

# Grain Market Church School

## History...

In the records of St James's church, a reference to a "Church School" is first made in the late Middle Ages. It reads: *The schoolmaster shall sing the vigils (liturgy of the hours) with the pupils.* The construction of a schoolhouse is reported in 1583.

From 1802, schooling became compulsory in Bavaria for all children between the ages of 6 and 12. After that, voluntary schooling continued in Sunday schools and feast day schools.

In 1829, the old schoolhouse had two classrooms. Up to 230 boys and girls were taught there by two teachers. They lived in the schoolhouse, along with the sacristan of neighbouring St James's church.

In 1832, with the active support of the townspeople, a new school building was constructed within six months.

In 1853, a girls' school was opened in "Mollschlössl". From then on, girls and boys were schooled separately. When the boys'

school was built in 1929/30 on Ludwig Thoma meadow at the foot of the hill of the old town, the "Church School" lost its purpose.

On the ground floor of the Church School was the grain market. Here, grain dealers sold their wares.

In 1909, the volunteer fire brigade moved into parts of the premises along with its equipment.

In 2002, the former school and market building was comprehensively reconstructed, with only the outer façade being retained. The "Market Hall" opened in the building was not successful. Now, the premises are used by a hospitality business and the Dachau artists' association. The first floor is home to "Kulturschranne", a popular cabaret venue.

## ... and a story

As late as the 1960s, in the absence of a hose tower, the firefighter's hoses were laid out to dry on Pfarrstrasse after use.



Shop and workshop of the shoemaker Alois Fleischmann and his wife Magdalena (in the window) in Wienerstrasse, around 1900

The picturesque old town of Dachau with its 1200-year history features many sites of historical interest. Special buildings of prominence in the townscape are marked by these historical plaques.

Dachau historical plaques are a joint project by the town of Dachau and the Dachau District Museum.

# Church School Grain Market

## History...

In the records of St James's church, reference is first made to a "Church School" in the late Middle Ages. It says: *The schoolmaster shall sing the vigils (liturgy of the hours) with the pupils*. The construction of a schoolhouse is reported in 1583.

From 1802, schooling became compulsory in Bavaria for all children between the ages of 6 and 12. After that, voluntary schooling continued in Sunday schools and feast day schools.

In 1829, the old schoolhouse had two classrooms. Up to 230 boys and girls were taught there by two teachers. They lived in the schoolhouse, along with the sacristan of neighbouring St James's church.

In 1832, with the active support of the townspeople, a new school building was constructed within six months.

In 1853, a girls' school was opened in "Mollschlössl". From then on, girls and boys were schooled separately. When the boys'

school was built in 1929/30 on Ludwig Thoma meadow at the foot of the hill of the old town, the "Church School" was no longer important.

On the ground floor of the Church School was the grain market. Here, grain dealers sold their wares.

In 1909, the volunteer fire brigade moved into parts of the premises along with its equipment.

In 2002, the former school and market building was comprehensively reconstructed, with only the outer façade being retained. The "Market Hall" opened in the building was not successful. Now, the premises are used by a hospitality business and the Dachau artists' association. The first floor is home to *Kulturschranne*, a cabaret venue.

## ... and a story

As late as the 1960s, in the absence of a hose tower, the firefighter's hoses were laid out to dry on Pfarrstrasse after use.



The "Church School" on *Schrannenplatz*, 1925 – left: the former "Birgmannbräu" brewery; centre: St James's church shortly before its extension; background right: the "Sculptor's House"; front right: "Kochwirt"



English version

The picturesque old town of Dachau with its 1200-year history features many sites of historical interest. Special buildings of prominence in the townscape are marked by these historical plaques.

Dachau historical plaques are a joint project by the town of Dachau and the Dachau District Museum.

