

# HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM WEEK 1  
5TH SEPTEMBER, 2025



Dear Parents

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all back to Town Close for the start of the Academic Year 2025/26. Whilst the weather earlier in the week provided robust punctuation that the summer was well and truly over, the enthusiasm that our pupils have brought to the first week back has been all the sunshine that we need this week. The summer holidays is always a busy time, both in terms of site improvements and the ever popular Activate holiday club (which secured a glowing Ofsted Report over the summer), but it is never the same as when we are all here, and I always look forward to the start of a new academic year. It has been wonderful to catch up with staff, pupils and parents this week, as well as welcoming lots of new faces into our school community. It is not just new faces that we have returned to, with the pupils already enjoying a host of exciting developments that have taken place over the summer break including a new Reception Garden and play area, new Cookery Room, Drama Studio, revamped Science Lab and Computing Room (or CTRL Centre as it is now called) and work underway on new Netball Courts behind the Sports Hall. I am hugely grateful to the staff and external contractors who made every moment matter over the summer to ensure that our pupils return to a school in great shape with an exciting year ahead.

The new site developments, combined with new topics, new clubs, a move to Google Classroom from Firefly in Prep (many thanks to those who turned up to the information evening on this), the launch of our new Electives programme for Year 7, the rolling-out of ePraise in Upper Prep and launching our new minibus transport routes have meant that my first assembly back on the theme of new chapters was very fitting indeed. However, alongside all that is exciting and new there is also something very reassuring about the return to the routine of school life. Sure enough, one of my first official duties was to throw the opening welly of the first House event of the year with the annual House Welly Wanging competition. My other highlights have included seeing Pre Prep starting their 'Into The Woods' theme, including hunting for 'Stickman' in the Woodland Walk, watching our Reception pupils making the most of their new outdoor space (especially the giant water pump), launching the PSB with Year 7, chatting to parents and pupils on the gate, and seeing some fantastic Prep lessons in the new Science Lab and Drama Studio. I for one have very much enjoyed having all our pupils and staff back, filling the buildings and outdoor spaces with their energy and laughter.

This morning, our Friday assembly focused on the role of School Council and it was a pleasure to be joined by Year 8 pupils Asadallah and Ellie, our Senior Prefect Co-Chairs of School Council, who explained the sorts of qualities that they are hoping for in their School Council team in the year ahead. I sincerely hope that we have plenty of interest from potential candidates in the upcoming School Council elections, which form teachers will explain in even further detail to their forms next week. I also look forward to the first Headmaster's Tea and Cake Event next week (fingers crossed for my 100% success rate with good weather for this event!).

I hope that you have an enjoyable and restful weekend before our first full week back, which I am sure will be jam-packed with plenty of magical moments.

Have a great weekend.

## Every Moment Matters



# NEWS FROM THE PTA

## YOUR YEAR GROUP PTA REP

Your year representative is listed below if you would like to contact them. If you would like to be added to the year group WhatsApp, please contact [ptasecretary@townclose.com](mailto:ptasecretary@townclose.com).

YEAR	NAME
Nursery	Nursery
Reception	Daisy Larkin
Year 1	Jon Eliel
Year 2	Tori Hudson
Year 3	Sarah Thomas
Year 4	Kylee Moore
Year 5	Rachel Tiley-Nunn
Year 6	Claire Robinson
Year 7	Gemma Minors
Year 8	Hannah Garrad

## FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING

The first PTA Committee Meeting takes place on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September** in the Green Room. 8.15am-8.45am for coffee - anyone is welcome to come along and find out more. The meeting will run from 8.45am-9.45am.

## PTA UNIFORM SHOP- STOCK NEEDED

It has been great to see so many of you using the PTA Uniform Shop this week. If you have any uniform at home we would be very pleased to rebuild our stocks and sell it for you. Please bring your uniform to the shop during opening times or leave in the Prep Front Office in a bag with your name. The labels for uniform you are wishing to sell rather than donate can be found on our [website here](#).

