

Warwick Castle

The town of Warwick, Warwickshire

Warwick is a market town, civil parish and the county town of Warwickshire, England, situated on the River Avon. It is best known for its historic castle.



William the Conqueror



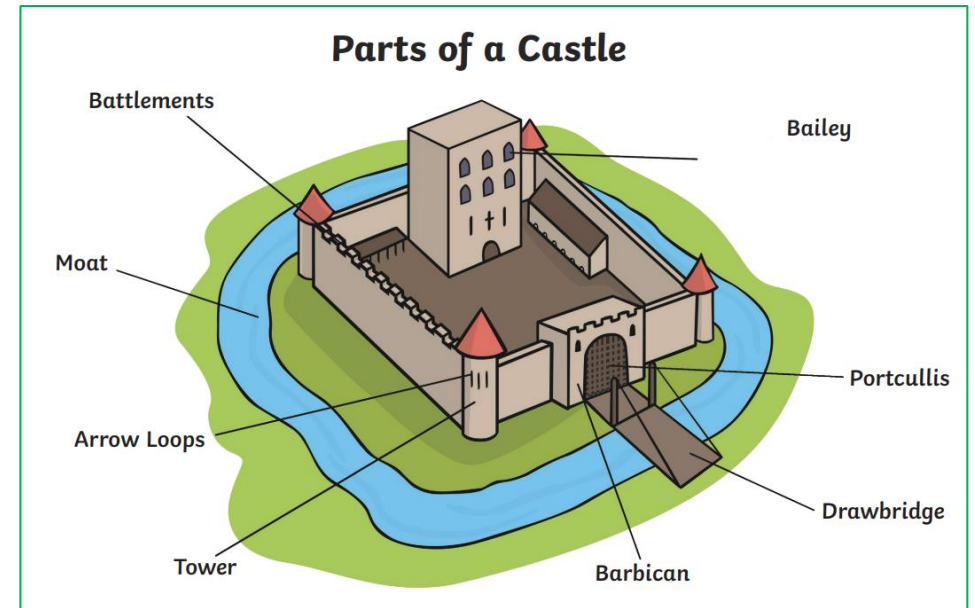
In 1066, William the Conqueror's victory at the Battle of Hastings marked the beginning of the Norman Conquest of England.

William fought many battles and to aid these built many motte and bailey castles at key strategic points. In 1086, Warwick Castle was constructed.

Warwick was an important site for William:

- Centre of the country
- Control of the longest Roman road in Britain.

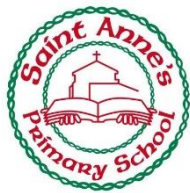
Features of Motte and Bailey Castles



Life in Medieval Warwick

- In the year 914, Warwick was chosen as a site for a **burh** to defend Mercia from the Danes (Vikings).
- In the early 10th century, a shire was founded with Warwick as its county town.
- During Aethelstan's reign (942-939), a royal mint (coin-making) was established in Warwick.
- In 1016, the Danes invaded Mercia and burned down much of Warwick.

Most people in Medieval society lived in villages, there were a few large towns. The majority were peasants who worked on the land. Trade was a key part of everyday life, towns were often unhygienic and there was a lack of sanitation.



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Timeline of Events

Vocabulary

Norman	Also called Norman French. one of the mixed Scandinavian and French people who inhabited Normandy and conquered England in 1066.
Henry de Beaumont	Henry de Beaumont, 1st Earl of Warwick or Henry de Newburgh was a Norman nobleman who rose to great prominence in the Kingdom of England.
Catapult	An ancient military engine for hurling stones, arrows, etc.
drawbridge	A bridge made to be wholly or partly raised up, let down, or drawn aside so as to permit or prevent passage.
Portcullises	A heavy iron gate that can be lowered to prevent entrance (as to a castle).
War of the Roses	Fought between 1455 and 1485, the Wars of the Roses were a dynastic struggle for the English crown which pitted the Houses of Lancaster and York against each other.
fortification	A construction built for defence.
Medieval	Of, relating to, or characteristic of the Middle Ages.
motte	A tall hill, with steep sides to prevent attack.
bailey	An open, flat space with different buildings inside.

1066-1068	Warwick Castle is built by William the Conqueror. William appoints Henry de Beaumont, the son of a wealthy Norman family, as constable of the castle.
1154	King Henry II fortified the castle
1350 - 1395	Caesars Tower and the Dungeon is built. Guys Tower is built.
1154-1450	Time of knights and tournaments. Suffered later from the Black Death and other plagues.
1450-1478	During the War of the Roses, Warwick Castle was nationally very important! Richard Neville (Earl of Warwick) was switching side. Imprisoned King Edward IV in 1469 .
1478-1547	Constructed the Bear and Clarence Towers. <u>Crown no longer owned the castle</u>
1547-1604	John Dudley (Earl of Warwick) beheaded for treason! Mary I Queen of England became the new owner. <u>Crown regained ownership</u>
1604-1978	James I (King of England) gives castle to Greville family.
1871	Fire damaged the Great Hall, valuables, paintings and treasures lost to the fire. Greville sold it in 1978.
1978 - Present Day	Merlin Entertainment restores castle and welcomes visitors.

