



Friday 17th April 2026,

Dear Year 6 Parents,

In order to complement our learning in History this term and because we have worked so hard, I would very much like to take Year 6 to the **Stockport Air Raid Shelters** in Stockport. All being well, the trip will take place on **Monday 18th May**, directly after SATs week. We will be travelling by coach.

We will be taking part in the **Evacuee** experience which encourages active exploration of the consequences of war. This will help the children to understand the impact of war and conflict on people's lives and the variety of these experiences. Through personal stories, question-based learning and conversation, Year 6 will have a chance to get to know the people who were there living through the conflict.

On the day of the trip, the children will need to bring lunch in a small rucksack and a waterbottle. In order that the children understand the full Evacuee experience, I will be encouraging them to dress up as Evacuees and bring a wartime 'ration' lunch. I will also be insisting that they wear a label with their name and the name of our school. Getting ready for the trip will form their homework over the next week.

• Bring your gas mask box. There are free printable ones here: [Gas Mask Box](#). I'm more than happy to print one out for anyone who would like me to.

Ration Lunch Ideas

- Wholemeal bread
- Sandwich fillings: cheese, Spam, luncheon meat, corned beef, sardines, Meat or fish paste, salad.
- British grown fruit in season e.g. apples, pears, plums, peaches, cherries etc
- Plain biscuits e.g. rich tea or custard creams
- Home-made cakes (sorry, probably not chocolate!)
- Sandwiches wrapped in greaseproof paper (baking parchment is a good substitute)

- Milk, squash, or water
- Salt and Shake crisps

(Obviously I'm sure there were children in the 1940s who tried to 'smuggle' non-rationed foods....just don't get caught!)

Wartime Clothing Ideas

We are aware that not everyone has the resources for full costume, but 1940s appropriate outfits can be made from clothes most children will already have in their wardrobe. If anyone doesn't want to wear a full 1940s costume, a hat will help! A cap, Trilby, headscarf or straw hat.

The cost of the trip will be **£16.50** which can be made via **ParentPay**. We would be grateful if payment is made by **Friday 15th May**. In order to enjoy a full day at Stockport, we will leave school on a coach at 9.15am and I anticipate a return to school for the end of the school day.

If you are available to accompany the class as a Parent helper, please indicate so on the slip below. We are always hugely grateful for all offers.

Please know that unlike the experiences of 1940s evacuee children, I anticipate your child will be returned to you in time for the end of the day.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask,

Thank you, as always, for your support,

Jenny Dutton (Year 6 Class Teacher)

I give permission for my child _____ to go to **Stockport Air Raid Shelters** on **Monday 18th May 2025**

They do / do not (please delete as appropriate) suffer from motion or travel sickness.

I am / am not available to help.

I will make payment and give consent on ParentPay.

Signed _____ (Parent)
