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This Friday 8th May is VE day.

What does 'VE' stand for?

What does it celebrate?



Victory in Europe Day

A day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on 8 May 1945.

- ▣ On May 8th in the year that WWII ended the Germans surrendered to the Allies.
- ▣ They agreed that they had lost the war and that the fighting should stop.
- ▣ Millions of people had died in WWII so everyone was really happy that the fighting was over.



- ▣ Many people found out about it because the church bells started ringing.
- ▣ Why would church bells spread the news?



At 11am, 75 years ago,
churches sounded their bells in
a sign of victory, signifying the
end to the years they had hung
in silence during the Second
World War.

- ▣ Lots of people came out onto the street dressed in red, white and blue. – Why these colours?
- ▣ They held parties in the street to celebrate with everyone that the war was over.



- Because of rationing there wasn't lots of food for sale so everyone coming to the party had to bring something.



- ▣ The King and Queen waved to everyone from the balcony of Buckingham palace.
- ▣ Our current Queen and her sister went out and joined the party in the street! No-one knew who they were!



- ▣ Winston Churchill went on the radio and told everyone about Germany surrendering. At the end of his speech he said

“This is your victory... Advance Britannia”.



- ▣ Everyone stayed up and there were bonfires and fireworks to celebrate.
- ▣ Lots of the pubs completely ran out of alcohol!

