Get ready to be a Saxon/Viking with History Off the Page!

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:

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, 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.

Need costume help? You can see examples of simple costumes or order from our costume shop: www.historyoffthepeg.co.uk