

75th Anniversary of VE Day

On 8th May 2020, it will be 75 years since the first VE Day. VE Day stands for Victory in Europe Day. The day marks the end of the Second World War in Europe. People remember everyone who lived during the war and the soldiers who fought.

Victory in Europe

On 7th May 1945, Germany called an end to the war. The next day, Tuesday 8th May 1945 became a day of celebration called Victory in Europe Day. It marked the end of the war so people were very happy. There were lots of celebrations.

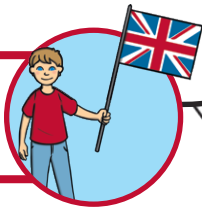
How Did People Celebrate the First VE Day?

People listened to the Prime Minister on the wireless. A wireless was a radio.

Church bells rang to share the news.



They danced and waved flags.



People set off fireworks into the night sky.



Everyone made food to share at street parties.



People hung bunting and banners in the street.



People wore red, white and blue to look like the British flag.

Many people waited outside Buckingham Palace to see the King.



London was very busy on VE Day.

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