

# Celebrating and Learning about VE Day at Bridge Junior School!



# A Useful Guide to Using the Resources

- Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> is **VE Day**.  
(Victory in Europe Day)
  - There is so much you can do to learn, explore and have **fun at home** with your families.
  - On this presentation there is a range of website links and activity suggestions to help you plan a **fantastic alternative learning day**.
  - On each slide there are hyperlinks to resources.
- [Heritage Website](#)
  - <https://www.veday75.org>
  - [Making bunting](#)
  - [VE Day Photos](#)
  - [The last post](#)
  - <https://www.ancestry.co.uk>
  - [The Story of Leicester Website](#).
  - [Spotify](#) (free music downloads)

# Dance and Sing

The screenshot shows a website page with two main sections. The left section is titled '1940s MUSIC AND DANCE SING-ALONG' and features two columns of lyrics. The first column is for 'LAMBETH WALK' and the second is for 'WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER'. The right section is titled 'HOW TO DANCE THE LINDY HOP SWING' and includes a diagram of a couple dancing, a list of five steps, and a 'READY FOR MORE!' section with a QR code and a Spotify playlist link.

1940s MUSIC AND DANCE  
**SING-ALONG**

**LAMBETH WALK**

Any time you're Lambeth way  
Any evening, any day,  
You'll find us all,  
Doing the Lambeth Walk - ol!

Every little Lambeth gal,  
With her little Lambeth pal,  
You'll find 'em all  
Doin' the Lambeth Walk - ol!

Everything free and easy,  
Do as you darn well pleasey,  
Why don't you make your way there  
Go there, stay there.

Once you get down Lambeth way,  
Every evening, every day,  
You'll find yourself  
Doin' the Lambeth Walk - ol!

**WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER**

There'll be bluebirds over,  
The white cliffs of Dover,  
Tomorrow, just you wait and see.

There'll be love and laughter,  
And peace ever after,  
Tomorrow when the world is free.

The shepherd will tend his sheep,  
The valley will bloom again,  
And Jimmy will go to sleep,  
In his own little room again.

There'll be blue birds over,  
The white cliffs of Dover,  
Tomorrow, just you wait and see.

**HOW TO DANCE THE LINDY HOP SWING**

The Lindy Hop<sup>®</sup> is a swing dance that originated in New York in the late 1920s and early 1930s. It gained popularity in the UK in the 1940s thanks to the American servicemen stationed here during the Second World War.

**THE SWING OUT**  
The Swing Out is a cornerstone Lindy Hop move. It's danced in 8-counts and is a basic building block for other dance steps.

**STEP 1**  
Back step - take a step back with your full weight then transfer the weight to your front foot while keeping it in place.

**STEP 2**  
Triple step - take a step to your side. Bring your feet together. Take another step to your side.

**STEP 3**  
Walk

**STEP 4**  
Walk

**STEP 5**  
Triple step

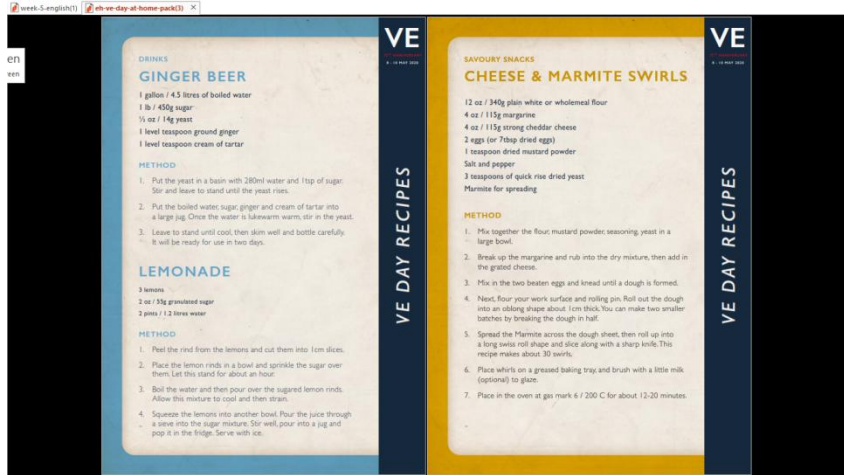
**READY FOR MORE!**  
When you triple step, try to swing the rhythm three-a-four, or long-short-short.

