

**A step back into 1942: year 6 visit Holdenby House (by Mila)**



On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Winslow Church of England School's year 6 students were evacuees! They were greeted by Holdenby House staff, or should we say Holdenby Evacuee Centre staff and, after learning how to put their masks on, how to 'make-do-and-mend' and how to cook, they left for their new villages where

they would be handpicked by possible parents. At least that was what they were pretending! Really, the pupils were learning what it was like to be a child in a war.

Mila Boggio said, "I really liked this school trip! The staff were in character, and they were very funny and kind. They even challenged our teachers! I felt like we had stepped into the past; it was *so* realistic. I learnt a lot of things, including that a toddler's gas mask was called a 'Mickey Mouse mask.'



Indeed, both the children and teachers would recommend the experience to other schools. In their trip, Mrs North showed them how to make a Woolton Pie, a range of other seasonal wartime foods and explained the weekly ration.

Mrs Fortescue-Oliver showed them how to knit and make rag rugs. And finally Stella, a land-army girl, showed them how to keep safe from bombs and air raids.

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