

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM WEEK 11
27TH MARCH, 2026



Dear Parents

It has been another vibrant and fulfilling week at Town Close. From our ski base in Passo Tonale, I have been in close contact with School over the course of the week, receiving regular updates on the events and activities taking place. Whilst I was sad to not be able to attend these events in person, it has been wonderful to receive updates and view the photos on social media that have helped bring them all to life for me!

One of the highlights of the week for our Pre Prep pupils was undoubtedly Grandparents Morning. Welcoming over 180 grandparents into school, the morning was filled with joy and connection. From Indian and Easter-themed crafts to a wonderful Pre Prep performance in Read Hall, it was a truly memorable occasion that celebrated the special bond between generations.

Our Year 2 pupils delivered not one but two incredible Class Assemblies this week: Holly Class delivered a confident and engaging Assembly, sharing their learning about India and their commitment to sustainability, particularly their efforts to support the school's hedgehog population. Silver Birch equally captivated their audience with a vibrant assembly celebrating their learning about India. Through dance, storytelling, and an interactive quiz, they transported the room on a journey full of colour and meaning. Their retelling of The Elephant and the Moon reminded us of the importance of kindness and putting others first—values central to the Town Close Way.

I am immensely proud of our Year 6 scientists, who achieved a remarkable victory in the Top Class in Science County Competition 2026. Having qualified through months of online quizzes, they travelled to the University of East Anglia for the live final on Monday evening. Competing in a lively game-show format across ten challenging rounds, the team demonstrated exceptional knowledge, teamwork, and composure to secure a well-earned win against Sheringham Primary. Congratulations to all involved on this outstanding accomplishment.

We've been building excitement for Easter through a range of visits, trips, and activities. We were delighted to welcome Reverend Dr Patrick Richmond from Christ Church, Eaton, who joined our Pre Prep pupils for Assembly on Monday. Reverend Patrick beautifully retold the Easter story, guiding the children through the key events from Palm Sunday to the resurrection on Easter Sunday. His engaging storytelling provided a thoughtful and meaningful start to the week, helping pupils deepen their understanding of this important time in the Christian calendar. Our Reception children, also, had the opportunity to visit Christ Church in Eaton later in the week, where they learned more about Reverend Patrick's role, the church itself, and the traditions of Easter. In the Library, our Year 3 and 4 pupils have been enjoying a code-cracking Easter quiz alongside a variety of creative seasonal crafts, whilst our youngest pupils in Nursery have been making some delicious Easter nests. Benjamin Bunny made a welcome appearance on the last day of term in Pre Prep to wish our pupils a happy Easter Break. I do hope that everyone in our community enjoys a restful and restorative Easter Break ready for a busy final term of the year.

Meanwhile out in Passo Tonale, pupils have just completed their ski assessments on the final day and are currently enjoying a well-deserved hot chocolate in the sunshine. This week has been predictably full-on; it is no small feat to get 47 children to Italy where they have been in ski lessons for five hours per day (seven yesterday as we went night skiing!) and enjoying a range of activities when not on the slopes including snow tubing, karaoke, visiting the pizzeria and sampling lots of lovely local chocolate. We have had a range of ski abilities (including within the wonderful staff who have accompanied the trip) from absolute beginners to exceptionally strong skiers, all of whom have both made great progress and had a wonderful time - many saying that it has been their best week ever. The pupils have been wonderful ambassadors for the school, as have the staff who I am hugely appreciative of for the time, dedication and care that they have shown in making this inaugural Town Close Ski Trip a real success. I am already looking forward to next year!

Finally, I would like to reflect on the recent recognition of Norwich as the best place to live in the UK for 2026 by The Times. Described as a creative and compassionate city, Norwich provides an inspiring backdrop for our school. We are proud to reflect these same qualities in our approach to education—innovative, nurturing, and forward-thinking.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Every Moment Matters

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

BOOK BANK

Over the summer term we will be collecting donations for the Bookbanks appeal. If you have any books you would like to donate, please drop them off in the boxes found in the Pre Prep entrance and Dearnaley Building.

ALUMNI LUNCH

On **Wednesday 20th June** we will host a lunch for alumni who attended Town Close between 1960-1990. Could you please share this invitation with family and friends who would be eligible to join us. RSVP admissions@townclose.com.

