

Victorian Children



...at work

Living in a wealthy family

Some Victorian children living in Ashted would have lived in larger houses and may have had a Nanny to care for their every need.

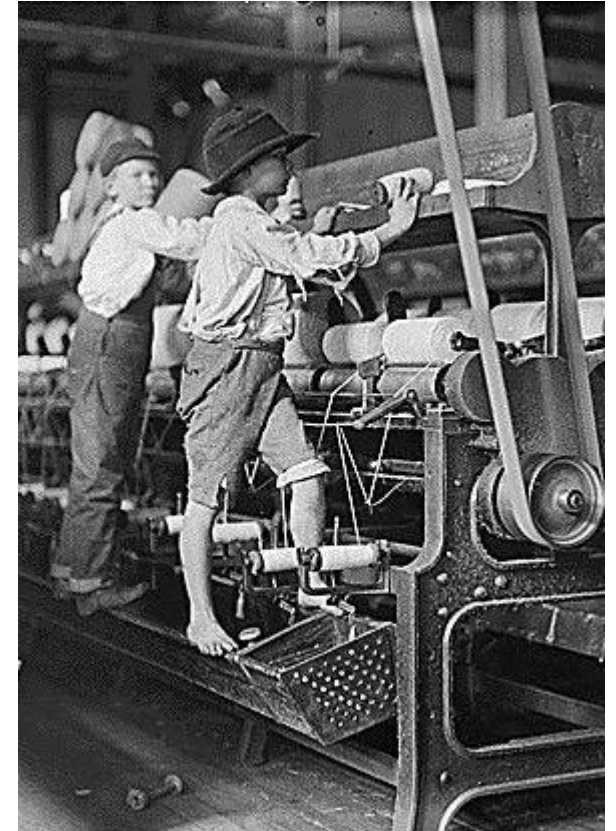


They would have been given lessons in their own schoolroom by a Governess until they were old enough to go to school.

Children at work



Many children had to work to help their families. Some children as young as 8 or 9 years old might work in factories and mills or sweeping chimneys.



The Workhouse

Very poor families or orphans might have to enter a workhouse where they were fed and given a bed.



Children were given lessons so they could find a job when they were old enough to leave.



Families would be split up and only allowed to spend time together for an hour on Sundays.



The very poor went into the workhouse to avoid starvation and homelessness.



Oliver Twist was living and working in the workhouse in the story written by Charles Dickens in Victorian times.