

## Key Learning

**Who were the Anglo-Saxons?:** The Anglo-Saxons were a group of farmer-warriors who lived in Britain over a thousand years ago. They were made up of three tribes: the Angles, Saxons, and Jutes.

**When did the Anglo-Saxons invade Britain?:** The Anglo-Saxons first tried invading in the 4th century but were successful around 450AD when they left their homes in Germany, the Netherlands, and Denmark and sailed over to Britain on wooden boats.

**Where did the Anglo-Saxons come from?:** The Anglo-Saxons came from areas that are now part of Germany, the Netherlands, and Denmark.

**What did the Anglo-Saxons do?:** The Anglo-Saxons built their own villages, surrounded each village with a high fence to protect cattle and their homes, and fought many battles.

The Anglo-Saxons ruled Britain in of seven main kingdoms known as the Heptarchy: Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Kent, Sussex, and Wessex.

**How did the Anglo-Saxons influence British culture?:** The Anglo-Saxons spoke an early form of English that is now called Old English. They built houses made of wood, thatch, and twigs woven together, and they fed themselves by farming.

**What happened to the Anglo-Saxons?:** The Anglo-Saxon period ended in 1066 with the Battle of Hastings and the Norman Conquest, when the Norman William the Conqueror invaded England.

Harold Godwinson  
Defeated at battle of Hastings by William the Conqueror



( Sep 1066)

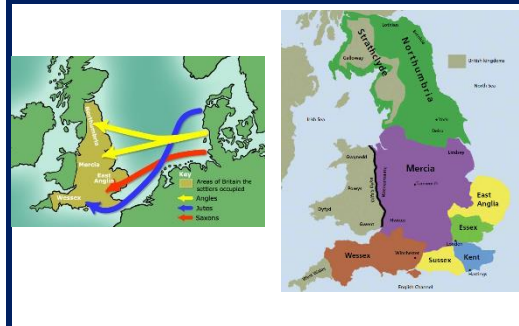
## Summer 2026 Roses Year 3/4 History – The Anglo Saxons invasion and settlement in Britain



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Key Historical concepts : Conflict, Conquest, military, religion , settlement, government, culture

### Maps



### Good Read



### Key Vocabulary

Invasion	When an army uses force to take over a country or other area by force.
Barbarian	The name given to peoples outside of Rome with different cultures to the Romans
Danegeld.	Payment to the Danes
exile.	To be sent away
Invalidate	To enter and occupy land by force .
kingdom.	An area ruled by a king
longship	A long, wooden, narrow boat used by the Vikings.
outlawed	Having all property taken away and no longer being able to live in the community.
pagans.	A religion where many gods and goddesses are worshipped
pillaged	To violently steal something
raid	A surprise attack
wergild	A payment system used to settle disputes between a criminal and the victim or their family.
saga	A long story of heroic achievement, especially a medieval prose narrative in Old Norse or Old Icelandic