



12th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 Anglo-Saxon Workshop

To enhance our history topic about the Anglo Saxons, we have arranged a visit from Portals to the Past to deliver a workshop.

An inspiring, activity-based workshop that brings the Saxon period to life.

Experience Saxon England, from the hierarchy and etiquette of the Lord's Hall, the language and the story of Beowulf, through to the burial of a Saxon king.

Morning session

The day begins with a short talk that explores how the Saxons changed the culture of post-Roman Britain, followed by:

- Etiquette and hierarchy of a feast in the Lord's Hall
- Learn to play Fox and Geese, a Saxon board game
- A performance of the famous Beowulf story
- A Saxon quiz

Afternoon session

- A weapons and armour display
- Why did the Normans win the Battle of Hastings?
- The burial of a Saxon King
- How archaeologists make sense of the information they find in the ground



The workshop will take place on **Thursday 15th February** in school, so lunches will not be affected. A contribution of **£5.50** to help cover the costs would be appreciated. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, you are entitled to the performance being funded by school.

Kind regards,

Hayley Craven, Christian Burton, Paul Salisbury & Helen Savage
Year 4 Teachers