



25th September 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

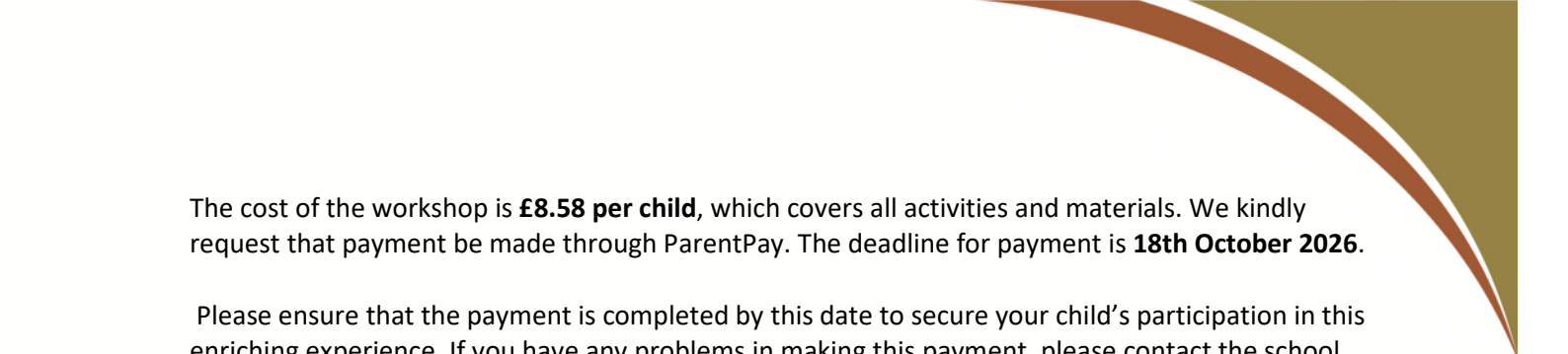
As part of our learning in term 2 on the Stone Age we are excited to inform you about an upcoming educational opportunity for our Year 3 children. On **Thursday, 12th November**, we have arranged for a special workshop, "The Stone Age Experience," which will be conducted by the renowned team at Portals to the Past. This interactive workshop is designed to immerse the children in the daily life of Stone Age people, providing them with a unique hands-on learning experience that will enhance their understanding of this important period in history.

During the workshop, the children will engage in a series of interactive activities:

- **Challenge Against a Woolly Mammoth:** The children will put themselves in the shoes of Stone Age hunters as they attempt to hunt a giant woolly mammoth. Will they successfully bring down the beast, or will their tribe face starvation?
- **Journey Through Time:** Moving through to the Mesolithic period, the children will explore the different challenges people faced, including what happened to the Neanderthals.
- **Stone Age Quiz:** To test their knowledge, the children will participate in a fact-finding quiz, delving into the intricacies of life in the Stone Age.
- **Artefact Handling:** The workshop will provide an opportunity to handle both genuine and replica artefacts from the Stone Age, bringing history to life in a tangible way.
- **Building Stonehenge:** The children will return to the hall to tackle the monumental task of building Stonehenge. Using ancient techniques, they will transport heavy objects across the hall and work together to recreate this iconic structure.
- **Bronze Age Religion:** As we move into the Bronze Age, the children will explore early religious practices, including the ritualistic sacrifice of children to improve the weather.
- **Iron Age Warfare:** The day will also feature a display of Iron Age weapons, offering insights into early warfare.
- **Visual Timeline:** The workshop will conclude with a visual timeline, summarizing the day's activities and the historical periods covered.

To help bring the day to life, we would love the children to come dressed in simple Stone Age-inspired clothing. Please do not feel that you need to buy a costume. A small accessory is absolutely fine, such as a homemade necklace made from string and beads, a piece of faux fur or fabric worn as a cloak, or earth-coloured clothing. Children are also welcome to make simple Stone Age items at home, such as a cardboard tool or piece of jewellery. Children may wear their normal school clothes if preferred. The aim is simply to have fun and help the children feel part of the experience.

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The cost of the workshop is **£8.58 per child**, which covers all activities and materials. We kindly request that payment be made through ParentPay. The deadline for payment is **18th October 2026**.

Please ensure that the payment is completed by this date to secure your child's participation in this enriching experience. If you have any problems in making this payment, please contact the school office as without sufficient funds to support this event we may be unable to proceed and will need to cancel the event in good time.

If you have any questions or concerns about the workshop or the payment process, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We are really looking forward to this day and know that it will be great enhancement to the children's learning.

Thank you,
Year 3 Team

