

# HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM WEEK 2  
12TH SEPTEMBER, 2025



Dear Parents

I write to you today having just escaped a whole horde of Year 4 Vikings, who were marauding across the lawn as part of their 'History off the page' Viking Day – sadly I think that Mr. Legg (one of our new Gaps) was not so fortunate and bore the brunt of the attack! It has been great to get the first full week of the academic year under our belts and it is safe to say that school life has fully swung back into action. It has been lovely to see clubs and activities starting up with pupils making the most of the huge range of opportunities available to them. This term has seen more pupils than ever signing-up for enriching activities and I know that Mr. Woods has been working hard to create more spaces and opportunities, where possible, for some of our most popular clubs. It has also been great to see the first trips of the year underway with Year 1 looking very excited ahead of their trip to Thetford Forest to hunt for the Gruffalo today as part of their 'Into the woods' topic.

Sticking on this theme, one of my highlights of the week was spending some time in Little Acorns sharing two of my favourite stories with a woodland theme. 'It Starts with a Seed' also made an appearance in my Friday assembly today as we looked at the themes of personal growth, stretching ourselves and spreading seeds of positivity as we go about our daily lives. My other highlights of the week included seeing our new Electives programme for Year 7 commencing with the first sessions of their chosen electives. I enjoyed visiting all of the sessions that took place, but I was most pleased to see our new Cookery Room in action as Mr. Coulthart and his pupils tackled stage one of how to prepare a festive meal. A huge thank you to our teachers (and to Mr. Griffiths, Headmaster of Norwich School, who joins us to teach an elective on Latin and Classics) for putting together such an exciting and diverse programme. I also very much enjoyed seeing a range of our musicians sharing their love of music and the instruments they play to pupils in Pre Prep this week and I am sure there will be plenty of our younger pupils eager to pick up an instrument in due course.

It was great to see so many in attendance at our first 'Headmaster's Tea and Cake' on the lawn where the rain held off for just long enough to ensure that all in attendance had a welcome opportunity to catch up. This morning saw the first PTA Coffee morning of the year with plenty in attendance as they spoke about an exciting year ahead that includes our upcoming fireworks night on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November and, before that, a social at The York on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. I do hope that the wider school community support the PTA in whatever way they can in the year ahead as they offer so much to life at Town Close.

Next week will no doubt be another busy one and in the second half of the week I will be away representing Town Close at the IAPS Annual Conference. In the meantime, I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Have a great weekend.

Every Moment Matters



## TOP BIRDS



Avocets:  
Harrison &  
Amaya



Kingfishers:  
Alfie & Emmie



Barn Owls:  
Ben & Val



Peregrines:  
Lucy & Tristan

## NEWS FROM THE PTA

### VIKING, CELT AND ROMAN COSTUME DONATIONS

Year 4 had a fantastic time celebrating Viking Day today – and the costumes were brilliant! If you have Viking costumes that won't be needed again, or even Celt or Roman outfits from previous years, the PTA would love to take them as donations. The aim (if we can all make it work) is to offer pre-loved costumes for sale ahead of future themed days, to help parents source costumes sustainably and to raise money for the School Charity at the same time. Donations can be brought in a bag to the PTA shop during opening hours, or dropped off at the Prep Reception.

# BULLETIN BOARD

## PRE PREP & PREP

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

#### PARENT 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).

#### BENTLEY PHOTOGRAPHS NEXT WEEK

On Thursday, the children from Reception to Year 8 will be having their individual photographs taken by Bentley, our Little Acorns will have theirs taken later on in the year. Please can you ensure that your child comes into school looking their absolute smartest and ready to smile! Hair should be brushed and any hair accessories should be black or navy blue. The Year 5 and 6 children should bring their games kit into school, they will get changed at the beginning of their games lessons. We look forward to sharing the photographs with you very soon.

#### CURRICULUM EVENING PARKING

Limited parking will be available on the Pre Prep playground or main drive for the Curriculum meeting next Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please do not use Newmarket Road playground.

#### DRIVING TO SCHOOL

Please remember to be considerate to cyclists and pedestrians when entering the school site via Ipswich Road and Newmarket Road.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**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.*

#### YEAR 8 SENIOR SCHOOL MEETINGS

If parents of children in Year 8 would like to arrange a time to discuss Senior School choices with Mr Tiley-Nunn, please email [headsec@townclose.com](mailto:headsec@townclose.com) to arrange an appointment.

#### UPPER PREP EXTENDED RUGBY PRACTICE ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

The rugby practice will finish at 4.00pm with no extended session due to the Year 8 boys being away on their residential trip. Pick up for the Year 7 boys at TCH. The extended training sessions will resume on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

#### INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS

We hope you enjoyed the 'Meet the Instrument' sessions this week. If you would like to arrange individual music lessons please contact our Head of Music, Mrs Koczur: [skoczur@townclose.com](mailto:skoczur@townclose.com)

#### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

Facebook: @towncloseschool  
Instagram: town.close.school

## Town Close Association

# Inaugural London Reunion

## At **TRUE.** London

Everyone connected to the Town Close School community are invited to join us for our inaugural London Reunion. This special evening will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with fellow associates of Town Close, catch up with old friends, and share memories of your time at Town Close over a glass of something festive.

November | 27 | 2025

6.00pm - 8.30pm

True House, 29 Buckingham Gate  
London, SW1E 6NF

[RSVP admissions@townclose.com](mailto:RSVP.admissions@townclose.com)





# **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.





# 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



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.



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