FUTURE FAIR

There is still time to sign up to exhibit at the Year 7&8 Futures Fair. The event takes place on **Thursday 18th June**, from 12.45pm – 4.00pm. This event gives our Year 7 and Year 8 students a wonderful opportunity to explore the world of work, discover different career paths, and see where their learning today could lead them in the future. Industries we would particularly like to have support from include:

- Agriculture
- Medical
- Manufacturing

Please email admissions@townclose.com.

MATCH REPORT

NETBALL

The final U13 matches of the season were played on Wednesday this week against our local neighbours, Norwich High School.

The U13As produced a fantastic performance to finish the term on a high. The team got off to a flying start, using short, sharp passes and showing excellent movement all over the court. Their attacking play was finished off brilliantly with some accurate shooting from Annabelle Y and Isla Mc. The match remained exciting and fast-paced throughout, with the girls playing some of their best netball of the season. They demonstrated great teamwork, skill, and confidence, highlighting just how much they have improved over the course of the term.

BULLETIN BOARD

PRE PREP & PREP

It was a fitting end to the season as they came away with a well-deserved win. POM Isla Mc and Sophia G, for also being a super Netball Captain this term. The U13Bs had a superb game also. All the tactics that have been practised throughout the term have come to fruition. The ball travelled smoothly through the three thirds of the court, Nikita G and Ananti S held strong in defence and allowed the mid court players; Amelia B, Poppy K, Celina K and Sienna S to take and feed the ball to our shooters and finished with accurate shooting into the net at the attacking end. A fantastic display of everyone playing their vital part and working as a team. Final score 28-13, Players of the Match were Philippa C and Ananti S. The U13Cs had a great match, with end-to-end action: flying interceptions by Player of the Match Polly H, great shooting by Sienna C, perfectly placed balls by Amelia B, relentless running from second Player of the Match Simran S, Reina K attacking into space, Jess E both defending and attacking hard, and rebounds and goals from Harriet W. Exciting stuff with a well-deserved 9-6 win against Norwich High. Mrs Chitty was also very impressed with how the team listened and put into action coaching points. Awesome afternoon.

Thank you and well done to the girls for a fantastic season of netball!

HOCKEY

This week the U11 and U10 teams travelled to Dereham Hockey Club to play Wisbech Grammar School. Whilst we were missing some players who are away on the ski trip, the boys still have had very successful matches. The U11A team won 9-1, with Player of the Match awarded to Jonah T and the U11B team won 3-0, Player of the Match Willoughby W. The U10As were just as successful, dominating play and winning 12-1. Player of the Match was Henry S for his excellent distribution from defence. The U10Bs had a slightly tougher match, but drew 3-3, with Player of the Match being awarded to Aziz B. Its been a great term of Hockey and the boys should all be pleased with their progress.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

First Day of the Summer Term
Wednesday 15th April

ASA Big Camp Out Years 5-7
Friday 17th April, Eaton Vale

Year 4 ASA Camping Trip
Saturday 18th April, School Lawn

Headmaster's Tea & Cake on the Lawn
Wednesday 22nd April, from 3.30pm on the Front Lawn

Parents' Evening for Reception, Year 1 and 2
Thursday 30th April, from 4.30pm in Read Hall

Parent Consultation Meeting- Homework and Learning Outside of the Classroom
Wednesday 6th May, 6.00pm in Read Hall

Informal Prep Soloists' Concert
Thursday 7th May, 4.15pm in the Read Hall

PTA School Disco
Friday 8th May, tickets now available

Year 2 Concert
Thursday 14th May, 2.00pm in the Read Hall

Year 1 Concert
Wednesday 20th May, 2.00pm in the Read Hall

Spring into Summer Show
Friday 22nd May 10.00am in the Sports Hall

Final Day of Half Term
Friday 22nd May

Please always refer to the live calendar on the Parent Portal or website for a full list of events and sports fixtures.

SPRING TERM HOUSE RESULTS

- 1st Ranworth with 77 points
- 2nd Bartn with 76 points
- 3rd Filby with 75 points
- 4th Upton 72 points

Well done to all the children for participating in the many house competitions over this term!

BIRD FAMILY WINNERS

Well done to the Kingfishers who won the cup this term for the most bird tokens.