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**Instagram:** town.close.school

# BULLETIN BOARD

## PRE PREP & PREP

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

#### LANYARDS

We remind you to please wear your lanyards at all times when on the School site. If you require more lanyards please email [preprepsec@townclose.com](mailto:preprepsec@townclose.com) or [prepsec@townclose.com](mailto:prepsec@townclose.com).

#### PARENT HANDBOOK

Our Parent Handbook which provides day to day information and uniform lists can be found on our [website here](#).

#### WHO CAN HELP?

If you have any questions or concerns about your child please contact the following staff in the first instance:

- Pre Prep:** Class teacher
- Lower Prep:** Form teacher and then Mr Avenal (Lower Prep Pastoral Lead)
- Middle Prep:** Tutor and then Mrs Reeves (Middle Prep Pastoral Lead)
- Upper Prep:** Tutor and then Mrs James (Middle Prep Pastoral Lead)

Mrs Boyt, Deputy Head Pastoral, can be contacted at [pastoraldep@townclose.com](mailto:pastoraldep@townclose.com). Teacher's email addresses can be found on the Parent Portal under 'My Children - Teacher Contacts'.

#### ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY

Our 2025/26 Pupils Personal Accident Insurance policy is available to view on the Parent Portal.

#### BIRTHDAY CAKES

We have reviewed the way we celebrate birthdays for pupils in the Prep department. Please see the email from Mr Tiley-Nunn about this. If you would like to book for your child to have a special birthday cake bun then please complete the form on the Portal.



#### MUSIC LESSONS

Please contact Head of Music, Mrs Koczur, to arrange private music lessons: [skoczur@townclose.com](mailto:skoczur@townclose.com)

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Tea & Cake on the Lawn**  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 3.45pm on the front lawn
- Pre Prep Music Morning**  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 8.35am in the Read Hall
- Meet the Instruments**  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 4.00pm in the Music Room
- PTA Coffee Morning and Committee Meeting**  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 8.15am in the Green Room
- Bentley Photography- Individual photos**  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September
- Curriculum Evening Pre Prep & Year 7**  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 6.00pm in the Read Hall
- Parent Consultation: Digital Strategy and EdTech**  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 6.00pm in the Read Hall
- PTA drinks at The York**  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 6.00pm
- Pre Prep 'Settling In' Parents' evening for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 4.30pm
- Bentley Photography- Sibling photos**  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October
- Prep School Informal Soloists' Concert**  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 4.00pm in the Read Hall
- Open Morning**  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 9.15am
- Year 3 Parents' Evening**  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, from 5.00pm
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
Break up for half term
- Please refer to the calendar on the Parent Portal for a full list of events and fixtures.*

## TRANSPORT SERVICE

Our school transport services are now available to book. Please visit our dedicated transport portal on the school website to reserve a place.





**JOIN OUR HEADMASTER,  
MR NICK TILEY-NUNN, FOR TEA  
& CAKE ON THE LAWN**

**NURSERY - YEAR 8 PARENTS  
WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER | 3.45PM-4.45PM**

# **FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MUSIC AT TOWN CLOSE**

**Thursday 11th September**

**Pre Prep Music Morning 8.35am, in the Read Hall**

Led by our Head of Music, Mrs Koczur, parents of children in Year 1 and 2 are invited to join us in the Read Hall for a short presentation about the instruments on offer at Town Close

**All welcome 'Try out an Instrument' 4.00pm, in the Music Room**

Led by our Head of Music, Mrs Koczur, parents and children are invited to try the musical instruments on offer at Town Close School.

**Please send all musical instrument enquiries to  
our Head of Music: [skoczur@townclose.com](mailto:skoczur@townclose.com)**



THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 6PM

# CURRICULUM EVENING

NURSERY-YEAR 2 AND YEAR 7 PARENTS

## 6pm Welcome drinks

All Pre Prep parents and parents of children in Year 7 are invited to join us in the Read Hall for refreshments and drinks; a welcome and a casual opportunity to say hello to teaching staff and each other.



