

Evacuated to St Ives - School Visit Activity Information

Key Stage: Two		All visits are for 1x class per day
Learning Outcomes: - Understand what life was like for children during the Second World War and learn why many children were evacuated from their homes. - Discover how the war affected everyday life by exploring real artefacts, rationing, clothing, toys and the experiences of evacuees such as Ted Smith. - Enjoy exploring The Norris Museum through immersive and hands-on activities, building curiosity about local history and helping children feel the museum is a place for them.		
Session Costs: Morning Museum Session £2.50 per child (minimum charge £50.00 per session) Lunch at the Museum - Schools are welcome to stay for lunch after their morning session at no additional charge. - Food and drink must be brought with you. - Please let us know at the time of booking if you wish to stay for lunch, even if you are not booking an afternoon workshop. Optional Afternoon Craft Workshop £1.00 per child (minimum charge £20.00 per workshop) Special Offers TRIAL OFFER – Multiple Visit Discount: Book more than two museum visits during the same school year and receive half-price afternoon workshops for every visit. Loans Box Discount: Receive a half-price loans box with each museum visit booked, provided that: - The loans box and museum visit are booked for the same term. - There is one museum visit booked for each discounted loans box. Combined Offer: Schools booking more than two visits and accompanying loans boxes can benefit from both discounts simultaneously.		
Session Schedule:		
9:30/9:45am	Class arrives We encourage children to come in costume. As the children enter the Community Room, they will be given stamped evacuee nametags for the day.	
10:00am	Introduction Activity: Explore the true story of Ted Smith's evacuation to St Ives through recordings of his memories. Learn about life as an evacuee and have a go at packing an evacuee's suitcase.	
10:30am	10-minute break Children welcome to have a small snack and a drink – brought with them	

10:40am	Carousel of Activities: Whole class divided into 4 groups – 2 groups have activities in the Community Room and 2 groups have activities in the Museum Gallery – swap after 40 minutes.
Community Room Activities (Norris-led)	How did the war affect what people ate? Listen to Ted’s memories of potato picking and discover what it was like to eat during the Second World War. Weigh and ration foods to experience the challenges of wartime life. Examine real and replica artefacts and try on wartime clothing and accessories.
Museum Gallery Activities (School-led with Norris volunteer support where possible)	What did children do for fun? All activities (with clear instructions) will be set up ready. We recommend keeping the children in their two groups and have one playing with the toys and the other exploring the museum gallery space for 20 minutes and then swapping over for the second 20 minutes. Toys: Listen to Ted Smith's memories of the games and activities he enjoyed before and after being evacuated. Compare how children had fun during the Second World War with the ways children spend their leisure time today, then enjoy some traditional wartime toys and games. Explore the Museum Gallery Space: See if you can match the World War 2 planes to the identification poster Complete the World War 2 Quiz Trail
11:20am	Carousel of Activities: 2x groups in the Community Room swap with 2x groups in the Museum Gallery
12:00pm	Plenary: Discussion with the children about the day – what have they enjoyed and why, what have they found surprising, interesting, etc.
12:10pm	Class Departs/Lunch Class either returns to school, or has their lunch (brought with them from school) in the Community Room or Museum Garden (weather permitting)
12:45pm	Optional Afternoon Craft Workshop Create your own “make do and mend” style sock puppet using everyday materials similar to those children may have used during the war, when new toys were scarce. Pupils will sew their creation together while exploring wartime resourcefulness.
1:45pm	Class prepares to depart