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VE Day London (1945)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6AC2vzAA5N8>

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Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 is VE day.

What does 'VE' stand for?

What does it celebrate?



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On May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945 the German forces surrendered to the Allies. They agreed that they had lost the war and that the fighting should cease. Millions of people lost their lives during WWII. Everyone was elated to hear that the fighting was finally over.

Many people found out about it because the church bells started ringing. Why would church bells spread the news?



# V E D A Y

Lots of people came out onto the street dressed in red, white and blue.  
Why do you think they chose those colours?

They held parties in the street to celebrate that the war was over!



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Because of rationing there wasn't a lot of food for sale, so everyone coming to the party had to bring something. Community spirit shone through and everyone shared what they could!



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Winston Churchill addressed the nation, telling the British people that Germany had surrendered. At the end of his speech he said - "This is your victory... Advance Britannia".





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## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO CELEBRATE?

If we were in school there would definitely be a house competition for this (you know I love a good competition!). Just because we are not in the building, doesn't mean we can't get involved! Here's what you can do....

1. Design a "War is Over" poster in the "1940's wartime" style.

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/learning/resources/second-world-war-posters>

2. Create your own bunting – you could even include the house names (they are named after war heroes after all)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4TrqYDyf4PMdLypxzyTwGDg/great-british-bunting>

3. Home baking – some ideas can be found here:

<https://www.goodtoknow.co.uk/recipes/victoria-sponge>

4. You could have a picnic (even get the neighbours involved from their front lawn too), host a family party and extend it further via FaceTime or Zoom

Remember to tweet us your photos or you can show them to your tutors when we return.

Good luck & enjoy the celebrations – Miss Forbes & the House Team 😊