

# The Anglo-Saxons and Scots

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Heritage of our country

## Map - Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms



## Key learning

Understand where the Anglo-Saxons and the Scots came from.

Understand how, when and why the Anglo-Saxons and the Scots invaded Britain.

Understand how the Anglo-Saxons changed Britain.

Understand what life was like in Anglo-Saxon Britain.

Know about Anglo-Saxon runes and what the different symbols represent.

Explain the work of some of the people who were influential in converting the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity.

## Key dates

**350 AD**  
Anglo-Saxons raid English shores and are beaten back by the Romans.

**410 AD**  
Last Romans leave Britain, leaving the Celts defenceless.

**449-550 AD**  
Arrival of Jutes, Angles and Saxons from Denmark, Germany & The Netherlands.

**556 AD**  
Britain is divided into 7 Anglo-Saxon kingdoms: Northumbria, Essex, Wessex, Sussex, East Anglia, Mercia, Kent.

**597 AD**  
St Augustine brings Christianity to Britain from Rome and becomes Archbishop of Canterbury.

**731 AD**  
Bede, widely thought of as the greatest Anglo-Saxon scholar, finishes his 'History of Britain'.

**789 AD**  
First recorded Viking attack (Dorset).



Bede



Replica of an Anglo Saxon dwelling



Anglo Saxon Runes

## Important Historical People

**Vortigern** - King left in charge when the Romans left Britain.

**St Augustine** - Sent by the Pope to spread Christianity.

**King Aethelbert** - King of Kent who created the first written law code and helped spread Christianity.

**Bede** - Monk who wrote about the history of the English church and people.

**King Offa** - King of Mercia. A powerful king, he built Offa's dyke, to divide England & Wales.

## Historical Vocabulary

**Artefact**: an historical object

**Century**: a hundred years

**Invalidate**: attack to try to take land

**Kingdom**: an area ruled by a King or Queen

**Monk**: a man who has devoted his life to his religion and lives in a religious community

**Village**: a small settlement

**Religion**: belief in some sort of god or gods

**Settlement**: a place where people make their homes

**Tribe**: a group of people of the same culture

**Christianity**: the religion of the Romans, based on the teachings of Jesus and belief in one God

**Paganism**: the religion of the Anglo-Saxons who believed in many gods

**Invaders**: people who attack and try to take land from other people

**Monastery**: building where monks live

**Raiders**: people who attack, then take what they find away with them

**Chronology**: the arrangement of events or dates in the order of their occurrence.

**Runes**: characters used by the early Anglo-Saxons as an alphabet in their writing system