



Peterborough Museum
& Art Gallery

Anglo-Saxons

KS2 School Session: History, Art

Peterborough as we know it today was founded by the Anglo-Saxons. They built the first church, dedicated to St Peter on the site of the Cathedral, and soon a town sprung up around it. It was called Medehamstede, becoming St Peter's Burgh after the Anglo-Saxons. Our activities are inspired by excavations that took place in Alwalton on the western edge of Peterborough, where an Anglo-Saxon cemetery was discovered.

Learning Objectives:

- To develop enquiry and evidence based learning skills
- To gain an understanding of archaeological skills
- To understand aspects of Anglo Saxon life and the objects they used

National Curriculum Links

- To develop an understanding of how our understanding of the past is constructed from a range of sources.
- To gain confidence in participating in discussions and presentations

Activity 1: Anglo-Saxon Excavation

Excavate a trench to reveal an Anglo-Saxon woman and the objects she was buried with. Use the objects and other evidence to find out about her life.

Activity 2: Meet an Anglo-Saxon woman

Meet Aedith, an Anglo-Saxon woman. Find out about her personal possessions and why she needed them.

Activity 3: Brooch craft

Create your own Anglo-Saxon brooch to take back to school. Our inspiration will be Anglo Saxon brooches on display.

Key Information:

Duration: Half day, 10am-12.30pm

Cost: £210 per class+VAT

Max Group Size: 30

Max no of classes: 3

Min Staff-Student Ratio: 1:10

Booking Process & Questions:

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We are always happy to adapt to your needs

When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment are emailed to you.

To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us

Pre/post visit resources:

Anglo-Saxon Alwalton

Woman resource available on our [website](#)

