14th October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 4 'Portals to the Past' Anglo-Saxon Workshop

As part of their history topic this year, our children will take part in a range of opportunities designed to support their personal development. These experiences help them to understand and engage with the world around them while bringing the curriculum to life. All activities are age-appropriate and will ensure that children look back fondly on their time at KHJS, having created some of their best core memories.

On **Tuesday 24th November**, the children will participate in an immersive Anglo-Saxon workshop delivered by an external provider in school. The workshop will combine educational activities, historical facts and knowledge with opportunities to experience life in Britain over a thousand years ago.

The day will begin by setting the scene of Anglo-Saxon society, exploring how people lived, worked, and defended their communities. Pupils will learn about daily life, farming, and crafts, as well as the importance of religion and storytelling. The workshop will also include Anglo-Saxon warriors, weapons and battles, law and order, and the legacy the Anglo-Saxons left behind. This experience will link directly with the Year 4 history topic on the Anglo-Saxons. For an idea of what the day will be like, check out our video from last year's 'Day in the life with a Roman Leader' on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DWEPwlBiBey/?exln=MXQwamRsanRiZ3FtYQ==

Clothing

To enhance the experience, we are inviting children to come to school in costume for the day. There is no need to purchase anything new—we have included some simple ideas below.

As the event takes place on school premises, lunch will run as normal.

To cover the cost of this experience, we kindly request a contribution of **£7**, payable via the Schoolcomms online payment system. Although this contribution is voluntary, the event will not be able to go ahead unless all or most of the costs are covered. Please also provide permission for your child to participate via the Schoolcomms system as soon as possible. We kindly ask that payment is made **by Friday 13th November**. If we haven't received enough funds to cover the cost of this experience by this date, we may unfortunately need to consider cancelling it. We really hope this won't be necessary and appreciate your understanding and support in helping us make this experience possible.

If you are able, you may choose to contribute **£10 instead of £7**, with the additional £3 supporting other children who may require financial assistance to attend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help ensure that every child has the opportunity to benefit from this enriching experience.

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We are really looking forward to this workshop and are excited for the children to make lasting memories. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team

Anglo Saxons Costume Ideas for Children

- Long tunic (an oversized t-shirt, pillowcase with arm holes, or a simple plain fabric top)
- Rope, belt, or cord tied around the waist to gather the tunic
- Plain dark trousers, joggers, or leggings underneath
- Plain boots, plimsolls, or simple shoes
- Optional: woollen cloak (a blanket fastened with a brooch or safety pin)
- Optional: simple cloth headband or helmet-style hat
- Long dress or tunic (a plain dress, sheet, or oversized t-shirt works well)
- Fabric belt, rope, or ribbon tied around the waist
- Plain leggings, tights, or long skirt underneath if preferred
- Plain boots, plimsolls, or simple shoes
- Optional: shawl, wrap, or cloak (a blanket or scarf works well)
- Optional: headscarf, braided hairstyle, or simple jewellery (beads or string necklaces)





Costume suggestions are based on what children wore at the time: costumes are encouraged but not compulsory.