14th October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 5 'Portals to the Past' Ancient Greece 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 **Thursday 26th November**, the children will participate in an immersive Ancient Greece workshop delivered by an external provider in school. The workshop will combine educational activities, historical facts and knowledge with opportunities to experience life as it was over 2,000 years ago.

The day will begin by setting the scene in Ancient Greece, exploring the daily lives of men, women, and children. Pupils will then learn about democracy and how it was first developed, experience elements of Greek theatre and mythology, and investigate the role of gods and goddesses. The workshop will also aim to cover the Olympic Games, warfare, and how Ancient Greece has influenced the world we live in today. This experience will link directly with the Year 5 history topic on Ancient Greece. 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 on the reverse page.

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 5 Team

Ancient Greeks Costume Ideas for Children

- Simple tunic (a large plain t-shirt, pillowcase with arm holes, or a sheet tied at the shoulder works well)
- Fabric belt, rope, or cord tied around the waist to secure the tunic
- Optional: a cloak or shawl (a plain sheet or blanket draped over one shoulder)
- Optional: headband, laurel wreath, or fabric strip tied around the head
- Long tunic or dress (a plain sheet, large T-shirt, or simple dress can be adapted)
- Fabric belt, rope, or ribbon tied around the waist to give shape
- Plain sandals (if weather appropriate) or simple plimsolls/trainers
- Optional: a shawl, wrap, or piece of fabric draped over the shoulders
- Optional: headband, fabric strip, or homemade laurel wreath for the hair





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

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