

The Anglo Saxons

The last Roman soldiers left Britain in 410. New people came in ships across the **North Sea** - the Anglo-Saxons. The Anglo-Saxon age in Britain was from around AD410 to 1066.

They were a mix of tribes from **Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands**. The three biggest were the Angles, the Saxons and the Jutes. The land they settled in was 'Angle-land', or England.

Timeline of Key Events	
350 AD	Some arrivals from northern Europe
410 AD	Last Romans leave Britain
430 AD	First Christian Church in Britain is built in Whithorn, Scotland
450 AD	German Saxons settle in Kent
516 AD	Battle of Mount Badon
570 AD	The heptarchy (seven kingdoms of Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Sussex, Wessex, Kent) emerges in England
597 AD	St Augustine brings Christianity to England from Rome
600 AD	First law code written in English in Aethelbert's kingdom in Kent
613 AD	Northumbrian kings rule over most of England
731 AD	Bede completes ecclesiastical history
757 AD	Offa becomes king of Mericia and arguably first king of England
789 AD	First recorded Viking attack (Dorset)
793 AD	Viking attack on Lindisfarne

If we use the modern names for the countries



Enquiry questions

- Where are English people from?
- Are all English people immigrants?
- Who was the first king of England?
- Was England always a Christian country?
- Why isn't England part of the Roman Empire today?
- Who wrote the history of the Anglo Saxons?
- Who was buried at Sutton Hoo?

Useful websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zxsbcdm> a child friendly website providing a wealth of information on a range of Anglo-Saxon topics

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-hoo> provides information on the history of the fascinating site of Sutton Hoo in Suffolk.

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/anglo-saxons/> lots of information from what Anglo-Saxons ate to manuscripts written by hand by early Christian monks.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zxsbcdm> child friendly answers to who?, where?, when?, why? and what? questions about the Anglo-Saxons.