



KEY VOCABULARY

kingdom

a **place ruled by a leader** – in early Medieval times, Wales wasn't one country but lots of small kingdoms, each **with its own leader**

pagan

a term used to describe people who **do not follow Christianity** (or any other religion that only believes in one god)

saint

a **special person who lived a very good and holy life** and helped others by teaching them about God – Welsh saints helped to **spread Christianity**

invade

to **enter a place by force**, usually with an army, to try and **take control** of it

trade

swapping or **buying and selling** things with other people

Viking

a **sailor and warrior from Scandinavia** (places like Norway, Denmark and Sweden) who lived over 1,000 years ago – they travelled by longboats to explore, trade and sometimes raid other lands, including parts of Wales

monasteries

special **religious communities where monks or nuns lived, worked and prayed** – they were quiet places where people spent their lives learning, helping others and worshipping God

The Age of Saints

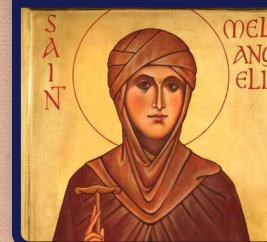
Saint David



Saint Illtud



Saint Melangell



Offa's Dyke



Rhodri the Great



King of Gwynedd who fought the Vikings

King Offa



King of Mercia who built Offa's Dyke



410 CE

Romans leave Britain



500 CE

Around this time, St. David is born



757-796 CE

King Offa rules Mercia and builds Offa's Dyke



800 CE

Vikings start coming to Wales



1066 CE

The Normans defeat the English at the Battle of Hastings