



Southampton At War



Timeline

1939	1940	1940	1940	1940	1941	1942	1944	1944	1945
On the 3 rd September England declares war on Germany	On the 24 th and 26 th September The Supermarine factory in Woolston was targeted	26 th September – The Northam Gasworks targeted with 11 fatalities among workers	Starting at 18:15 to midnight on the 23 rd November the first bombs of The Southampton Blitz were dropped	30 th November 800 bombs dropped on the city. The fires could be seen from Cherbourg, France	The USA declares war on Italy and Germany	The last major raid of 50 bombers over Southampton in June	6 th June D-Day Landings on Normandy beaches	2 V1 flying bombs were the last enemy ordnance to fall in the city	Japan surrenders and the end of the war is declared

Southampton was the seventh heaviest bombed city in Britain. It was considered an obvious target; it was Britain's Number One Military Port, and the home of Spitfire production.

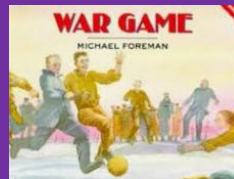


On March 5th 1936, the first Spitfire Prototyp K5054 took off on its first flight from Eastleigh Aerodrome later known as Southampton Airport



The Supermarine Spitfire is a British single-seat fighter aircraft used by the Royal Air Force and other Allied countries before, during, and after World War II.

BOOKS TO READ WITH THIS TOPIC



Children of Swaythling Primary were told to assemble at School at 6.30 a.m. Be in time. Bring gas masks, food for the journey, a change of clothes. Bring only one bag. If you are not being evacuated stay away from the school. Many of our children were evacuated to Lymington. Children who stayed were schooled at Bassett Green Juniors (in the Methodist Hall). The army took over or school site for the duration of the war.

World War 2 was a battle between two groups of countries – the “Allies” and the “Axis”. The major Allied Powers were Britain, France, Russia, China and the United States. The major Axis Powers were Germany, Italy and Japan.

Adolf Hitler, together with the Nazi Party, wanted Germany to rule Europe. To gain more land and power, on 1 September 1939 German troops invaded Poland. After Hitler refused to stop the invasion, Britain and France declared war on Germany – World War II had begun.

War was declared in September 1939, and having closed for the summer holiday in July 1939, our school – Swaythling Primary School - didn't reopen until 1945.

When our school reopened, school dinners were first served. Meals arrived from a central kitchen and were served and eaten in the corridor.

Our school reopened on September 11th, 1945 with a new name ‘Swaythling Junior Mixed and Infant School’ and new headteacher- Miss F Morley. The children were divided into 2 infant and 5 junior classes- all with over 40 children. By July 1946 there were 334 children in the school.



evacuation



evacuee



Holocaust



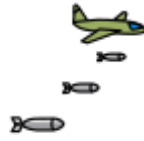
Nazi



gas mask



propaganda



Blitz



allies



axis



Royal Air Force (RAF)



refugee



Luftwaffe (German)



conflict



power



black out



Spitfire



World War II



Britain



France



Germany



Poland



United States of
America



Italy