

# Our History • Anglo Saxons and Vikings

**Key Learning Question:** How and why did the Anglo Saxons and Vikings settle in Britain?



## Crucial Knowledge

*We are getting better at investigating the past:*

- The Anglo Saxons are a group of people who invaded Britain from North West Europe.
- The Vikings are a group of people who invaded Britain from Scandinavia.
- The Anglo Saxons settled in Britain, built homes and farmed.
- Britain was divided into different kingdoms which were ruled by different Kings: Northumbria, Mercia, Wessex, Kent and East Anglia.
- Many Vikings were violent and aggressive people who attacked, raided and pillaged.
- The Vikings travelled across water using longships with sails and many rowers using oars.
- Vikings buried their important dead in longships by pushing them out to sea, either covered in earth or set on fire.
- The Saxons and Vikings lived alongside one another in Britain but sometimes fought.

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- Big Ideas:** Chronology • Invasion • Conflict • Conquest • Settlement • Tribe • Afterlife • Religion • Historical Sources



## Important People & Places



### Alfred the Great

West Saxon then Anglo Saxon king from 871 until 899. He spent several years fighting Viking invasions and then made an agreement so that the North of England became Viking territory.



### Basil Brown

Archaeologist who discovered Sutton Hoo, which is one of Britain's most significant archaeological sites. It is full of well-preserved treasures. Brown made the discovery in 1939.



### Lindesfarne

Island off the North East coast of England and scene of an early Viking raid on a monastery.



## Key Vocabulary

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longship: A long, narrow warship powered by both rowers and sails

raid: A rapid surprise attack

kingdom: Any territory ruled by a king or queen

burial: The action or practice of burying a dead body

source: Something used as evidence when doing research— often a book or document

pillage: To rob and steal using violence

pagan: A person who does not follow an organized religion or believe in an all-powerful God

## We Are Building Our Knowledge From

- Stone Age to Iron Age (Y3)
- The Romans in Britain (Y4)

## This will help when we learn about

- Immigration Through Time (Y6)



## Timeline

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449	793	871	886	900	954	1066
Angles and Saxons first arrive in Britain	Vikings attack Lindesfarne	Alfred becomes king of Wessex	Alfred agrees a treaty with Vikings	Vikings establish rule of Scotland	Last Viking king of York is forced out	Harold, the last Anglo-Saxon king, is defeated by William the Conqueror