



Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 are organising fundraising activities to raise money for this year's Spirit Alive Week which will be held at the end of July. All money raised will help to make Spirit Alive the biggest and best yet and will pay for a range of exciting visitors, activities and resources. Our fundraising theme for 2025 is the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Year 5 have been learning about World War Two and would like to mark VE Day and link our fundraising to this important date.

Due to the year 4 residential, our VE Day celebrations will be held on Friday 9th May.

The children have decided to politely request that this year all children can make a suggested donation of **£2 via ParentPay.**

This will enable children to:

- Wear red, white and blue for the day
- Enter the Great Beechwood VE Day Bake Off - bake and decorate a cake for VE day to win a prize
- Enter the VE Day Drawing competition - draw, paint or make a piece of art commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day to win a prize
- VE Day penalty shootout- can you beat the year 5 goalies?
- Enjoy a bun/biscuit at our VE Day event
- Dress up in 1940's fancy dress. The best outfit wins a prize!

Our main fundraising focus will be a sponsored 1940's dance. Every child will bring home a sponsor form to collect sponsorship money for their dance. Each class will have a slot at the celebration event to do a 1940's dance and recreate the joy and fun people experienced at street parties across the country.

Please send donations of buns or biscuits to school on the morning of **Friday 9th** along with any entries to the competition.

Year 5 will be doing a whole school assembly on Tuesday 6th May to talk to everyone in school about the VE Day celebrations and explain more about how the fundraising day will work.

Thank you for your continued support- we really appreciate it! Let's make Spirit Alive 2025 the best one yet!

Year 5 Team