

ANGLO-SAXON ENGLAND TIMELINE

410 AD - 1066 AD

c. 410 AD

Departure of the Romans

Roman legions withdraw from Britain, leaving the local population to defend against Picts, Scots, and Germanic tribes.

c. 449 AD

Arrival of Hengist and Horsa

Traditional date for the landing of Jutes in Kent, signaling the beginning of Germanic settlement.

597 AD

Mission of St. Augustine

Augustine arrives in Kent to convert King Æthelberht, marking the reintroduction of Christianity to Southern England.

793 AD

Raid on Lindisfarne

The first major Viking attack on an English monastery, beginning the Viking Age in Britain.

871 - 899 AD

Reign of Alfred the Great

King of Wessex who successfully defended his kingdom against the Danes and promoted education and law.

927 AD

Unification of England

King Æthelstan becomes the first monarch to rule over all the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms.

1016 AD

Cnut the Great

The Danish prince becomes King of England, incorporating it into the North Sea Empire.

1066 AD

The Norman Conquest

Death of Edward the Confessor; Harold Godwinson is defeated by William of Normandy at the Battle of Hastings.