

PRIMARY SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2026



New Year - New Newsletter

Happy New Year (a little late)! I hope you all had a good break over half-term. I thought it was time to change up the Newsletter and how it looked - it seemed too much text content before, so I am going to try and streamline it a bit more, while still giving you the same useful information and content. Please let me know what you think (both positive and negative) at anna@classicsforall.org.uk.

CHECK IT OUT!

Each month I'll look out for interesting things to read, watch, do or listen to (or if you come across something worth sharing please send it to me and I can add it here)

Listen:

Greeking Out Podcast: suitable for KS2 - my son in Year 4 is loving it and enjoys how the stories are told.

Read:

Hopeless Heroes, by Stella Tarakson. These are a fun series of books about the Greek heroes, suitable for Upper KS1 and KS2 (we read them to my son).

Do:

Sign up for our weekly Classics for All Quiz: for enthusiastic teachers!



SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

NORBRECK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Norbreck Primary School is a three form entry school in Blackpool with over 600 children. They have a mixed intake with many children from a deprived background, including several looked after children. The school introduced Latin 5 years ago, teaching Latin to all pupils at Key Stage 2, originally as a way to improve spelling through understanding of word origins, and the subject has been very well received! Huge congratulations to Carrie Nicholson and all at Norbreck Primary for their brilliant work!

“I love learning about Latin. The Romans were really cool and it's good to know how they talked. I know loads of words!” Year 4 pupil

“It's been very interesting to see how children have been able to quickly pick up new vocabulary in French due to their previous Latin learning. They are able to see how modern foreign languages were heavily influenced by the classics.” Teacher at Norbreck Primary School



Upcoming CPD from Classics for All

RUNNING CLASSICS TRIPS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Monday, 9th March 2026

4-5pm, Online

For full details and to register click [here](#).

TEACHING ANCIENT GREEK AT KEY STAGE 2 AND KEY STAGE 3

Wednesday, 11th March 2026

4-5pm, Online

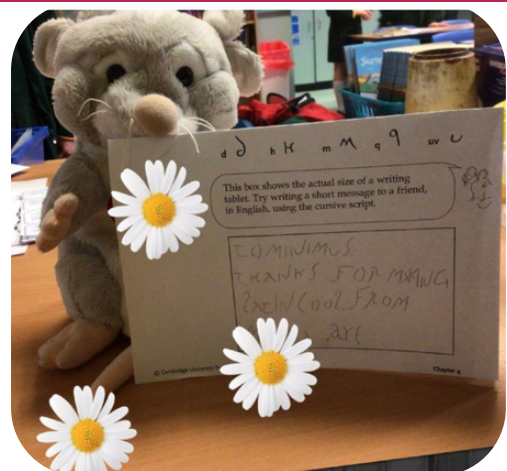
For full details and to register click [here](#).

PRIMARY LATIN LEADS CPD

Wednesday, 18th March 2026

4-5pm, Online

For full details and to register click [here](#).



CLASSICS FOR ALL

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CLASSICS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Museum of Classical Archaeology, Cambridge: Key Stage 1: Myths and Storytelling Workshops (In Person)

Fishbourne Roman Palace





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We offer a range of practical primary school workshops linked to the current curriculum, as well as engaging experience days for pupils in KS1 and KS2.

Topics include: Roman Activities, Archaeology, Roman School, Bulla (clay workshop) and Roman Food.

♦ Find out more: <http://www.sussexpast.co.uk/learning-participation/> ♦



Click on the links above to find out more



DID YOU KNOW?

Interesting Classics facts!

Why is asicsTM a good trainer brand name?

Did you know that the asicsTM brand name is actually five Latin words?

“anima sana in corpore sano”

“A sound mind in a sound body”

Perhaps you could combine Latin and PE and discuss with your pupils why this is a suitable name for trainers, and the positive effects of exercise.



Look out for emails and the next Newsletter for your chance to nominate your school for our Impact Awards 2026!



OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION 2026 - National Year of Reading

To combine Classics and the National Year of Reading, why not link up with your school library to create a Classics Reading Club? There are so many books that students can read, all aimed at different age groups and levels (favourites in our house are Julius Zebra, Hopeless Heroes and Who Let the Gods Out), which would be a wonderful way to get students engaging with the Classical World beyond their Latin or Etymology Lessons!

Check out our West Midlands Network Coordinator's website for some great book ideas. The wonderful Hellenic Bookservice is celebrating 60 years this year, and your librarian could order books from them.

I hope you enjoyed the new Newsletter!

Don't forget to reach out to your local Network Coordinator if you need any support or advice, and if you would like any training, please click on the link below. Wishing you all a fantastic term, and thank you for all that you do.

From the CfA School Support Team.



To contact us about free support and training, please complete our Initial Enquiry Form