



Wednesday 14th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ancient Greek Workshop: Thursday 26th February 2026

Hail Zeus and all the Gods on Mount Olympus!

As part of our history curriculum, Year 5 will be embarking on the true Greek Experience. We will be learning all about Greek life and culture, the Battles of Thermopylae and Marathon, as well as puzzle and strategy games played by the likes of Alexander the Great. We will then be transported to a Greek theatre, where we will take part in re-enacting Greek myths and legends. We will finish the day by learning about the differences between Athens and Sparta and taking a lesson in democracy. The workshop will take place in school on Thursday 26th February 2026, during the normal school day.

Children are invited to dress in Greek outfits. Will they choose to become a powerful diplomat? A creative poet? A vicious gladiator? Or a divine Greek God? Dressing up is optional but encouraged. However, if your child does not wish to dress up, they can dress in normal school uniform.



Attached are some notes from the workshop company suggesting how these costumes and weapons could be made if preferred.

In order to facilitate this workshop, we will require a payment of £8.50. If insufficient money is contributed to cover the cost of the visitor, the school will have to consider cancelling. Please note that all school visits and visitors are non-profit making.

Payments for this workshop have been set up on Bromcom 'MCAS' app under Trips. This will be open for you to pay from 7pm on 14/01/2026 until 12.00pm on 31/01/2026. We will not be accepting cash or cheques for this visit.

We look forward to a great day learning about Ancient Greek.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Turner and Miss Dunwell

GREEK BOY'S CLOTHES

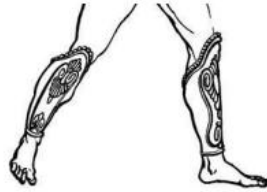


An ex- large white adult T shirt will make a good tunic.
Tie it round the middle with good cord.

HOW TO DRESS AS A WARRIOR



To make warrior body armour, you can use cloth or cardboard.
Remember you have to be comfortable and be able to sit down
while wearing your armour.



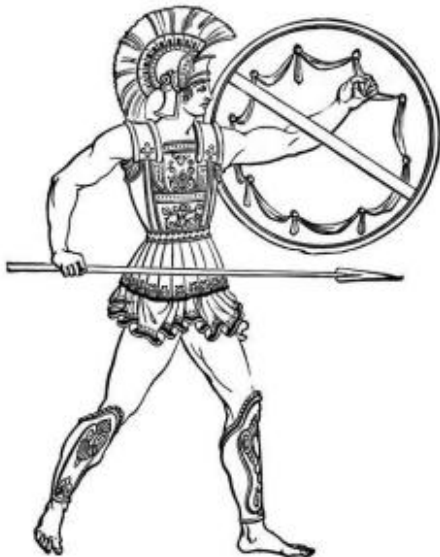
A good starting point is football shin pads. Secure your Greek
greaves to them. You can make them from cardboard and tied
around the back of your legs as well.

GREEK SHIELDS



You will need a **LARGE** Circle of thick, strong cardboard.
2 long strips of strong cardboard. Long split pins.
Make sure you cover the ends of the split pins with plaster or sticky tape.

Paint your shield.
You can see some ideas at the top of the page.



Secure one of the long pieces of card across the middle of the back of your shield.

Place the other long piece of card where you can see the warrior's hand.

This is how you will hold your shield, so make sure these two pieces of card are securely fixed!

HELMETS, SWORDS AND SPEARS



You need to make a framework of strips of card that fit your head, or start with a baseball cap wearing it backwards.

Cover your cardboard framework with light card. To make the face mask, cut from one piece of light card and attach to the frame work or cap.

REMEMBER, that you have to be able to see out the eyeholes. Spray gold.

If you want a sword, make it from cardboard, **no hard plastic swords or wooden swords will be allowed**. You can get **good soft foam swords** from supermarkets and toyshops. Greek swords were quite short, so you will need to cut them down.

If you want a spear, make it from cardboard too. Make sure the spear point is blunt and safe.

Any weapons that do not meet the workshop leader's safety standards will be confiscated.



Come as a Greek God or Goddess. You will have to do some research and use your imagination.
See if anyone can guess who you are.

DRESSING AS ANCIENT GREEK GIRLS



All Greek clothes were made from large rectangles of cloth with a minimum amount of sewing. They can be made from old sheets of any colour. Greeks used linen and woolen cloth to make their clothes. Please remember it gets cold in Ancient Greece, just as it does in Britain, dress to keep warm! Wear an under dress or adult size white T shirt under your peplos or Chiton. Wear Greek style jewelry.

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