



20 September 2024

Year 5 Saxon and Viking History Day – Wednesday 6th November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

To complement our study of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings this term, we have invited History Off the Page into school to provide a 'Life in Saxon/Viking Britain' day on Wednesday 6th November 2024.

History Off the Page will provide an immersive and practical history workshop for the children and will give them the feeling of what it was like to live during the year 878 AD in Britain. The children will use authentic tools and materials to learn the skills of apprentices in a wide variety of workshops.

To help the children feel fully immersed into Saxon/Viking life, History Off the Page have asked if they can come into school in costume. There are some ideas for costumes on the following page. They have also requested no shields, helmets or weapons.

The cost of this trip is **£13.50** and payment should be made via Schoolgateway by **3rd November**.

If insufficient contributions are received, then the activity may not be able to take place.

We will need a number of adult helpers during the day, and if you can, we welcome your participation. Each adult will be expected to run an activity station; teaching groups of children a particular skill and supervising the task. If you would like to volunteer, please let either Mrs Thompson or Mr Merrill know.

Experiences such as this are invaluable to the children's development, both educationally and culturally, so we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

K Thompson & T Merrill

Year 5 Class Teachers

To help you feel like a Saxon or a Viking in 878 AD, there are two things you can do to get ready:

Please **pick a name** for yourself from the lists below:

Girls' Saxon names: Agatha, Agnes, Ailred, Beadohild, Cuthberg, Eadburg, Edith, Emma, Frythegith, Gytha, Hilda, Hildeberg, Hildegard, Inga, Leofrun, Mathilda, Mildrith, Nothgyth, Osthyrth, Raenmaeld, Ricola, Rymenhild, Saehild, Siflaed, Wihtburg, Wulwaru, Wulfwyn, Ymma

Girls' Viking names: Abi, Asa, Aud, Astrid, Bjorg, Dalla, Dotta, Estrid, Freydis, Frida, Gerd, Grima, Gudrid, Gunnhild, Gyda, Halla, Hallgrim, Helga, Hildirid, Ingrid, Ingunn, Isgerd, Luta, Katla, Olof, Oak, Ragna, Signy, Sigrid, Thora, Thordis, Thorunn, Tofa, Tola, Una

Boys' Saxon names: Aefic, Aidan, Aldred, Aldwine, Alfred, Baldric, Baldwulf, Beocca, Cenwulf, Colinan, Cumbra, Cuthbert, Draca, Dunstan, Eadmund, Eadwig, Edgar, Edward, Edwin, Framric, Gadd, Garwulf, Godric, Godrum, Harold, Heathwulf, Ida, Ingild, Leofric, Osgood, Osric, Oswald, Raedmund, Raedwulf, Selred, Theobald, Tobias, Ulf, Wigmund, Wilfred, Winfred, Wulf

Boys' Viking names: Alf, Alrik, Aron, Bjorn, Bork, Dag, Eirik, Fargrim, Grim, Grimwald, Gunnar, Hadd, Halldor, Hamund, Harold, Ingolf, Ivar, Jon, Jorund, Karl, Knut, Leif, Lodin, Mar, Odd, Olaf, Orrin, Seigemund, Svan, Thorfast, Thorfinn, Thormod, Ulfgrim, Valgard, Wengo

Looking like a Saxon or Viking will 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:

Tunic or dress: This can be a simple dress for girls or a large T-shirt for boys and girls. Boys can tie a cord around their waist as a belt.

Cloak: A large piece of fabric fastened on the right shoulder with a brooch can be used for boys or girls.

Trousers (boys): They can be tucked into long socks or fastened with string or braid crossed around the lower legs.

Headscarf (girls): A bit of fabric to cover the head.

