



## Norfolk Project Wins Parent Support

*Classics for All's* first grant for schools in Norfolk has won huge support from local parents.

The project, which received funding of £20,500 from CfA in September, enables the introduction of Latin to seven village primary schools and their local secondary school in North Walsham.

The CfA grant pays for staffing costs for two years and will mean 70 primary school pupils and 20 GCSE students will be able to learn Latin for the first time.

Organiser, Jane Maguire, says teachers involved in the scheme, have made explaining the project to parents a high priority.

“The result has been very exciting,” she said. “We think parental support and enthusiasm is key, particularly for younger children. The older pupils get the message for themselves, but any encouragement at home can make all the difference.”

Teachers and organisers have been actively seeking feedback and all, so far, has been encouraging. Written comments received from parents included:

‘Fantastically inspiring. Congratulations. GCSE for adults please,’ ‘a really great experience, the children are really loving it’ and ‘my daughter is extremely enthusiastic about her Latin lessons. Long may it continue!’

The primary school pupils also wrote their own feedback, which included: ‘We learn new words in English, its exciting learning new languages’ and ‘we like the books and the stories.’

At North Walsham High, GCSE students are focussed on their futures. One replied to a teacher’s questionnaire, “It’s a good challenge. It’s not just unique for the school, but for me as well. Latin’s good for getting into university.” Another replied, “I thought that it would be fun to learn and there’s one more GCSE to have when I want a job, a very good one.”

In the primary schools, pupils are taught during the school day in groups of ten and the *Minimus* text books they use are supplied without charge by the Primary Latin Project. At North Walsham High School students from Years 9 and 10 are taught after school, using the Cambridge Latin Course.