



# Y5-Knowledge Organiser – History-Local History-Wednesfield

## Key Facts and timeline of events

- The name Wednesfield comes from the name 'Woden', an Anglo-Saxon God.
- From 650AD, Wednesfield was part of Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Mercia. People started to build a few houses in small groups (settlements).
- 793AD: Vikings invaded the North of England, Wednesfield remained under Anglo-Saxon control.
- 910 AD: August 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, The Battle Of Wednesfield between the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings.
- In 1700s: Many people in Wednesfield worked to make keys, locks, hinges and traps.
- 1741:A small chapel with 150 seats was built, where St Thomas' Church is today.
- 1792: A canal was built from Wolverhampton to Essington for transporting coal.
- 1843: The chapel was made bigger and was called St Thomas' Church.
- 1872:Railway came through Wednesfield, from Wolverhampton to Walsall.
- 1902:Fire destroyed St Thomas' Church.
- 1931:Our school (Infant building) was built-it was called Woden Avenue School, for children aged 3-11.
- 1971: Our Junior school building was built-It was called Wodensfield Junior School. The Infant building became known as Wodensfield Infant School.
- 1990:Wodensfield Infant and Junior Schools joined together to become Wodensfield Primary School, with Mrs Harriman as the head teacher.

## Key Vocabulary

- **Anderson Shelter**-air raid shelter, partly buried in the ground with a corrugated metal roof, used in WW2.
- **Anglo-Saxons**-a group of farmer-warriors who lived in Britain over a thousand years ago and originally came from Europe.
- **arable**-land used for growing crops.
- **chancel**-the part of a church containing the altar and seats for the clergy and choir.
- **parsonage**-the house where a parson (man of the church) lives.
- **pasture**-land used for grazing animals.
- **population**-the whole number of people living in a country, city, or area.
- **rivet**-a bolt with a head that is passed through two or more pieces and is hammered into place.
- **Tithe Map**-are usually manuscript, and are often earlier in date than the earliest Ordnance Survey maps. They may show details such as boundaries, roads, waterways, buildings and woodlands.
- **trap**- a device for catching animals.
- **veranda**- a porch or long, open room with a roof over it
- **Vikings**-warriors from northern Europe. They were also known as Norsemen or Northmen. They sailed the seas from the late 700s to the 1000s. They attacked many countries and took away much treasure.
- **Woden**-Chief Anglo-Saxon God.



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