

Schools & VE Day – Transcript

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[75th Anniversary VE Day logo]

[Black and white image of a young children in school receiving bottles of milk]

Male Voiceover: You might remember, if you're old enough, 'milk time' at school. Sadly, we don't know who these young children are or where this photo was taken, but it's almost certainly somewhere in County Durham in the 1930s.

[75th Anniversary VE Day logo]

[Image of a handwritten diary]

[Text: Log book 1935 – 1969]

[Text: Aycliffe Village County School, County Durham]

[Close ups of the handwritten diary]

In May 1945, with Victory in Europe expected any day, children were told to go to school as normal on the morning of VE Day and would then be sent home after 'milk time'. When the big day came on Tuesday May 8th, however, many children simply stayed at home, though schools still marked the day with short thanksgiving services and processions. Schools re-opened two days later, but, after all the excitement, bonfires, and street parties, many tired children remained at home.

[VE Day 75th Anniversary logo is displayed in the left-hand corner]

[Durham County Council logo is displayed in the right-hand corner]

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