



VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

SJS Remembers

We would like to invite you to join with us in commemorating **VE Day 75**

On **Friday 8th May**

You could make bunting, have a themed picnic, design a cup or a medal, or wave a Union Jack.

We would like you to EITHER take a video clip (less than five seconds and landscape please) OR a photo (landscape please) of you and your family commemorating this event. We will then put them together to create a commemorative video of our community remembering together.

Please send your contribution to teachers@shirleyschools.co.uk by **Monday 11th May**. This is of course optional, but if you would like to get involved you can find more details and resources in the VE Day 75 resource pack below.





VE Day 75 Resource Pack

This year marks the 75th anniversary of VE Day – remembering ‘Victory in Europe’ day when the Allies of World War 2 accepted surrender from Nazi Germany on 8th May 1945.

You can find out more about VE Day here:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/ve-day-75th-anniversary-information-powerpoint-t2-t-1578>

VE Day timetable

- **11am** — Two-minute national silence to remember the declaration of victory and the end of the Second World War in Europe.
 - **2.45pm - 3.45pm** — The first of two special BBC One programmes to mark VE75, including extract from Sir Winston Churchill’s victory speech delivered at 3pm on VE Day.
 - **Afternoon** — Britons encouraged to hold 1940s-style afternoon tea parties at home rather than street parties, including homemade bunting and recipes from the era.
 - **9pm** — Address by the Queen followed by national doorstep rendition of Dame Vera Lynn’s "We’ll Meet Again".
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You can learn the words of this song and sing along with Dame Vera Lynn here:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/stories/ve-day-singalong>

Bunting

Great British Bunting

On Friday 8 May 2020 Britain will be commemorating the 75th anniversary of VE Day when the guns fell silent at the end of war in Europe.

Due to the coronavirus restrictions most VE Day 75 events and street parties have had to be cancelled or postponed but we still want you to be able to mark the occasion, share your pride in our country and honour the men and women of WW2.

You can make your own special VE Day 75 'Great British Bunting' to display in your window at home.

Here are all the instructions you need to get started using any paper, cereal boxes, string, ribbon, sweet wrappers, felt pens, poster paint you have or whatever you can find.

You can decorate your bunting with pictures of whatever inspires you, whether it's those who fought on the frontline or worked hard on the Homefront, or whether it's a celebration of enduring peace or your own personal hero.

Hang your bunting with pride over the weekend of Friday 8 May - Sunday 10 May and make sure you share your pictures with us and on social media using the hashtags #GreatBritishBunting, #VEDay75 and #BBCMakeADifference.



Further instructions can be found here:

http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/english/pdf/ve_day_great_british_bunting_instructions.pdf

Alternatively, you can print 'colour your own' Union Jack bunting here:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-2548139-union-jack-template-display-bunting>

Or ready-made Union Jack bunting here:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-3706-union-jack-bunting>

Or VE Day 75 themed bunting here:

www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-c-254615-ve-day-display-bunting



BBC

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Make your own Union Jack flag



Design a VE Day Medal

This medal celebrated the end of the First World War and was given to soldiers who had fought in active theatres of the war. It was a symbol of **great pride** but its design was also highly **symbolic**.

A rainbow symbolises the calm after the storm.



The colours are the combined colours of the Allied nations with red at the centre.

The years of the First World War - 1914-18

Winged figure is 'Victory'.

Bronze medal, not too expensive after the war, but long lasting.



Your task is to create a medal for British soldiers who served in the Second World War that is just as symbolic and creative.

Your medal can be any shape or size but you must have considered the metal and ribbon choices.

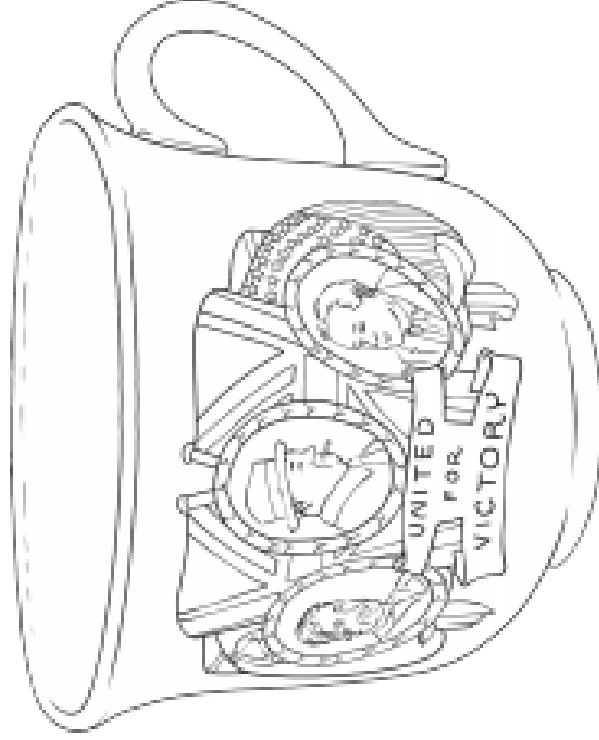
You must include:

- The years of the war (1939-45)
- The colours of the Allies
- A symbol to signify the war and the soldier's sacrifice and victory
- A reference to the many theatres of the fighting (Europe, Africa, Asia, Air, Sea, Land)
- Annotations to explain your choices

Design your own VE Day Medal

VE Day Teacup Design

Victory in Europe (VE) Day took place on 8th May 1945. It marked the end of the Second World War in Europe. VE Day was commemorated in many ways, including the production of special cups.



- Do you recognise the people on the cup? Who are they?
- Why is there a flag on the cup?
- What do you think the slogan on the cup means?
- Why do you think commemorative cups like this were made?



VE Day Teacup Design

Design your own VE Day cup. Think about your design and make sure it is bright and eye-catching. You could include flags, important buildings or people who were involved in the Second World War.



Design your own VE Day teacup