

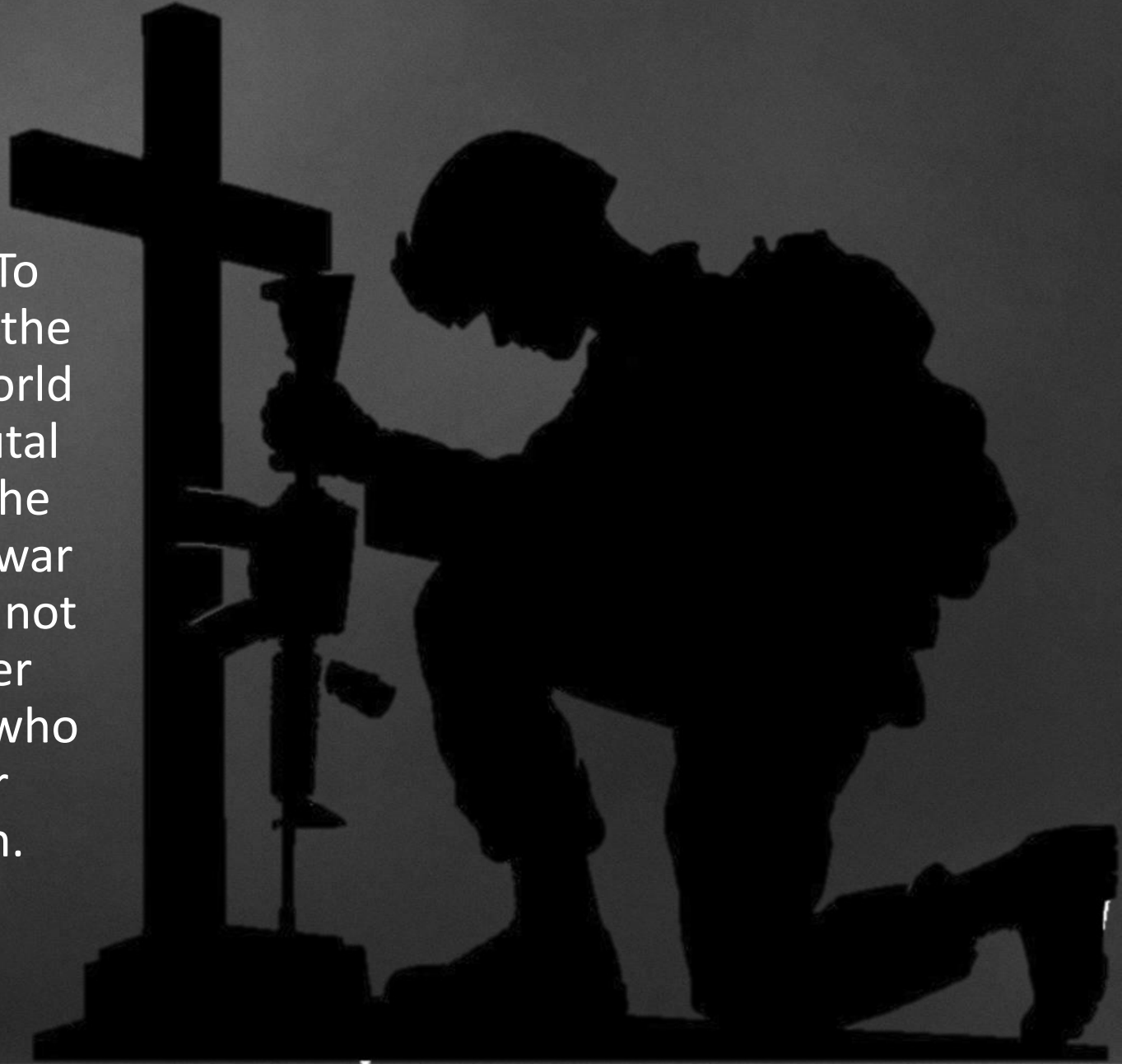


Remembrance Service 2025



Why Do We Remember?

Today, we gather to remember. To pause. To reflect. At the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the guns of the First World War finally fell silent. After four years of brutal conflict, an armistice was signed, marking the end of what was then the most devastating war the world had ever seen. But the silence did not erase the loss. Millions of lives were forever changed. Millions more were lost—soldiers who never returned home, families who never received the embrace of a loved one again.







The symbolisation of the poppy?



We wear the poppy to remember. To honour the brave men and women who gave their lives in war and conflict so that we could live in peace and freedom. The poppy became a symbol of remembrance after the First World War, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. He wrote about how, even in the devastation of war, red poppies continued to grow in the fields where soldiers had fallen. These flowers became a sign of life, hope, and the memory of those who were lost.

The poppy also reminds us that war comes with a cost, and that we must always strive for peace, understanding, and respect.

The meaning behind different colour poppies



The purple poppy represents and remembers the sacrifices of animals in war, such as horses, dogs, and pigeons, who served in military efforts. The symbol is used to ensure these animals are not forgotten.

The black poppy represents the contributions and sacrifices of Black, African, and Caribbean communities in war efforts throughout history, highlighting their often-overlooked roles as both service members and civilians.

A white poppy symbolizes remembrance for all victims of war, including soldiers, civilians, and those who refused to fight, and represents a commitment to peace and ending all conflict.

The Poppy Appeal

What is the Poppy Appeal?

The Poppy Appeal is a fundraising campaign run by the Royal British Legion. It takes place every year in the lead-up to Remembrance Day (November 11th).

The purpose of the Poppy Appeal is To raise money to support serving and former members of the British Armed Forces and their families, providing help with housing, employment, financial support, mental health and many more.





In Flanders fields- Recited by The Staff at FHS



In Flanders Fields

Remembering FHS

We come together today to remember the boys and young men who once sat where we are today dreaming of getting the grades they needed for further education and life after FHS , when their time came, left this place to serve their country in its hour of need.

Today we do more than read their names. we remember their lives, their courage, and the sacrifice they made so that we might live in peace and freedom. **As we lay our wreaths and bow our heads in silence, let us remember them not as distant figures of history, but as part of our school family.** The pupils of Falkirk High who went to war carried with them the values of this school and this community: duty, loyalty, kindness, and a belief in something greater than themselves. They faced unimaginable hardship and fear, yet they did not falter. Their sacrifice was made so that future generations — all of us gathered here today — might live in freedom and peace.





Remembering Our Own



Thinking of those currently facing conflict

As we remember the wars of the past, it is also impossible to ignore the conflict that has and continues to rage in Palestine and Israel, in Ukraine and Russia, and across the middle East. We see families torn apart, lives lost and communities devastated. The struggles of those living in conflicts today are a stark reminder that the lessons of history have not yet been fully learned. As we reflect on the sacrifices made by those who fought for peace and in past wars, let us also commit to advocating for a world where such violence is no longer the answer. We must not turn a blind eye to the suffering of others. Our duty to the fallen, to those still living with the scars of war. May we strive towards lasting peace, to ensure that the wars fought today are the last wars fought.



Mr Menzies & Emma Bryce Imagine



Scotland Remembers

AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN,

AND IN THE MORNING,

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



Let us never forget that the freedoms we enjoy today were paid for with lives. And so, today, we say thank you. To those who served. To those who fell. And to those who continue to serve, at home and abroad. We remember them. We honor them. And we will never forget them.

We now ask you all to be
upstanding as we observe a 2
minute silence followed by the
laying of the wreaths.





Remembrance Sunday



We shall not forget.

Thank you for attending today's service.