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YEAR 8 SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS OFFERED 2026

Norwich School

Matilda Chapallaz - Academic Scholarship & Sports Scholarship
Eleanor Cook - Academic Scholarship & Sports Scholarship
Nathanael Gibbs - Academic Scholarship
Edward Goodson - Academic Scholarship
Nikita Gunnesh - Academic Scholarship
Annabelle Hunter - Sports Scholarship
Daniel McGrath - Sports Scholarship
Ananti Shah - Academic Scholarship & Music Scholarship
Pearl Tucker - Academic Exhibition Award
Harriet Wharton - Academic Exhibition Award
Annabelle Youngman - Academic Exhibition Award

Norwich High School

Sophia Garrard - Sports Scholarship
Nikita Gunnesh - Academic Scholarship & Drama Scholarship
Ananti Shah - Academic Scholarship

Framlington College

Ilex Smith - Academic Scholarship

Gresham's School

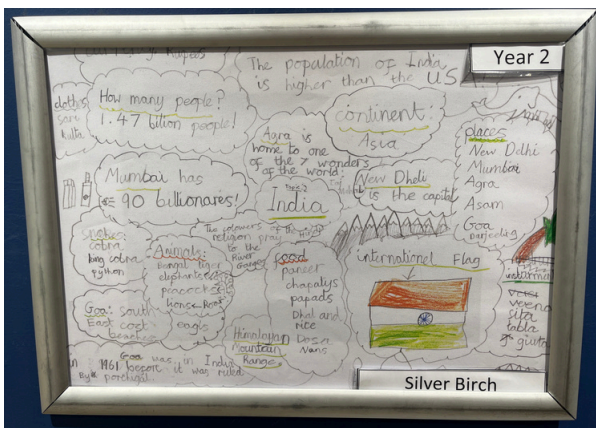
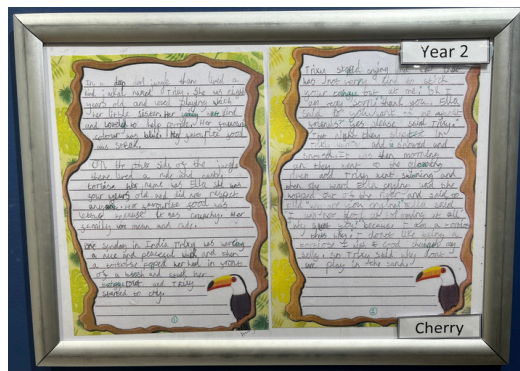
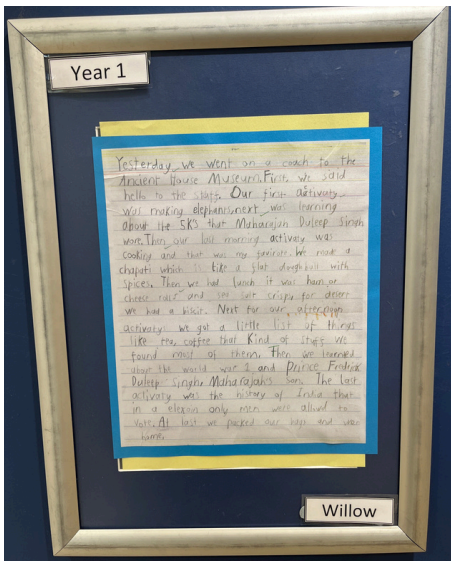
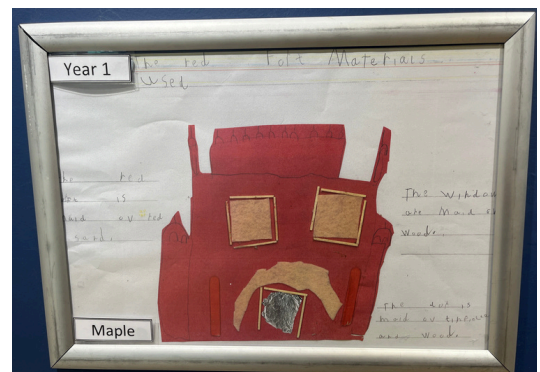
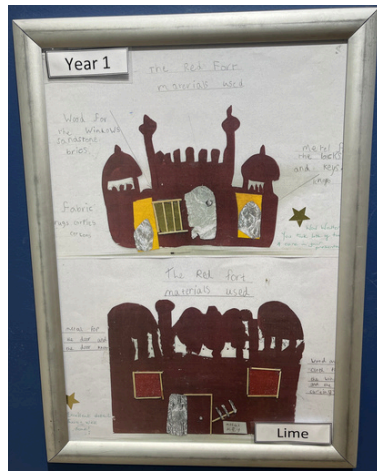
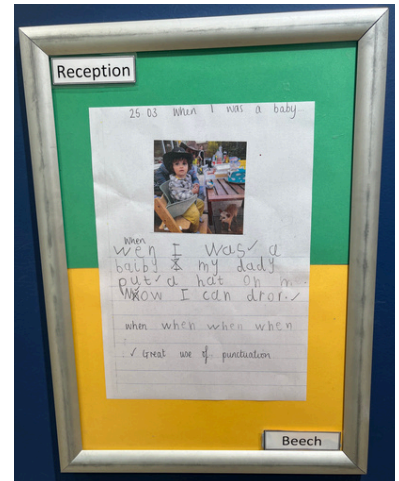
Benjamin Sisson - Sports Scholarship

