

signifer – Standard Bearer



Being the **signifer** was a position of honour, only the best would be picked and they were paid more money! These standards were very important to the soldiers. They weren't just signs for the men to follow into battle or to say which cohort or century they were in, but they were sacred symbols which meant something to the soldiers. If the standard was lost in battle, the entire unit would be in disgrace and serious trouble!

vexillifer - Flag Bearer



The **vexillifer** carried a flag made of brightly coloured silk



centurio – centurion



The **centurio** commanded a troop of 80 men. They were responsible for training the men in their own centuries and leading them into battle.

comicen – the horn player



The **comicen's** horn played an important part in the fort's daily routine, signalling when duties began and ended as well as sounding alarms.

I went ballistic when Year 6 didn't share their snack with me. Miss Harrison gave me some cheese. **laetissimus sum!**



Key Vocab

signifer	Standard-bearer
vexillifer	Flag-bearer
comicen	Horn-player
centurio	Centurion
ballista	A huge catapult that fires stones
prope	Near
circum	Round
sub	Under
super	On top of
in	In
pro	In front of
ad	To
e	Away from
fessus/fessa	Tired
laetissimus/laetissima	Very happy
sumus	We are
quis est?	What is it?
currunt	Running

Fun Fact

Most soldiers at Vindolanda were from The Netherlands, although some came from further away from hot countries.

Knowledge Organiser Latin: A Soldier's Life

State of Being (I am)

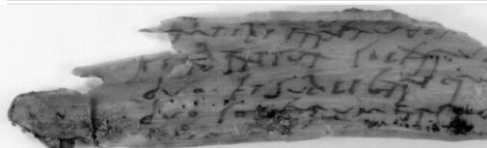
sum	I am
es	You are
est	He/she is
sumus	We are
estis	You are (plural)
sunt	they

Vindolanda Tablets

In 1973 archaeologists at Vindolanda discovered letters written on thin strips of wood, which the Romans often used instead of paper.



One soldier wrote home asking for more socks. This is the letter his mum sent back:



"I have sent you some pairs of socks, two pairs of sandals and two pairs of underpants"

Latin Verbs Rule Reminder

If a Latin verb end in...	...then the person doing it is
o	I
s	You (one/singular)
t	He/she/it
mus	we
tis	You all (plural)
nt	they

Prepositions

prope	Near
circum	Round
sub	Under
super	On top of
in	In
pro	In front of



LATIN ROOTS

- 1 Where does a submarine go?
- 2 terra is the Latin word for "earth", "ground", or "world". So where does a subterranean creature live?
- 3 If a yachtsman has circumnavigated the earth, where has he been?
- 4 In which direction does a propeller move a boat?

Where are Minimus and Princeps Graham?

Minimus et Princeps Graham prope ballistam sunt.

Minimus et Princeps Graham circum ballistam currunt.

Princeps Graham super ballista est

Minimus sub ballistā est.

Minimus in ballistā est.

Princeps Graham pro ballista est