

Middlefield Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 1&2

Victorian – 'Life in the Big House' Day – Friday 27th February 2026

We have arranged for Year 1 & 2 to take part in a History Off the Page, Victorian 'Life in the Big House' Day.

The cost of this one event is **£11.30** but if you have paid the Annual Contribution 2025/26 then no payment is required.

If you are yet to pay the Annual Contribution, payment is to be made via Arbor, under activities, trips, annual contribution. We require payment by Monday 23rd February. If you are not using Arbor, please contact the school office. **No Cash payment will be accepted for this event.**

On this day, your child will experience life in a stately home "above stairs" and "below stairs" as it would have been under the reign of Queen Victoria. They will explore the customs, beliefs and entertainments of the time.

A simple costume will help your child feel part of the day. Please see over the page for some ideas.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Carol Besant
Headteacher

On behalf of Middlefield Primary Academy (part of the DLPT)

Middlefield Primary Academy for the History off the Page Victorian 'Life in the Big House' Day on Friday 27th February 2026.

Childs name Year

Signed

- I have paid £15 via Arbor Annual Contribution
- I have paid £11.30 via Arbor for this one event

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Get ready to be a Victorian with History Off the Page!

Very soon History Off the Page will visit your school for a Victorian "Life in the Big House" Day. To help you feel like an 1897 Victorian, we recommend creating a simple costume to help you feel the part. Costumes do not have to be fancy – you can do a lot with clothes you already have! Here are some ideas:



Girls' Costume

Dress: Either a long dress nipped in at the waist, or a long skirt and blouse.

Smock/Apron: Usually plain white.

A mob cap: A mob cap is very easy to make – you need a circle of white material about 30 cm diameter (depending on the size of the head). Neaten the edge and maybe add a little lace. About 5 cm from the edge stitch on a ring of bias binding, leaving a gap to thread through a length of elastic. Adjust to fit and stitch firmly or knot.

Shawl: This can complete the look. Any plain or simply decorated shawl will do.

Boys' Costume

Trousers/Socks: Either short trousers and long socks, or long trousers/track suit bottoms tucked into long socks.

Shirt: A collar-less shirt (cut the collar off an old one.)

Waistcoat: You could add a plain waistcoat, if you have one.

Cap: Something like a fisherman's cap or a newsboy cap will work.

Please do not come dressed as a specific person.

