

Armed Forces Day 2016



Extension Ideas

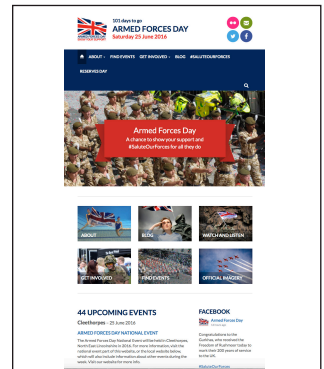
Primary Assembly
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www.armedforcesday.org.uk

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Be a part of Armed Forces Day

Local events across the UK will be celebrating our Armed Forces, past, present and future. Visit www.armedforcesday.org.uk and find out how your pupils can join in an event near you.



Celebrate helping others

Create a display in your reception area or classrooms that celebrates the importance of helping others and respecting their rights. Start with what pupils can do in your school, and 'grow' your display to show how people help others, right up to how one country can step in to help another at times of need.

Pupils can:

- Join a national "salute" to the Forces through the **#SaluteOurForces** campaign, which asks people to send a an image of the simple gesture.
- Find photos and write captions to explain what is happening
- Create drawings and collages
- Write their own stories about helping or being helped
- Add local news articles about the work of the Armed Forces and how they have been celebrated in your area

Fly the flag

Raise a flag to show your appreciation. You could join in with a flag-raising event near you, or why not raise one at your school.

You could:

- Invite a veteran or serving member to speak to your pupils
- Invite pupils to say a few words of appreciation through poems, songs or letters

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Meet a veteran

Your local Royal British Legion can help you to find a services veteran who could visit your school and talk about their experiences in the Armed Forces. They might have experience of a historical war such as World War II, or even a more recent event such as the Falklands conflict.



Create a corner garden

Gardens and public spaces are often created to remember or celebrate a person, group or event. Why not put aside a corner in your school grounds and plant flowers or a tree as a reminder to pupils of the work of our Armed Forces. Don't be put off if you've nowhere to plant – why not create a container garden instead?

Celebrate a relative

Pupils may have relatives who have served in the Armed Forces, and who maybe still do. See if they could visit your school and talk about their experiences. They could provide some memorabilia (photos, a uniform, equipment or even medals) for a display.

Watch history as it happened

The British Film Institute and Imperial War Museum have film archives available to schools in the UK. You can search online, and could even find out if there are film clips with local relevance.

What are they doing?

Use the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force websites to find out about where our Armed Forces are deployed around the world.

www.royalnavy.mod.uk

www.army.mod.uk

www.raf.mod.uk

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Pupils could:

- *Plot locations on a map or globe*
- *Find out about each location or country*
- *Find photos and pictures*



Help at home

Our Armed Forces provide help when it's needed in the UK. Pupils can search news websites and find out more about how they helped UK citizens, for example during the Cumbrian floods of 2009.

Pupils could:

- *Write a celebratory poem or story*
- *Create and video a role-played news programme explaining how the Armed Forces provided help*

Meet your local servicemen and women

You may have an Armed Forces base near you, for example an airfield, naval base or regimental barracks. Pupils can use the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force websites to find out. Why not see if there is a museum that you can visit, or if a serviceman or woman can visit your school and talk about what they do?



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Pupils could:

- *Plan and ask questions*
- *Record their interview or talk*
- *Enjoy some military or wartime music*

Military bands provide ceremonial and marching music for our Armed Forces.

Pupils could:

- *Enjoy listening to examples on CD or MP3*
- *Watch a video of military music, for example from Trooping the Colour or the Edinburgh Military Tattoo*
- *Discuss the feelings and emotions that this sort of music can create*
- *Listen to some famous military songs and tunes to gain insight into how conflicts affects communities.*



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