liked the idea of being a post office worker. I loved my sister's toy post office set.

What was your favourite food? Chips and chocolate (but not together).

Did you like school dinners? Definitely not! Lumpy mashed potato and cold, tinned tomatoes with watery juice that made your chips soggy. I'm shuddering just thinking about it. School dinners are so much better today.

Did you like your teachers? Yes, especially my Year 4 teacher. His cousin was the drummer in a famous band. He wanted to be a pop star too and every afternoon he would play the guitar and teach us the lyrics of songs by Bob Dylan and the Beatles. I don't remember if we did much Maths or English but I still know lots of the words to the Beatles' songs.



What were you frightened of when you were a child? Spiders and Bruno, a neighbour's dog. He was a Great Dane and as tall as me. He always barked as I skipped past their fence.

What colour was your school uniform? We didn't have one at any of the primary schools.

What was your favourite subject? PE but I also loved Art/Craft, Music and reading.

Did you always do your homework? Yes, I did but we only ever had reading to do and some words to learn.

What was your favourite animal? Guinea pigs and hamsters. We had both as pets.

