

VE Day: Harrow Remembers

Session length: approx. 90 mins

Aim:

- Discover more about Harrow's role in WWII, what life on the home front was like, and hear how Harrow celebrated victory in honour of the 80th anniversary of VE Day. This session focuses on reflecting upon and sharing the stories of WWII and our collective history.

Session breakdown:

The session will be broken into three parts, an instructor-led portion with images and artefacts, a discussion portion for students to share their own opinions, and a short craft activity.

Talk time:

Children will hear about Harrow's important role in WWII and about life on the home front. They will view images, hear music and snippets from famous speeches. They will also make up their own minds about some very strange wartime recipes!

Object handling:

Examine artefacts and photos, focusing on: celebrations; home front; air raids (and air raid precautions); rationing; threats of gas attacks; other experiences of people on the home front.

Craft activities:

Children will be given the opportunity to make a dove to symbolise peace; origami or a hand-outline version for the younger children.

Curriculum links:

- History: significant people and events, the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.
- History: local history study, a study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.