

World War II Evacuation Experience



A joint initiative between
Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway and
The Wilson, Cheltenham



A special opportunity for Key Stage 2 pupils to experience a World War II evacuation



The children will be taken back in time to 1940 for a glimpse into wartime life.

The fully escorted evacuation experience will include a Steam train journey to the 'safety of the countryside' plus (subject to availability):

- Presentation by Museum Education staff in role, showing a range of wartime items, which pupils will be able to investigate and handle.
- Firefighting practice.
- Air raid experience including short stay in 'air raid shelter'.
- A short talk by a real WWII evacuee with the opportunity to ask questions.
- 1940s picnic lunch (appropriate food to be provided by school/parents).
- Final allocation of the children to their 'farming occupations and accommodation'

*"You made it feel like we were being evacuated....
....it actually felt like we were in an evacuee's shoes"*

Assembly: At Winchcombe Station, GL54 5LD.
Times: Start 09.30 prompt, finish 13.45 approx.
Group Size: Minimum 20 up to approx 33 pupils per group.
2018 Cost: *£12 per pupil. One free adult per 10 pupils, with additional adults £12 each.*

Availability: Up to 3 groups per day.

Dress: Pupils and staff should dress in 1940s style with an identity label, gas mask box, toy, suitcase or pillow-case for belongings, and a suitable wartime lunch.

For operating dates and to book:

- Email to schoolvisits@gwsr.com or
- Telephone to GWR Enquiries 01242 621405 and ask for a call-back from the School Bookings Co-ordinator.



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