**LISTEN TO OUR PLAYLIST**  
We've created a VE Day Spotify playlist for you to sing along to - just scan the barcode on the right on Spotify.

- Do you fancy trying a 1940s dance and sing a long?
- On the [Heritage Website](#) you can download songs and access **free** music links to [Spotify](#).
- You and your family can have fun learning a dance and singing together.



# Baking and Making



- You could try making a special drink or bake a treat.

- There are some recipe ideas on the website.

- At 3pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May you can raise a cup of tea to the Nation and thank those who gave up so much for us all.



## JOIN THE NATION'S TOAST

On 8 May, as the nation marks 75 years since the end of the Second World War in Europe, we are all invited to raise a toast to all those men and women who played their part in the conflict.

At 3pm on Bank Holiday Friday, wherever you find yourselves, join the whole nation in raising a glass or cup of tea to our nation's heroes. Find out more at [www.veday75.org](http://www.veday75.org)

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# Get Creative Making 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.



[Bunting template \(.pdf\)](#)   [Bunting instructions \(.pdf\)](#)   [Step-by-Step: How to make your bunting \(.pdf\)](#)   [Send us your bunting photographs](#)

- There are lots of fantastic art and craft ideas on the BBC website.

- [Making Bunting](#)



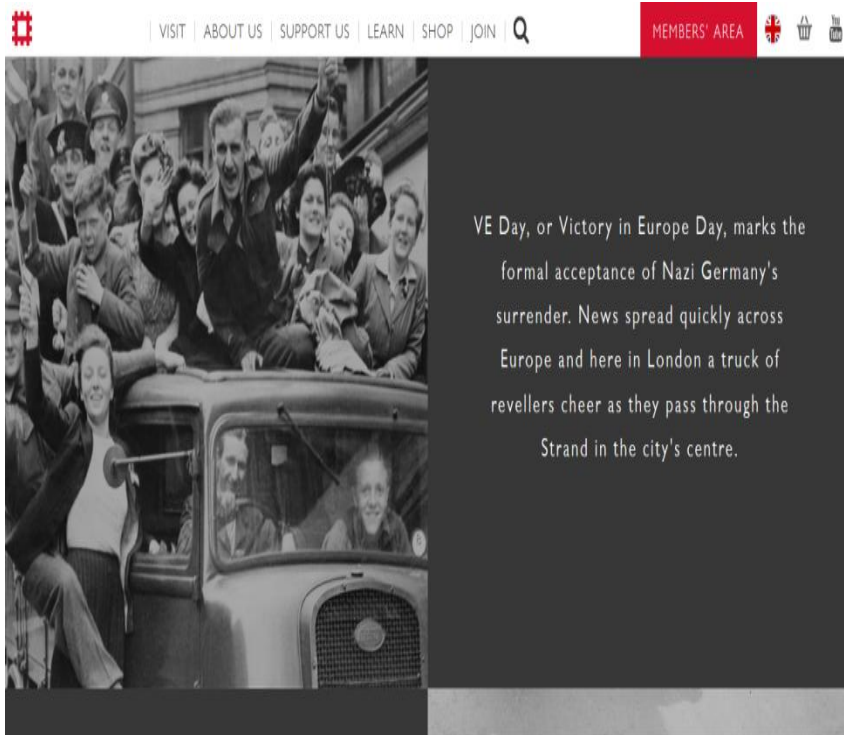
- Decorate your home and have fun with the family.

# Reflection and Respect

- Remembrance and reflection at home.
- [The last post](#)
- Play the music and then observe a two-minute silence.
- At 11am on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020, join the Nation in a **two-minute silence** of reflection and remembrance.



