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PRIMARY SCHOOLS

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

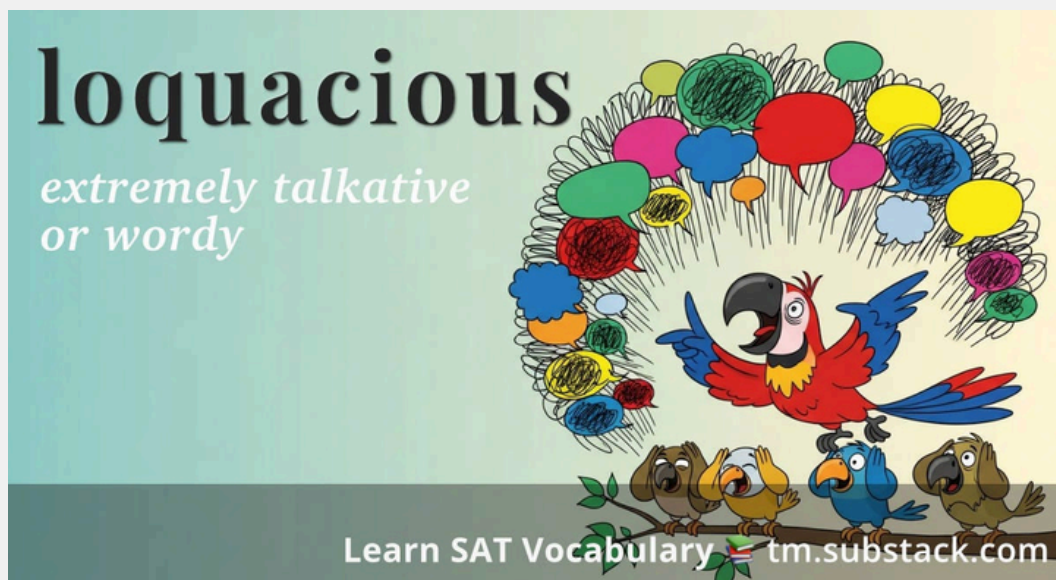
WELCOME TO THE CLASSICS FOR ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS DECEMBER NEWSLETTER!

I hope you have had a good term and the lead up to Christmas is going well! If you would like to be featured in the Newsletter at any point, please do get in touch via cfaschoolsupport@classicsforall.org.uk and let me know what you would like me to share with others! We love to hear quotes from children too! It's a slightly shorter Newsletter this month, so I'm going to do things in a slightly different order and give a shout out to two fantastic schools we've been working with and supporting, and who are sharing things with us in return, which we are very grateful for!

WORD ROOT OF THE MONTH:

LOQUACIOUS!

This is a fun word! You might, in fact, have a few pupils who you would describe as "loquacious"! "Loquacious", meaning "very talkative or chatty", comes from the Latin Adjective, "loquax", meaning "talkative". This is related to the Latin Verb "loquor", meaning "I speak". We also get other English words from this same root: elocution, eloquent, soliloquy, circumlocution, colloquial, ventriloquist (and many more!).



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SCHOOLS OF THE MONTH!

NEWBY PRIMARY SCHOOL, BRADFORD

My first school is Newby Primary School in Bradford. Newby Primary is a large urban school with 474 pupils on roll and an Ofsted grading of Good. Pupil Premium and Free School Meal levels are above national average at 31% and 30% respectively, and 63% of pupils speak English as an additional language. The school introduced Latin at Key Stage 2 in 2021, and the subject has been going from strength to strength! The staff who teach Latin are extremely enthusiastic and have tailored the Minimus course to the needs of their pupils. Teachers are well supported by Senior Management and the Latin Lead, whose organisation of Latin in the curriculum is exemplary.

Newby was brought to my attention by their trainer, who said, "I am so pleased to see how Latin has been rolled out into all year groups since I trained staff in 2021. I was especially interested to learn about how parents were involved as pupils were keen to take knowledge organisers home, as well as items they had used or produced during lessons. Displays and innovative ways of celebrating pupils' work make them proud to learn Latin. There cannot be many primary schools in which Year 3 pupils get a chance to spend a night away from home to visit Hadrian's Wall to enhance their learning, but Newby Primary School organises this."

It is wonderful to hear how well Latin is doing in the school! Many congratulations to Sarah and all the staff at Newby Primary School! Keep up the great work!

Thanks also go to Sarah for sharing more Minimus Knowledge Organisers with us! These will be uploaded onto our Resources Hub soon and be available to teachers before the holiday.





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ALL SAINTS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

I wanted to give a particular shout out to All Saints CE Primary School in Bolton, and their Latin Lead, Stephanie Ryan!

At the most recent Primary Latin Leads CPD session last month, Steph presented on Pupil and Teacher Voice in the school, as well as sharing her own teaching experiences and resources, which she is happy for us to share with other Primary Schools too.

All Saints were the winner of the North West Regional Network Award this year, and it was a very well-deserved win!

All Saints have been teaching Latin since 2023. Their aim was to tackle vocabulary and literacy in their school. With approximately 80% of students with EAL, reading and writing skills were not as strong as the school would have liked. The introduction of Latin aimed to strengthen pupils' understanding of etymology to hopefully build vocabulary and have an impact on spelling. Although the pupils live in a deprived area of Lancashire, the team have been using Latin to raise aspirations, fitting with their school motto 'To be the best that we can be.'

Initially, they started with Maximum Classics, but they transferred to Minimus in 2024 in order to benefit from the links with Roman Britain History topics. All year groups in KS2 study Latin once a week. Steph took over as Latin Lead in 2024 and has ensured that her team's training is up-to-date, completing regular teacher-voice before and after training sessions to ensure CPD was targeted.

Huge congratulations and many thanks to Steph and her team for their fantastic work at All Saints!





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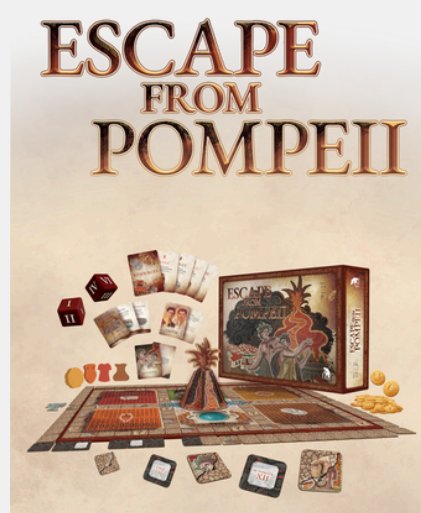
CLASSICS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



ESCAPE FROM POMPEII: BOARD GAME FREE GIVE AWAY



We have been offered 51 FREE copies of the board game, Escape from Pompeii, to give away to Classics for All schools. The game is for ages 8+, so is suitable for Primary and Secondary Schools. In order to claim a free copy of the game, please complete this Case Study Form, and the first 51 schools to do this will be sent a free copy of the game. Deadline to apply is now 11th December 2025 (extended from 1st December!).



FINALLY...

Don't forget, if you would like top-up training and any other support, please get in touch with your local Network Coordinator and us, via

cfaschoolsupport@classicsforall.org.uk.

Thank you for all your enthusiastic work in bringing Classics to your schools, and wishing you all a very happy holiday! See you in 2026!



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