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YEAR 4 –Wells Cathedral trip

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Owl class will be going to Wells Cathedral on Thursday 27th of March 2025. This trip will offer a fantastic opportunity for students to explore the Cathedral and our local history. This links closely with our current enquiry topic, the Anglo-Saxons and will be a great opportunity for the children to explore their learning further. We will be leaving school at approximately 9:15am and be returning around 3:00pm. Children will need to wear school uniform, bring a packed lunch and a water bottle (if your child is eligible for a free school meal, please inform the office or Miss Kent).

Within this trip the children will have a guided tour of the Cathedral, a visit to the library and a craft activity to create mini chained library books with leather covers with an opportunity to try out illuminated lettering. In the guided tour the children will discover why did the Saxons build at a different angle to our 'new' Cathedral? What can memorials to King Ina and seven Saxon Bishops tell us? And why are some of the bishops wearing the wrong hats? Answering these questions and more as they open ancient cupboards, search for hidden doorways and peep into next door's garden!

In the library session children will get to see an 8th-century illuminated manuscript (Lindisfarne Gospels) created on the Isle of Lindisfarne. They will learn about the historical context of its creation and its enduring impact on history. Students will also have the opportunity to view a 1692 edition of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles, a captivating historical record that began during the reign of King Alfred the Great. It is considered the most crucial source for understanding this period of English history and includes a fascinating map of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. Students will be able to see the original Anglo-Saxon text alongside a Latin translation and will also be able to see how the record relates to the local area.

The cost of the trip includes all activities and travel by coach. We kindly ask that payment of £13.76 be made by 19th March 2025 through parent pay. Online consent will also be requested on ParentPay. Please speak with us if you have any difficulties or concerns regarding the cost of the trip.

Please note that if insufficient contributions are received, the visit may have to be cancelled.

If you have any further questions, please speak to Miss Kent or a member of the Office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kent



