

Information for Teachers

WWII: 10th May 1941 KS2+ Session

at Peterborough Museum



Bring history alive with a day full of costumed interpreters and discover how the museum building and its people played their role in WWII as you step back in time to one specific day in 1941.

As London experienced their longest and worst night of the Blitz, bombs dropped on the Priestgate area in Peterborough.

The story for the day is that the children have just recently arrived at Peterborough North Station and have been brought to the Museum building for safety before being billeted to new families.

Before the visit, classes are given names of children who were evacuated to Peterborough during WWII.

It will be great if you arrive on the day with your names on stickers.



Museum Cellar's Air Raid Shelter

You will be escorted down into the museum cellar's air raid shelter by an ARP Warden. Get settled and handle real WWII artefacts and test out your gas masks. Meet Abigail, the Museum caretaker's daughter, who is also sheltering downstairs. Experience the sights, sounds and even the shakes of an air raid!

If wished, it is possible for students to experience a real air raid shelter without the raid (so no Abigail projection, sounds and shakes!)



Meet a Home Guard Soldier

Meet Mr Winter, the Museum caretaker, whilst on his Home Guard duties. Discover what this involves and try out some of the tasks including drill. Practise using a stirrup pump and watch out for any incendiary bombs in the Museum Garden!

Please see '**Other information**' for additional activities that complement this local history study.

National Curriculum links: History, English PSHE.

Learning objectives:

Participating in these 'WWII' activities, pupils will:

- study an aspect of history and a site that is significant in the locality.
- develop greater understanding, knowledge and appreciation of their local history and the past way of life.
- develop an understanding of how our understanding of the past is constructed from a range of sources.
- identify, understand and appreciate what impact WWII had on the local area.



- make statements and inferences based on evidence.
- use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas.

*“Great hands-on activities and all very accommodating with lovely staff”
 (Teacher from Woodston Primary School)*

Other information:

Duration:	Half day (up to 2 hours). Or a full day (10am – 2pm) with additional activities.
Cost:	£150 per group of up to 30 (includes the use of the lunchroom). Minimum charge for groups of less than 15: £75
Maximum group size:	Maximum number per group is 30. We can cater up to two classes in a half day. Talk to us if you would like to bring three classes on one day.
Recommended ratio:	Minimum 1 adult to 10 students.
Booking information:	To book, please contact us by phone or email. When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment is emailed to you. To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us.
A note about behaviour:	School teachers have overall responsibility for the behaviour of their pupils and we expect you to support Museum staff with this where necessary. As you know, pupils benefit significantly when school staff and adults also get involved in the activities so please join in where appropriate.
Additional activities:	<p>You can include one of the following activities to extend your stay to a full day. Please contact us for more information. Extra charges are applicable to museum and guide-led activities.</p> <p>WWII City Tour Take a guided tour of the city centre and discover how different buildings and spaces were used during WWII.</p> <p>WWII Craft Make a spitfire or messenger pigeon toy out of recycled material to really get experience the ‘make do and mend’ experience. This will also be an alternative activity if the weather is too wet for a planned guided city tour.</p> <p>WWII Museum Trail An independent trail that takes pupils around the museum building (non-chargeable and teacher-led).</p>
Outreach?	Our WWII home guard officer, Mr Winters, can visit your school. Contact us for more details on 01733 864 700 / 706.



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