



# BURDETT-COUTTS SCHOOL

## VE DAY - 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

Join us as we celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, with a fabulous 1940s Street Party



#### **Dress Up Day**

Non-uniform! Come dressed in fabulous 1940s fashion.



#### **1940s Lunch Theme**

Children to enjoy a special traditional 1940's style lunch outdoors with bunting, music and cordial drinks.



#### **Poppy Art Installation**

Each class will make their own poppies which we will use to create a beautiful playground display.



#### **Music & Dance of the Era**

Featuring 'The Lambeth Walk' and 'Let's All Go Down the Strand'



#### **1940s Fashion Parade - 3pm**

Cheer on your friends (and teachers!) during the fashion show.



#### **Afternoon Tea - 2:30 - 4:00pm**

Parents invited to enjoy a traditional Afternoon Tea - Victoria Sponge, Jam Tarts and more!

# 1940s Costume

## Girls

- Straw hat or beret
- Hair worn loose, half up or in plaits
- Hair tied with ribbons or clipped with a slide
- Plain skirt and blouse
- Plain dress
- Knitted v-neck jumper or cardigan
- White long socks or angle socks
- Plain shoes
- No logos



## Boys

- Cap
- Hair combed in a side parting
- Plain shirt with a collar
- Knitted v-neck jumper or tank top
- Short trousers i.e. grey/black 'school' shorts or cut down old school trousers
- Blazer or plain jacket
- Long socks
- Dark shoes or boots
- No logos

## Packed Lunch Suggestions

You might like to consider bringing a wartime lunch to eat. In a time before supermarkets and fast food, there was no crisps or plastic wrapped chocolates or biscuits! Food could be brought wrapped in a cloth (i.e. tea towel) a basket, brown paper bag or in a tin rather than a plastic lunchbox. Food to include:

**Corned beef sandwich • Bread with jam, margarine, honey or marmite • Pasty • Apple, pears, plums  
scrubbed carrots or tomatoes • Pickled onions • Fruit cake • Plain biscuits • Gingerbread men • Jam tarts •  
Squashes and cordials • Water**



**Cheese, meat, chocolate, crisps, bananas and exotic fruits  
are to be avoided if you want to be authentic!**