

## Dereham Church of England Junior Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our exciting adventure into how England became England, we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

During this activity on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm, your child will have a video call from Alfred the Great, the most famous Saxon cyning (king) who ever lived!!!

## Learning will include:

- His childhood experiences (such as meeting the Pope) and how these have shaped his Christian beliefs
- The battle of Edington where Alfred defeated Guthrum in 878
- The Saxon kingdoms and why Wessex, is the greatest of them all
- How his son Edward's love for fighting might ruin all of his peacemaking to date...
- How art, music, storytelling and feasting make being king of the Anglo-Saxons the best job in the world!
- A live, interactive performance



We feel this will provide an exciting and invaluable experience for the children.

In order to meet costs, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1.50 per child and £1.00 for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding (including Free School Meals), which can be made in the usual way via Parentmail.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Year 5 team.