

The Round House Primary Academy

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Dear Parents & Carers

History Off The Page 'Life In Roman Britain' for Year 4 (in September 2025)

On Thursday 4th September, as a way of providing your child with the best opportunity to find out about life in Roman Britain, we have arranged for *History Off the Page* to spend the day with us. We will be asking for a £11.00 contribution towards this (if your child is entitled to Pupil Premium Funding this will be reduced to £5.50). This payment is in addition to the Annual Contribution, and if we do not receive enough payments then the day will not be able to go ahead. You will be able to make the payment in your child's Arbor account (in the Trips section) from Friday morning this week.

On this day your child will, through role-play, experience life as it would have been living in the year 60AD, using authentic tools and materials whenever possible, to learn skills in a wide variety of workshops. As the day progresses, the children will get involved in the issues of the time, with the chance to participate in a range of cross-curricular activities. By the end of the day they will have a really good idea of how it felt like to be a Roman at the time of the Boudican Revolt. There will also be a story-telling session.

A simple costume will help your child really feel part of the day. Please see the pictures attached for some ideas.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Holly Bates
Headteacher
On behalf of The Round House Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

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Roman costume:

It is easy to think of Roman costume just in terms of togas, but a glance at an encyclopaedia of fashion will show very many styles. It is intended that this illustration should simplify matters in order to give children the opportunity to wear something, which is approximately correct and begin to make the imaginative leap, which is so valuable when studying the past.

- Simplest version. Just wear a knee length sleeveless tunic with belt. Any colour. You could even get away with a plain large T-shirt with a belt or a plain night-shirt.
- Half hour version - Simple shift (chiton). Rectangle of any colour but preferably not too bright. Cut hole in the middle for the head. Fold-in half. Stitch side seams, leaving gaps for arms. Tie around waist with belt. Can use firmly fixed brooches or safety pins to gather the shoulders
- Any style could have a cloak fixed on both shoulders or a drape mantle / shawl over one shoulder.

