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Hawthorn Anglo-Saxon Experience Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Anglo-Saxon topic this term, an exciting whole-day workshop has been planned with 'Historical Lives'. This experience day has been scheduled on **Thursday 21st May 2026**.

In the morning, the children will be learning about the 5th and 8th Century Saxon Wars. During this activity, the children will look into the origins of Arthurian Legends and take part in dressing up as a Saxon, Dane or Romano Britain. The children will then experience forming the famous Saxon shield wall whilst under barrage (from the teachers!). In the afternoon, the children will re-enact the Battle of Hastings, followed by a discussion about the Saxon legacy. The day will end with a handling session where the children will be able to handle blunted swords, try on helmets and hold shields. There is also an opportunity to look at a replica copy of the most famous Saxon helmet found at the Sutton Hoo burial site.



The workshop will take place in school and during school hours. The cost is £6.00 per child, which we hope is great value for such an exciting and varied day of events.

Apologies for the short notice, but payment and consent for this trip will need to be given online via Scopay by Friday 15th May. This payment is a voluntary contribution and no child or family will be discriminated against for not contributing. Costs will be covered by the school for those in receipt of Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance, in which case parents should contact the office with the necessary up-to-date documentation. However, should insufficient voluntary contributions be made, we will have to unfortunately cancel the workshop.

Thank you, once again, for your help and support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hawtin



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