

8th October 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

I am delighted to tell you that as part of our new topic on the ancient Maya, Past Productions will be running workshops for all **Year 5 and Year 6** students from **Monday 17th November 2025**. The workshops will provide the children with a real insight into the ancient Maya and will bring their learning to life!

Students will be visited by S'ak K'uk (AKA the Red Queen). She is one of the only known female rulers of the Maya people. They will learn about the history of chocolate, the importance of the sacred ball game and take part in some drama activities! They will have the opportunity to handle artefacts bought from Maya traders in Mexico. The workshops have been carefully curated to give a real insight into what life was like for the Maya people. The day will be rounded off with the creation story – starring two members of staff as the creator Gods. With the students help, they will find out just why maize was so important to those Maya people.

The workshop will take place on the following days.

Monday 17 th November	Tuesday 18 th November	Thursday 20 th November	Friday 21 st November
5A and 5B	6C and 6D	6A and 6B	5C and 5D

We are asking for a contribution of **£6.00** per pupil to go towards the cost of the workshop, which is available on SchoolGateway to be **paid by Friday 7th November 2025**. Thank you to the ESA for their kind contribution of £400 to help reduce the cost of this workshop.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hayley Hill
Head of KS2 Humanities