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## Year 5 Portals to the Past Workshop

Dear Parents/carers,

I am very pleased to tell you that on **Friday 6th March 2026** Year 5 will be taking part in an Ancient Egyptian workshop and on **Friday 15th May 2026**, Year 5 will be taking part in a workshop all about World War 1.

Ancient Egyptian workshop- The children participate in activities throughout the day as they learn about what happens following the death of a mighty Pharaoh, including tomb building, the mummification process, burial ceremonies and, finally, the crowning of the new Pharaoh. They will also get the opportunity to complete basic maths the Egyptian way, and learn how to measure in cubits, discover fascinating facts during an Egyptian-themed quiz, play Hounds and Jackals - an Egyptian board game, as well as handle Egyptian artefacts and learn about their way of life. On the day, the children are invited to come to school dressed up as Ancient Egyptians if they wish. However, if your child does not wish to come to school dressed up, they will need to be in full school uniform.

World War 1 workshop- The day will be fun and engaging for the children, who will take part in various activities, including quizzes, re-enactments of home-guard drills, discussions, and the handling of genuine WW1 artefacts. This educational, exciting and moving workshop provides a depth of understanding of the Great War in an impactful, but sensitive and age-appropriate manner. On the day, the children are invited to come to school dressed up as a WW1 school child or British soldier (from WW1) if they wish. However, if your child does not wish to come to school dressed up, they will need to be in full school uniform.

The workshops will take place on the school site and will be within normal school hours. They will be provided by 'Portals to the Past'- a team of educators, who will bring all of the equipment necessary to make the day as interactive as possible for the children. We hope that these workshops will help the children gain a better understanding of Ancient Egypt and World War 1, supporting their learning in history lessons about these specific time periods.

To cover the costs of these workshop, we are asking for a contribution of **£20** which can be paid via ParentPay. **Please can payment be made by Friday 27th February 2026.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs Brown



## Dressing as WW1 School Children

Have a good look at these photos of school children.



The girls are wearing Calf length, long sleeved plain dresses, over which they wear a plain smock. The smock is to keep their dress clean.

Wear long black socks and black ankle boots.

Hair is worn off the face and long hair tied back with ribbons.

A beret or straw hat were always worn when going out.



The boys are wearing breeches, trousers that come just below the knee, long socks and black ankle boots. Shirts had big collars and are worn under a tight fitting jacket. All the buttons would be done up. Caps were always worn when going outside.