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Dear Yr6 Parents/Carers,

As you are probably aware, Year 6 pupils have been studying World War II during their history lessons this term. To bring the topic to life, we have arranged to have a World War II themed day in school on Friday 13th March 2026.

During the day, children will take part in a variety of lessons including baking using 'ration's', Digging for Victory on the field as well as a Blackout Drill and a drama based activity.

To support the children's immersive learning of this topic, we would greatly appreciate it if your child could dress appropriate to the period. **It is not expected that anyone should purchase anything** special for the day. Below are some suggestions to inspire your outfit choice.

Please note, the school day will begin and end at the usual times and lunchtime arrangements will remain the same as always.

The Year 6 team are very excited about the day and really appreciate your support.

Yours sincerely

The Y6 team.



**Service uniforms:**

Manual uniforms. Dungarees, boiler suits, plain suits.  
Nurses' uniforms: plain blue dresses with a white apron and white nurses hat. Soldiers wore suits or uniforms and wardens wore their normal everyday clothes (1940s dresses or suits with a long mac or coat) with a metal round tin hat.

If you have an old, 1940s-style children's military uniform to hand then this is fine. No need for all the add-ons like utility belts, helmets, gasmasks and, more specifically, no weapons.

#### Land Girls:

Manual uniforms. Dungarees or culottes with either a shirt or white plain t-shirt underneath. Add a belt if you can, but no need. To keep warm you can add a plain coloured jumper (no logos). Maybe add a thick headband or headscarf. Hair was usually tied up under the headscarf to keep it out of the way (or left loose.)



#### Everyday 1940s dress:

Everyday dress in 1940s Great Britain was simple due to rationing.

Women (and girls) would wear simple, loosely fitted dresses with collars. Usually simple in style and pattern, with tights and black or brown shoes. Hair was usually left loose or tied up under a head scarf to keep it neat whilst they worked all day. If they worked in a factory then they would wear overalls.

Men (and boys) would wear suits or suit trousers with a shirt. Some would wear a tie or a Trilby/Fedora styled hat.

#### Evacuees:

Something simple to play and travel in. Can be as simple as a school length skirt with a school blouse or shirt. The children usually had berries or flat caps. Always worn with plain white/black socks and black school shoes. No need for gasmask boxes, suitcases, toys, teddies or tags.

Boys usually wore a pull over or tank top, sometimes with a tie or an open collar. Hair was usually swept to the side with a side parting.

Girls could also wear a 1940s style dress (usually patterned pale flower print) with peter pan styled collars. Hair was usually plaited, left down or put into bunches/pigtails (practical for playing!). Cardigans were really popular in 1940.

#### Top Tips

- Do not bring many items with you - you do not need lots of accessories to enjoy the day.
- Ask friends and family if they have anything you can borrow - this was something they did in WWII. Remember to make do and mend!



- Wear items that you do not mind getting dirty - remember, you will be taking part in different activities and wearing your outfit during play and lunch time.
- Make sure you feel comfortable.