Edwinstree Middle School

Voluntary Controlled Church of England School

Headteacher: J Gant

19th October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Y5 & Y6 Educational Workshop – In School

As part of our new topic on the ancient Greeks, we are delighted to be able to offer Y5 & Y6 the opportunity to take part in an ancient Greek workshop run by a professional Historian from 'Portals to the Past'. The students will spend the whole day taking part in hands-on activities and this will provide the students with a real insight into the ancient Greeks, bringing their learning to life!

The tutor groups will be taking part in the workshop on the following dates. On the day of the workshop, normal school timings will apply.

Date	Form
Thursday 19th Nov	5C/5D
Friday 20th Nov	5A/5B
Monday 23rd Nov	6A/6D
Tuesday 24th Nov	6B/6C

The day will be made up of activities about warring city states, the birth of democracy and Greek legends, Alexander the Great and Greek culture. The students will take part in fun quizzes and role play sessions. They will also handle and explore ancient Greek artefacts. After lunch, a Greek warrior fresh from battle will demonstrate his weapons and armour. The differences between the city states of Athens and Sparta will be explored and the students will take a lesson in democracy. If Athens wins the vote, the students will hold their own mini–Olympic Games. But if Sparta wins, the students will join the Spartan Agoge to become warriors. The great battle of Gaugamela between Alexander the Great and King Darius will finish the afternoon.

The workshops will bring different Greek myths to life with artefacts and costumes for the Students. This will enhance and support their learning in Humanities lessons but also, especially for Y6, this will support their learning on Greek mythology in English.

To enable pupils to fully immerse themselves in the experience, they are welcome to come to school dressed as Greeks for the day. Please see the attached information for suggestions on possible ways to dress; costumes can be created by using old adult t-shirts and sheets which will hopefully minimise any expense. We will also be talking to the Students in school about what kind of costumes they could wear. This is not compulsory.

The cost of this workshop will be **£7.28** per student. This is a voluntary contribution, however if we do not have enough to cover the workshops then they will not be able to go ahead. Payment is non-refundable unless due to exceptional circumstances your child is not able to attend or the workshop is not able to proceed due to low payments received.

Payment can be made via the Arbor App and should be completed by **Monday 9th November 2026.**

If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

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