

# REMEMBRANCE DAY

**11th November**

## **What is Remembrance Day?**

Remembrance Day is a special Memorial Day in the UK to honour armed force members who have died in the line of duty.

It happens on the 11th of November every year since the end of the First World War in 1919.

It's a day when people all around the world remember and honour the soldiers who fought in wars to keep us safe.

On this day, we wear a red flower called a poppy to show our respect. The poppy is very important because it reminds us of the brave soldiers who gave their lives for peace.

Remembrance Day is also known as Poppy Day or Armistice Day.

## **Remembrance Sunday**

This is always held on the second Sunday in November. Members of the Royal Family lay wreaths at the Cenotaph in London and will have a moments silence as part of the commemoration.

## **Why is the poppy a symbol of Remembrance Day?**

During World War I, in a place called Flanders in Belgium, many red poppies grew on the fields where battles took place.

These flowers reminded people of the sacrifices made by soldiers. So, now, we wear poppies and have ceremonies to remember and thank the heroes who protected us.

It's a day to think about peace and to be grateful for those who made the world a safer place for us to live.

## **Two minute's Silence**

Two minute's silence is held at 11am on Remembrance Day. This is so that everyone's thoughts can concentrate on remembering those who died in the war whilst protecting our country.