

Let's Celebrate VE Day! (8th May 1945 – 2020, 75th Anniversary)

VE Day History

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Watch the [Newsreel of the VE Day celebrations](#) in London—listen to the roars of the crowds at Buckingham Palace! Feel the excitement! Can you spot our Queen when she was still Princess Elizabeth? How do you think it felt to be there? [\[nb videos are also on the Video Web Page\]](#)

Do you have Great-Grandparents who you can ask about VE Day? If so, can you **interview** them about their memories? Maybe you could make a film of them talking? Or write about what they tell you?

Poppies

Watch the [CBeebies animation about poppies](#) (we've watched it before in class). How does it make you feel? Can you remember what it's about?

Poppies are our national symbol of remembrance, and we'd like you to **create some poppies** to decorate your windows to remember our fallen heroes and to say 'thank you, we will never forget you'. **If you live in Buriton, we'd like you to tie a poppy (or poppies) to our School railings if you walk past on your exercise outing, and take a photo**. There are some ideas below to inspire you, using potato printing, egg boxes, bottle bottoms and sharpie pens, bottle lids, tissue paper, hand prints, cup cake liners or finger painting.



In Flanders Field Poppy Wreath
Simply cut egg cartons into poppy shapes and paint!



Stay at Home Street Party!

Can you help your family to **plan a stay at home street party picnic**? What games could be played? What decorations would be put up? What food would be eaten? Could you design and write some invitations or a menu? Could you help to make sandwiches or a cake? Can you decorate your front garden and help to set up the party?

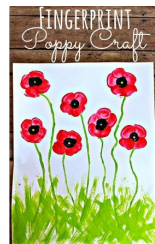
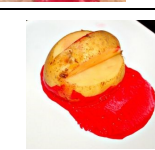


Honour our heroes

Whilst the men were away fighting at War, the women at home had to do War work too. [This link](#) has two short clips of an elderly lady and gentleman talking about their War.



Perhaps you'd like to **design a Bravery Medal** for our amazing Heroes?



Great British Bunting

We'd love you to join in with the rest of the country to **decorate your house or front garden with bunting**, like in 1945. If you'd like some ideas look at the [BBC Great British Bunting](#) webpage. You could make Union Flags, or '75's, 'Thank you' or red, white and blue bunting, or make up your own VE Day ideas.

VE Day Music

How about **learning some songs** that people would have sung at the time?

[There'll Always be an England](#)

[Long way to Tipperary/Pack up your troubles](#)

(a WW1 song but still popular with soldiers of WW2)

[We'll meet again](#), [The White Cliffs of Dover](#)



Or learn how to [Swing Dance step-by-step](#)

or listen to the official VE Celebration [Spotify playlist](#) of 1945 music and dance in your front garden at your party!



And just for interest—this is a picture of the signing of the Peace Treaty when the Nazis surrendered on 7th May 1945. The gentleman on the left is my Great-Uncle, Harold Burrough, who was Admiral of the Fleet in the Royal Navy during the war, so was one of the Allies who signed the historic document.