## 6.15pm



- Year 7 parents to stay in the Read Hall for a presentation about the Year 7 curriculum for the coming year and how you can support your child at home
- Nursery & Reception parents to move to the Pre Prep Hall for a presentation about the EYFS curriculum for the coming year and how you can support your child at home
- Year 1 & 2 parents to visit their child's classroom to meet your child's teacher and other parents.

## 6.45pm



- Year 7 parents welcome to ask questions after the presentation finishes
- Nursery & Reception parents to visit their child's classroom to meet your child's teacher and other parents.
- Year 1 & 2 parents to move to the Pre Prep Hall for a presentation about the Key Stage 1 curriculum for the coming year and how you can support your child at home.

## 7.15pm

Event finishes. If you have any questions following the event please contact your class teacher for Pre Prep related questions and Mrs Sims for Year 7 questions.



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL



## MATCH REPORT

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, the day after Prize Day, our Under 11 cricket squad travelled to Oakham School for the ESCA national hardball finals. Under a hot summer sun, we made an excellent start to the competition, winning our first two group matches against Bolton School and Ratcliffe College (Leicestershire) by comfortable margins. Our third game was a straight shoot-out against Moultsford (Oxfordshire) for a place in the national final. The opposition proved to be a very strong outfit and we were always chasing the game right from the start. Nevertheless, it was a superb achievement by all of the players to reach the 3rd/4th play-off and, despite the defeat in that final match to Whitgift (Surrey), they gave their all and we were very proud of each and every one of them.



# A moment in time

## *Summer Writing Challenge*

When Summer slows down, capture your golden moment by entering our writing competition.

Pre Prep Word Limit: 100 words (approx.)  
Prep Word Limit: 200 words (approx.)

Place your entry into the box in the library or  
email [library@townclose.com](mailto:library@townclose.com).

Closing date: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**EXTENDED DEADLINE MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**







# SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

Drinks & Nibbles

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept**

From 6:30pm

## THE YORK

NR2 2AS

Adults event  
(TC Parents only)  
Private room upstairs

Casual drinks - no  
tickets required







# WHAT'S HAPPENING AUTUMN/WINTER '25

## SIMPLE SEPTEMBER SOCIAL FRI 26<sup>th</sup> SEPT

Casual drinks at The York, York Street. No tickets required. Adult event.



## FIREWORKS FRI 7<sup>th</sup> NOV

Not to be missed! Family Event.  
Tickets required (on sale next term).

## WREATH MAKING LATE NOV / EARLY DEC

Exact dates TBC. Mulled wine and mince pie included.





# **Town Close School**

## **SATURDAY MORNING CRICKET ACADEMY**

**For 10 weeks from Sat 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025**



Our Lead coach will be Mr. Neil Taylor,  
Cricket Coach at Town Close School.

Players of all abilities will have the opportunity  
to improve their technical skills in a fun environment.

No experience needed.

Pupils in Years 1 & 2 will play with softball cricket equipment which will be provided. Older pupils wishing to play hardball cricket will require their own kit, but it's not essential. Please bring a drink and indoor shoes.

### **10 sessions on Saturday mornings:**

13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 20<sup>th</sup> Sept, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11<sup>th</sup> Oct,

Half term, then 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov and 29<sup>th</sup> Nov and 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Group A: 1hr from 9am - 10am for Year 1 & Year 2 = £160**

**Group B: 1.5hrs from 10am - 11.30am for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 = £240**

**Group C: 1.5hrs from 11.30am - 1pm for Year 6, Year 7 and Year 8+ = £240**

Venue: Town Close School Sports Hall

To book: go to [www.taylormadecricket.com](http://www.taylormadecricket.com)

for full details of booking & payment or use the QR code

Submit the online form and pay online

Confirmation of place will be sent by email

Open to non Town Close Pupils too

Dates may alter if the school sports hall availability changes.