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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have booked the Oxfordshire Museum Learning Service to run a workshop for Willow class on Anglo-Saxon art and culture. The workshop will take place in school on Thursday 9th November 9.30-11am.

During the morning, the pupils will get the opportunity to take part in the following activities:

Making a Copper Brooch – Pupils will be asked to produce two designs for a copper brooch, using a selection of patterns, marks and runes from those seen on the Anglo-Saxon jewellery. Then - using a copper metal disc, hammer, nails and other marking tools - they will make their own brooch which will be theirs to keep.

Burial Object Handling – We will discuss the cultural practice of burying objects with the body and how this fits with the increasing spread of Christianity. Pupils then examine a 'skeleton' with a selection of objects placed around it. Using their deductive and reasoning skills they try to work out what the objects might be and what they tell us about the person and the Anglo-Saxon way of life.

Hanney Brooch – Pupils follow the story of the brooch from its discovery through to its conservation and finally, its reconstruction. They will be able to handle the replica brooch and learn the cultural significance of why such important items were sometimes placed in graves.

The voluntary contribution for the workshop is £5.30 per child and is now available for you to pay via ParentPay. No child will be excluded from taking part in this experience due to personal financial constraints. If this is a concern, please do come and talk to Mrs Slater or Mr Atkins, in strict confidence about the situation, and we will endeavour to support families where needed.

We look forward to sharing this learning with you towards the end of term.

Best wishes

Mrs Langrish and Mrs Meager

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Willow Class teachers