

October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Holy Trinity Church in Rayleigh are running a 'Schools Remembrance Poppy Event' in order to commemorate the Nation's Annual Remembrance and emphasise resilience by looking at how people managed during war time. As a member of the History Hunters, we would like to invite your son/daughter to attend this special event. The church will be set out in 5 areas, each focusing on a different aspect of warfare with a specific theme. Pupils will engage in a 3-to-5-minute talk with a related short activity and time to ask questions. The areas/ themes are detailed below:

Area 1 The Rayleigh World War 1 Memorial Board on the Church's Internal North wall.

Theme- Friendship and family exploring the personal history of a local Rayleigh man who appears on the board.

Area 2 Aircraft of World War 2-linked to Southend Airfield.

Theme- Innovation and vigilance- exploring the Spitfire that flew out of Southend Airfield

Area 3 The history of the Poppy in the Commonwealth

Theme- Freedom (price of freedom) and why and how the Nation commemorates using the poppy

Area 4: The Home Front in World War 2