

# 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.
- Firefighting practice.
- Air raid experience including a short stay in an 'air raid shelter'.
- A short talk by a real WWII evacuee, with the opportunity to ask questions (or a video, subject to availability).
- 1940s picnic lunch (appropriate food to be provided by school/parents).
- Final allocation of the children to their 'farming occupation 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 14.00 approximately.  
**Group Size:** Minimum 20 up to 33 pupils per group.  
**2022 Cost:** *£13.00 per pupil. One free adult per 10 pupils, with additional adults £13.00 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 suitable wartime lunch.

**For available dates and to book:**

- Email [schoolvisits@gwsr.com](mailto:schoolvisits@gwsr.com) or
- Telephone GWR Enquiries on 01242 621405 and ask for a call-back from the School Bookings Co-ordinator.



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