

14th January 2026

Dear Parents

Year 4 Evacuation Experience Trip

We will be 'evacuating' our Year 4 children this summer! This trip ties in with our class read 'The Valley of Lost Secrets', our English writing and our history unit on World War II. It promises to be an educational and immersive experience.

We are asking the children to come dressed as evacuees to fully experience life in the 1940s.

Date: Wednesday 3rd June

Time: Children will need to be in the School Hall by **8.30am** in order to depart promptly.
Children will be back in time for the end of the school day at **3.15pm**.

Where: Winchcombe on the GWSR steam train



During the day, the children will be involved in the following activities:

- A steam train journey to the 'safety of the countryside'
- A presentation by museum education staff in role, showing a range of wartime items which pupils will be able to investigate and handle.
- Firefighting practice.
- An air raid experience including a short stay in an 'air raid shelter'.
- A short talk by a real WWII evacuee, with the opportunity to ask questions.
- A 1940s picnic lunch (appropriate food to be provided by parents).
- Final allocation of the children to their 'farming occupations and accommodation'

REQUIRED ON THE DAY:

- All children to dress up as an evacuee
- A small, old fashioned hand-held suitcase (or plain pillowcase) for belongings
- An optional soft toy
- A suitable wartime packed lunch & water bottle

DRESSING UP

Below you will find some ideas for dressing up as an evacuee.



BOYS

- Dark shorts
- Dark socks
- School shoes
- Caps
- A collared shirt
- A 'knitted' tank top/jumper
- Waistcoat

GIRLS

- Dress
- Skirt and blouse
- White socks
- School shoes
- Knitted cardigan
- Plaited hair

In school, we will be making identity labels and a gas mask box to finish off their outfits. If you have a small cardboard box at home, (washing capsule boxes are an ideal size), please could children bring these into school by Friday 15th May.

COST

We are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of **£18.50** towards the cost of the visit and this can be paid via **2 instalments of £9.25 due on 27th March and 1st May**. It would be impossible to fund the trip out of school money, therefore if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised, it may have to be cancelled. All payments can be made through the ParentPay system. Please make sure that you provide your consent by ticking the appropriate box. Parental consent is necessary for your child to attend this trip and should be made by **Friday 8th May**.

Kind regards

Mrs Gowan, Mrs Wintle and Miss Pietroni
Year 4 Teachers

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