



3rd July 2026

Dear Parents

In the Autumn Term, as part of our Year 6 history unit on why the Blitz was a significant turning point in British History, we have organised two hands-on learning experiences for the children:

- a visit to the Watercress Line
- a virtual reality workshop with PrimeVR in the classroom

The visits to the **Watercress Line** will take place on the following days:

6J and half of 6H* will visit on Wednesday 9th September

6S and half of 6H* will visit on Thursday 10th September

On the day of their visit to the Watercress Line, the children will need to come dressed in the style of an evacuee in order to become fully immersed in the experience (*a suggested clothing list is included*). During the day, the children will board a return steam train from Ropley to Alton. At Ropley station, they will also take part in two workshops in order learn more about how everyday life on the Home Front was affected by the war.

In order to ensure a prompt departure, the children will need to **arrive in school by 8.30 am** on the day of their visit. They will also need to bring a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks, cans or glass bottles) and a waterproof coat. The coach **will return to school by approximately 3.15 pm.**

The **virtual reality workshops** will take place on **Wednesday 11th November**. During their workshop, the children will use virtual reality headsets in order to travel back in time and learn about some of the key events that unfolded during World War Two.

In order to make the visit to the Watercress Line and the virtual reality workshop possible, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£30.25** per child to cover the cost of the education sessions, train journey, and coach. Contributions can be made using our on-line payment system; alternatively, if paying by cheque please make it payable to H.C.C. Please complete the [ONLINE FORM](#) by midday on Friday 10th July and payment needs to be made by Tuesday 1st September 2026.

Yours sincerely

Mr Wade (6H)

Mrs Douglas (6J)

Miss Cain (6S)

*6H parents will be advised which date their child will be going on the trip via an Arbor email

Suggested clothing to wear in their role as an evacuee:

Boys:

- a cap or woollen hat
- knee-length shorts or trousers
- shoes or boots (not trainers)
- woollen jumper or tank top (not a sweatshirt)
- shirt

Girls:

- a beret or woollen hat
- knee-length dress or skirt
- blouse
- woollen jumper or cardigan (not a sweatshirt)
- shoes or boots (not trainers)



Before their visit to the Watercress Line, the children will make a luggage label and identity card for their character. In advance of their visit, the children may also like to make their own gas mask box.

On the day of their visit, they may also bring either a small suitcase or pillowcase to carry their lunch boxes in. If they would like to, they could also bring a small 'old style' doll or cuddly toy.