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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a way of providing your child with the best opportunity to find out more about the Vikings and to end our history unit in a practical way, I have arranged for History off the Page to spend the day with us on Monday 15th December 2025. History Off the Page is a company which provides immersive and practical History, Science and Literature workshops to schools. The workshop, which will take place in the school hall during normal school hours, will give us a feeling of what it was like to live during the year 878 AD in Britain. On the day, your child will experience life as it would have been living in the year 878 AD at the time of the Battle of Edington, using authentic tools and materials whenever possible to learn skills as apprentices in a wide variety of workshops. The session will run from 9:00am-3:00pm and the children will have lunch as normal.

As part of the day the children are encouraged to dress up in a simple costume. This is optional but will really help them feel part of the day and get into character – please see attached sheet for costume ideas. Please do not feel you have to spend lots of money on a costume, most of the items can be made from clothes you probably already have.

The cost for the visit will be £16.60. Please pay online via Parentpay.

We also need a number of adult helpers, so if you are able to help out on the day **please let me know as soon as possible so we have sufficient helpers in order to help the day run smoothly and safely.** You will see for yourself the value of the day!

Many thanks

Miss Pomfret and Miss Beaujeux

Very soon History Off the Page will visit your school for a Life in Saxon/Viking Britain Day. To help you feel like a Saxon or a Viking in 878 AD, there are two things you can do to get ready:

1. Choose a Name

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, Osthryth, 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, Ingirid, 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

2. Assemble a Costume

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 fabic 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.

Please do not come dressed as a specific person. Please do not bring weapons, shields or helmets.