

1st November 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Life in Saxon Britain Day
Thursday 27th January 2022 – Classes 5K and 5G
Friday 28th January 2022 – Classes 5M and 5L

As a way of providing your child with the best opportunity to find out about Life in Saxon Britain, we are delighted to have arranged for 'History off the Page' to spend the day with us on Monday 27th January and Tuesday 28th January respectively.

The cost of this event is partly subsidised by the PSA and the balance covered in the £20 school event money. Thank you to all the parents that have settled the £20. For those parents that have not paid, please do so via Parent Pay as soon as possible. If you need any support with this, please contact the school office.

On this day, your child will, through role-play, experience life as it would have been living in the year 878 AD at the time of the Battle of Edington. They will use authentic tools and materials wherever possible to learn skills as apprentices in a wide variety of workshops.

As the day progresses, the children will get involved in the issues of the time, with the chance to participate in a range of cross-curricular activities. By the end of the day, they will have a really good idea of what it felt like to be a Saxon at the time of King Alfred. There will also be a story-telling session.

To fit with the overall drama of the day, History off the Page asks that pupils wear a simple costume. Although a costume is not compulsory, being dressed in role will really help your child feel part of the day. We ask that pupils do not include weapons as part of their costume. Detailed below are some pictures of how girls and boys may wish to dress.

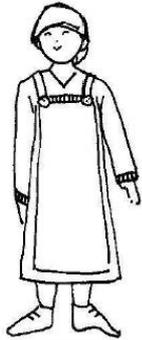
Boys:



Suggested outfit:

- A simple belted tunic – with or without sleeves.
- A cloak fastened on the right shoulder with a brooch could be added.
- Trousers, either tucked into long socks or with string or braid crossed round the lower legs.
- Boots or old leather laced shoes. optional)

Girls:



Suggested outfit:

- A long dress, skirt and blouse or tabard
- Headscarf
- A cloak (mantle), fastened on the right shoulder with a brooch could be added optional)

We are really excited by the learning opportunity that this will provide the children. In order to be able to run the days, we really need the support of parent volunteers. If you are able to help us on either Thursday 27th January or Friday 28th January either for the whole day, or just for the morning or the afternoon, please click the link below and submit it by Friday 10th December. If you are unable to, you do not need to click the link.

[YR 5 Life in Saxon](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Mrs Martin or Mr Hewett.

Yours sincerely

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