Hello Time Travellers! 🥰 We’re moving away from the Whitefriars room today and moving into the Metroland room, taking another step back in time. This room used to be a nursery when the house was still lived in, something that the Museum team discovered when they found children’s alphabet wallpaper underneath some more modern wallpaper. Now this room is used to tell our visitors all about the Metroland.

‘The Metroland’ was a name given to Harrow and some other local areas when the Metropolitan Railway was built to connect the area with Central London in 1863. The area used to be very rural but when the railway was built people could get into London much quicker and so they started to move out here to live! Many of the houses you see in Harrow now were designed and built during this period. Check out the maps, can you spot where you live now, and what it used to be like before?

This time was also when most of the factories that Harrow is well known for started to pop up, as there was now a workforce to support them, transportation links for supplies, and fresh water and lots of land to build on. More on those factories next week!
Welcome to the Metroland Room!

This room now explores Harrow in the 1930s, but was once a nursery!
This room is has two objects from our Large Object Store on display: a gas cooker and a kitchen cupboard.

The shape of the Gas Light and Coke Company (GLC) gas cooker (1937) was inspired by the aerodynamic contours of vehicles!

I always get excited when I see the Tala cake tin on the shelf in the cupboard! And then I remember that there aren’t any cakes left 😞.
But the biggest story of the 1930s was the development of Harrow!
Check it out!
The map on the top is from 1895, and the one on the bottom is the exact same area in 1935. Can you believe the difference 40 years made?

Can you spot a bit of Headstone’s moat at the top of both maps?