Uppingham

William Savory - Sports Scholarship

This list includes the Scholarships and Awards of those in Year 8 that we have been informed of. If there are any that are not included on the list then please do let us know by emailing headsec@townclose.com

PRE PREP WONDERWALL



- Little Acorns, Walter, My Pony, Jack Frost
- Little Acorns, Frank, Daffodil paintings
- Beech, Austin, When I was a baby
- Oak, Otilie & Isa, Tiger Diorama
- Lime, Theia & Walter, Red Fort Materials
- Maple, Sienna, Red Fort Materials
- Willow, Rafa, Recount of School Trip
- Cherry, Keira, Panchatantra Story
- Holly, Emmie & Phoebe, Flower paintings
- Silver Birch, Aaryan, What have I found out about India?

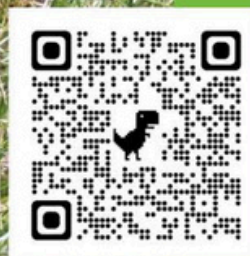
Easter Holiday Cricket Clubs

At Town Close School Sports Hall

Thurs 9th and Friday 10th April 2026

For Years 1 upwards

£45 for one
day or £85
for two days



Our Lead coach will be Mr. Neil Taylor.

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

Suitable for Years 2 and above.

Those wishing to play hardball cricket will require their own kit, but it's not essential.

Pupils in Year 2 will play with softball cricket equipment, which will be provided.

Players should bring indoor shoes, plenty of drinks and a packed lunch.

10am to 3pm on the following days:
Thurs 9th April and Friday 10th April

Venue: Venue: Town Close School Sports Hall, Ipswich Rd Norwich NR2 2LJ

Go to www.taylormadecricket.com for full details of booking & payment.

Please submit the online form and pay online

Confirmation of place will be sent by email.



COMMUNITY
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FOOTBALL CAMP



SPORT: Football

VENUE: Fairfield Sports Field

DATE: Tuesday 31st March

TIME: 10am - 3pm



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communitysportsfoundation.org.uk

Norwich City Community Sports Foundation, Norwich City FC, Carrow Road, Norwich, NR1 1JE | Registered charity number: 1088239





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»» 8TH MAY ««

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NURSERY & RECEPTION*	- 2.00 - 3.00 PM	*NO TICKET REQ.
YEARS 1 & 2**	- 3.45 - 4.45 PM	**SNACK INCL
YEARS 3 & 4	- 5:00 - 6.15 PM	
YEARS 5, 6 & 7	- 6.30 - 8.00 PM	

Dress Code: Be Yourself



ECOAPRIL CHALLENGE 2026

Plenty of ways to get involved throughout April...

- 1 Do **something Eco Focused of your choice**, share it with us and win an Eco Pin Badge
- 2 **Saturday 18th April**, join us anytime between 10:00 -15:00 at Whitlingham Country Park for a **nature inspired treasure hunt**
(Treasure hunt likely to last approx 1 hour)
- 3 **Sunday 26th April**, join our **group litter pick**, receive an Eco Pin Badge

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