



Harrow Way Community School

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Dear Parents and Carers

VE Day 80th Anniversary – Thursday 8th May 2025

As Victory in Europe (VE) Day approaches, we are pleased to share how our school will be commemorating this important historical occasion. VE Day, which marks the end of World War II in Europe, holds great significance, and we are keen to ensure our students understand and appreciate its impact—especially as this moment in history begins to move out of living memory.

To mark the occasion, we have planned a series of engaging and respectful activities across the school:

Commemorative Assembly – A whole-school event to reflect on the meaning of VE Day and its legacy.

House Competitions – Students are encouraged to take part in biscuit and bunting-making. The bunting will be proudly displayed around the school.

Library Resource Centre (LRC) Events (7–9 May) – A rich programme of activities will include:

- Writing a collaborative reply to a letter from a WWII veteran
- A VE Day quiz
- 1940s music and themed displays, including:
 - Photographs of VE Day celebrations in Andover
 - Witness testimonies from people who experienced VE Day
 - A student voice activity
 - A showcase of WW2-themed fiction and non-fiction books



Readings from *Home Again* – a moving collection of stories from those who returned home after the war

In addition, **Year 7 will have their own dedicated celebration on 8th May**. Further details will be sent to Year 7 parents shortly, including a dietary requirements form that will need to be completed.

We hope that these activities not only educate but also inspire our students to value the lessons of history and the sacrifices made by those before them. We warmly encourage our wider school community to take part in marking this special day in their own ways.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L. Barlow', written in a dark ink.

Miss L Barlow
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