Dressing up day ideas

First World War

So you're having a First World War dressing up day? Don't panic! Even if you'd forgotten about it until 8pm the night before, you can still manage to whip up a costume with some simple items in your house. There's no need for any buying or sewing!

World War One Boy

- A white shirt with a collar
- A dark smart jacket, waistcoat or tank-top
- A plain tie (optional)
- A pair of long shorts
- Long socks
- Short ankle boots
- A flat cap





World War One Girl

- A plain coloured knee length dress or top and skirt
- A pinafore over the top. The frillier the better!
- Wooly stockings or tights in a plain colour
- A pair of ankle boots or longer
- A wide brimmed hat or straw boater
- Hair in bunches, pigtails, ringlets or the front pulled into a small pony tail with the rest left loose.

If you prefer to do your own research, there are plenty of World War One pictures available online. Be careful to use real pictures from the period 1914-1918 to work from and not ones from fancy dress shops!

