



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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23rd September 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 6 Portals To The Past Workshop – World War 2 session on-site visit

Year 6 Autumn term History topic is: **WW1/WW2** *What are the forces that influence our lives?*

To support the curriculum this term, we have arranged for Portals To The Past to visit us in school and present a workshop linked into the above theme which will take place on Monday 5th October 2026.

The WW2 workshop is a balance of educational based activities, facts, useful knowledge and a chance for children to experience the community spirit, the national cohesion of the time and what total war meant to everyone, especially children. The day starts with a short talk on how Hitler came to power, setting the scene for the events that happened in Europe in the run-up to war, to the dropping of the atomic bombs. For the rest of the morning, there are a range of activities. To fully immerse the children in the day, they are invited to come dressed as an evacuee. This will be set as home learning for the next 2 weeks. (Please see attachment)

A contribution of **£13.25** is required to help cover the cost of the visitor and the children's workshop. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium Funding, there will be no charge on ParentPay. Please provide permission for your child to be involved in the workshop, and if requested, to make the relevant payment through ParentPay.

Part of our curriculum enrichment over the academic year involves trips off site and visitors into school. Please be aware that we have varying costs related to enrichment opportunities; some are free, some will be lower costs due to having a special visitor in school and others may be more expensive linked to travel and entry costs. We try our best to vary the experiences and opportunities for children across the school. Please note, with lower funding in schools, we are not able to subsidise as much as we used to. Therefore, if we do not receive sufficient financial support for these events, future activities/trips will need to be cancelled. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Yours sincerely

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BOYS CLOTHING

Cap, Flat cap, Balaclava and woollen scarf.
White, Grey or Checked Pattern Shirt.
Short Trousers (boys didn't wear long trousers until they were teenagers!.)
Jacket or Blazer
Cardigan or waistcoat (Wool) or a sleeveless jumper.
Grey Socks
Plimsolls or lace up leather shoes.

GIRLS CLOTHING

Woollen coat, jacket or blazer
Straw, felt or knitted hat and scarf
Cotton or woollen dress
(Girls did not wear trousers)
Woolen skirt and Cotton blouse.
Woolen cardigan or sleeveless jumper
Long or short sleeved jumper.
Ankle socks, grey or white
Plimsolls, leather lace up shoes or sandals



MAKE A GAS MASK BOX

The children will need small square/oblong cardboard box. Shoe shops are normally quite happy to let people have old shoe boxes. (Small children's shoe boxes are ideal). Make a hole either end of the short sides of the box. Cut a length of good quality string, long enough for your gasmask box to go over your shoulders, so the box can hang at your side. Thread the string through the holes in either end of your box and secure with good knots and sticky tape. Stick your respirator instructions inside the lid. Put the lid on the box and put over your shoulders. The children may bring one favourite "old fashioned" toy each.... A teddy, dolly or small toy car.



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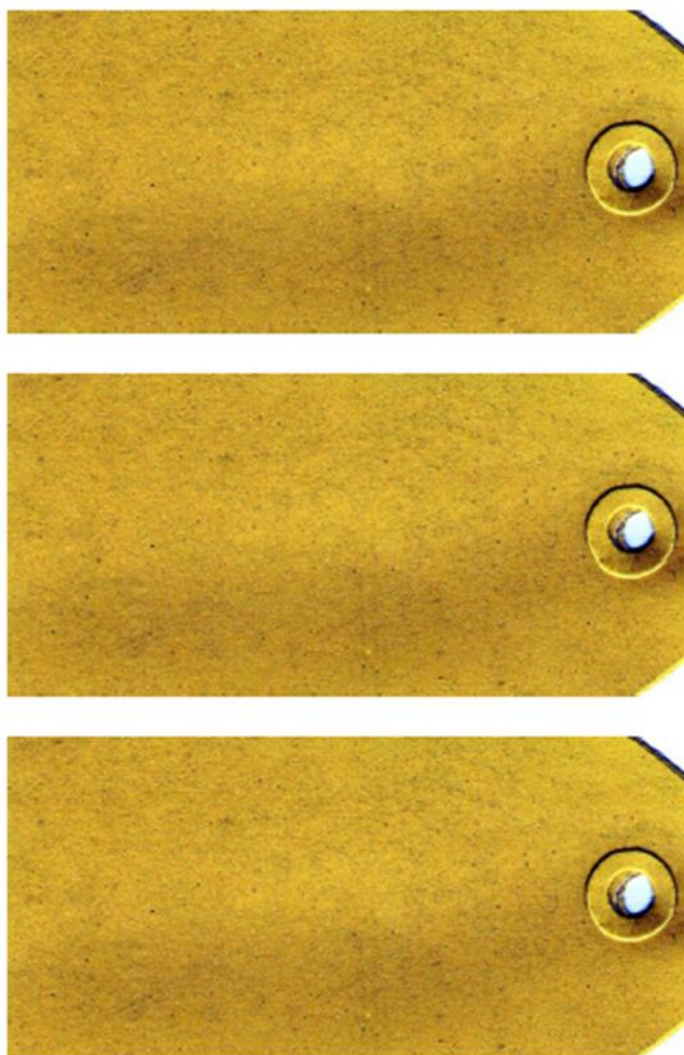
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EVACUEE LABELS.

You can photo copy these and stick on card. Write your name and school on the label.
Make a hole in the middle of the circle and loop a piece of string through it.
Attach to clothes with a safety pin.

OR an easier option.

You can buy packets of these labels from your local Post office
with string already in place. A pack of ten costs pennies!



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