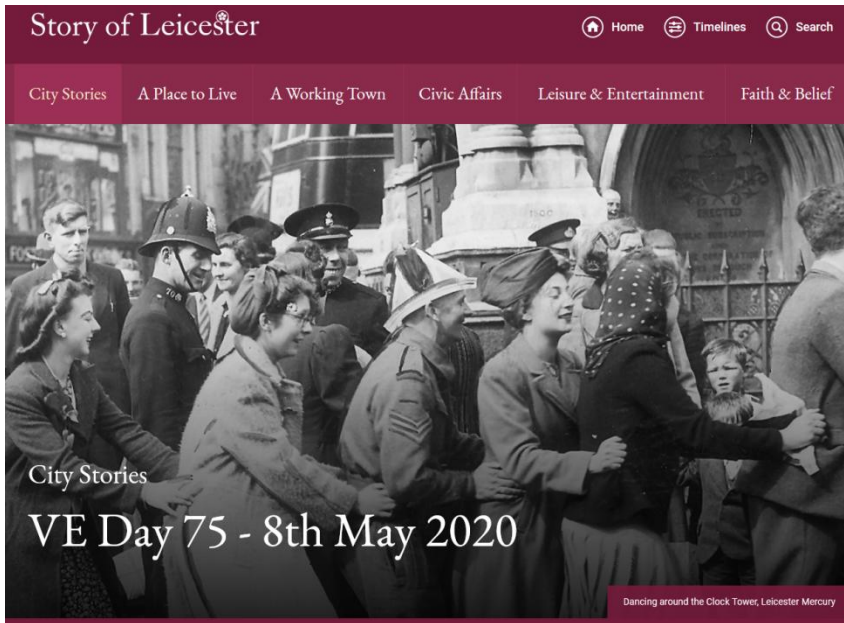
# Research and Explore



- Look at the picture gallery of the VE Day celebrations.  
[VE Day Photos](#)
- Read first hand accounts of how people lived and worked during the war.
- Find out more about some of the soldiers and their stories.

# VE Day in Leicester

- Find out more about history in our local area.
- There are lots of stories and photos to look at on [The Story of Leicester Website.](#)



# Discover your families past!

The screenshot shows the Ancestry website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Ancestry logo and links for Trees, Search, DNA, Help, and Extras. A green banner below the navigation bar reads "ALL UK RECORDS ARE FREE\* TO ACCESS UNTIL 10 MAY". The main content area features a large banner for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, with the text "DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY'S WWII STORY" and a sub-headline "We're proudly working with the UK Government to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day". In the center, there is a search form titled "Find your ancestors here" with the instruction "Search a family member's name". The form includes input fields for "First & Middle Name(s)", "Last Name", "Year", "Location", and "Birth". A "Search" button is located at the bottom of the form. The background of the page is a light-colored image with faint, handwritten text.

- All UK records are **free** to search until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of May.
- Find out more about your families history on this great website.
- <https://www.ancestry.co.uk>

# Competition

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## VE Day Competition

*On the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that after six long years the war in Europe was finally over. He declared that from that day on, May 8<sup>th</sup> would be known as 'VE' day or 'Victory in Europe' day. The end of the war meant huge celebrations for everyone with street parties, singing and dancing!*

On the 8<sup>th</sup> May this year, it will be 75 years since this historic event and we are inviting you to join in the celebrations by entering our special VE Day competition.

***Celebrate with us by making your own bunting and decorate it with a celebratory poem!***

Send a photo of your poetry bunting along with your name, age and school to [cls@leics.gov.uk](mailto:cls@leics.gov.uk) by Monday 11th May at 11am.

The winner will be announced on Wednesday 13th May.

### **Need some inspiration? Why not try...**

- Having the whole family or class involved and do a triangle each.
  - Getting creative with your poetry- have a go at writing a haiku, a limerick or even an acrostic poem.
- Researching VE day or World War II in Leicestershire for ideas.
  - Using all your creative skills to make your bunting- you could do some painting, drawing, sewing or even baking!

The winner will receive free loan of CLS artworks or artefacts for their school.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for more activities, ideas and support.

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# Share your celebrations with us!

- We want to know how much fun you had and what you did.
- Tell your teachers on Seesaw.
- Take photos of your celebrations.
- Dress up in red, white and blue!

