

BRITISH VALUES

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INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY



80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

In recognition of the 80th anniversary of VE Day, Settlebeck organised a series of events to both reflect on the historical significance of the end of the Second World War and to celebrate the peace that was achieved in May 1945.

Victory in Europe (VE) Day, which took place on 8th May 1945, marked the formal end of the Second World War in Europe after six long years of conflict. The surrender of Nazi Germany signified the triumph of Allied forces and brought an overwhelming sense of relief, joy, and solemn remembrance. While celebrations erupted across the UK and Europe, there was also a deep awareness of the lives lost and the sacrifices made. VE Day serves as a poignant reminder of the resilience, courage, and collective determination that led to the defeat of Hitler's regime.

This moment in history holds particular importance in relation to the British values that underpin our society today, such as democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect. The sacrifices made during the Second World War ensured that these values were preserved for future generations. The victory in Europe reinforced the importance of upholding freedom, equality, and justice for all. As a school, it's essential that we not only remember this period in history but also reflect on how the resilience shown by the British people during the war has shaped our modern-day society and the values we hold dear.

HOW SETTLEBECK CELEBRATED



80th Anniversary VE Day Assembly

Our VE Day celebrations began with a thoughtful assembly led by Mr. East, our amazing History teacher, who vividly brought to life the events leading up to the Second World War, including the role of the Treaty of Versailles and how its punitive conditions are thought to have contributed to the conflict.

Mr. East shared significant moments from the war, such as the heroic evacuation of Dunkirk, where civilians and fishermen helped rescue British soldiers, and the bravery shown during D-Day. He also spoke about the Blitzkrieg strategy, the bombings of cities, and the rationing and hardships faced by civilians. Additionally, he included local history provided by Sedbergh's History Society, adding a personal touch to the narrative.

The assembly reflected on the sacrifices made during the war and the emotional mixture of grief and joy that accompanied its end.

We also observed a two minute silence on Thursday 8th May, joining the nation in honoring those who fought and served to protect our democracy.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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Raising funds for the Royal British Legion and Our 80th Anniversary of VE Day Cake Sale

The Royal British Legion (RBL) is a UK charity that provides essential support to members of the armed forces and their families. Since 1921, it has offered services such as mental health support, housing assistance, and financial aid, while also commemorating the sacrifices made by those who have served.

Fundraising for both our local and wider community is an important part of our school ethos. As part of our 80th Anniversary of VE Day celebrations, we held a cake sale in support of the RBL.

We are proud to share that we raised £234, which will help fund the charity's vital work with veterans and their families. This initiative reflects our commitment to British values, including respect, responsibility, and supporting those who have served our country.

A huge thank you to our students, parents, and staff who contributed by donating or purchasing cakes, making this event a resounding success!

'Lest we forget'

HOUSE TUG OF WAR



House Tug of War Competition for VE Day

As part of our VE Day celebrations, we hosted a House Tug of War competition, bringing our school community together to mark this historic occasion. The event was inspired by the spirit of teamwork and unity that defined the efforts of those who contributed to the victory in World War II, and it was a great way for students to embrace the values of collaboration and resilience, just as the nation did during that time.

This competition also ties into the British values of teamwork, respect, and fair play, all of which are key aspects of our school ethos. Students demonstrated their commitment to these values as they worked together in their teams, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose.

A massive thank you to Miss Hodgson, who coordinated the event and made it truly memorable for everyone involved!

RESULTS

	KS3	KS4
Dale	4 th	4 th
Beck	3 rd	3 rd
Ghyll	1 st	2 nd
Tarn	2 nd	1 st

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