

The Invasions

- **55 BC:** **Julius Caesar** wanted to extend his Roman Empire so he attempted to invade Britain but the **Celts** fought back and the Romans returned to Gallia (modern day France).
- **54 BC:** Caesar tried to take over Britain again. This time he took bigger and stronger **legions** (parts of the army) and had more success.
- **AD 43:** A new Roman emperor, **Claudius**, was determined to make Britain part of his empire and started a successful invasion. Many Celts realised how powerful the Roman army was and agreed to obey Roman laws and pay taxes but other Celts continued to fight against the Romans.

Roman Religion

- Early in Roman times, the Roman people believed in many **gods** and **goddesses** whom they believed controlled different aspects of their lives, such as time, love and the seas.

Boudicca's Rebellion

- **AD 60:** The Romans decided that the **Iceni** tribe needed to start paying taxes.
- **Queen Boudicca**, the ruler of the tribe, refused to let this happen and formed an army to fight the Romans.
- Thousands of people died in these battles but the Romans eventually won.

Hadrian's Wall

- **AD 122:** The **Caledonian** tribes (the name used in Roman times for Scotland) fought battles against the Romans, who had tried to take their land.
- The Romans wanted to separate their land from these people (called the **Picts**) so the Roman emperor, **Hadrian**, ordered a wall to be built to protect the Romans' land.
- The wall was 117km long with castles, guarded turrets, major forts, barracks, bathhouses and even hospitals.

What Effect Did the Roman Empire Have on Britain?**Roman Remains**

- The Romans built elaborately designed **Roman baths** where people would go to relax and socialise.
- The Romans were famous for building **long, straight roads** to transport legions, supplies, trading goods and messages from the emperor.
- You can still see some Roman baths and roads in Britain today.

A timeline of Britain from the Stone Age to the Vikings

Stone Age	Bronze Age	Iron Age	Roman Britain	Anglo Saxons	Vikings
2.5 million years ago – 2500 BC	2500 BC – 800 BC	800 BC – AD 43	AD 43 – AD 410	AD 410 – 1066	AD 700 – 1066

