

# HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM WEEK 10  
4TH JULY, 2025



Dear Parents

The final full week of the academic year draws to a close and the eagerly anticipated summer holidays are within reach. Truthfully, there is always a real blend of mixed emotions at this time of year. On the one hand, it is a time for real celebration and fun with a jam-packed schedule of lovely events to look forward to and enjoy and a chance to applaud the successes, big and small, through various celebration assemblies and prizegiving events. On the other, it is a time of year when you question "Where did the time go?" as you reflect in disbelief that we have reached the end of another year already! For some, of course, their time at Town Close is drawing to a close as they move on to pastures new. This change brings with it an understandable sense of trepidation, but it is balanced with the excitement of new opportunities, with many feeling a blend of the two; nerv-citement if you will. We wish them all the best in their next chapter.

Off the back of a pleasing inspection week (of which we will share more with you once the report is available over the summer) and winning two awards at The Royal Norfolk Show, we, also, received news today that we had something else to be proud of as a School, as we have been shortlisted for the Independent School of the Year Awards in the category of 'Best Preparatory School'. We are so proud of our School community being recognised in this way and will eagerly await more news on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

As I write the last end of week newsletter of the year to you today, I am just preparing to host our annual Prefects lunch where we take the time to thank our Year 8 pupils who have given so much to the School through their leadership and commitment. They will be a tough act to follow, but one of my real highlights this week has been sharing the good news with our Year 7 pupils who have been selected to take on these roles next year, who I am sure will rise to the challenge with care and confidence. We also look forward to celebrating with our current Year 8 pupils this evening as they don their glad rags for the Year 8 Leavers' Party. Year 2 were in a celebratory mood too as they marked the end of their time in Pre Prep with a 'Fun Friday' today and we look forward to their end of year celebration assembly next week.

Two of my favourite moments this week took place in Read Hall: the Nursery End of Year Assembly and the Bryan Read Summer Concert. Our Nursery pupils channelled the weather to bring their families a bright, warm and sunny Celebration Assembly at the start of the week. Poetry, sweet singing and an adorable re-telling of The Hungry Caterpillar were accompanied by a tearjerker of a film recounting their memorable moments of the year. It was an honour to wish them well as they move up to join Reception next year, with each child given a Little Acorns badge as a memento of their time in Nursery to wear with pride on their new School blazers. Their performance was excellent and very much proved the adage 'From Little Acorns Mighty Oak Trees Grow'. The Bryan Read Concert is always a highlight of the music calendar at Town Close, bringing together our ensemble groups to celebrate the progress they have made this year, conveying the joy and camaraderie our pupils enjoy through playing and singing together. Well done to all of the pupils who performed in the School Orchestra, the Junior Wind Band, the Junior Strings Group, the Flute Ensemble, the Guitar Group and the Prep School Choir. Thank you to our Head of Music, Mrs Koczur, and all of the wider music staff who have supported them this year.

My final highlight of the week was our annual Prep Summer Fete, which proved to be a wonderful afternoon of fun and fundraising with ingenious stalls devised and run by our pupils forming the backbone of the event. All money raised will be added to our running total for our School Charity, Able2B, who we will present a cheque to from our fundraising efforts at Prizegiving next week. 'Soak the Teacher' was as popular as ever and I greatly enjoyed my stint given how hot the weather was.

I hope that everyone has a restful weekend ahead of the final few days next week.

Have a great weekend.



## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

### TOWN CLOSE SHORTLISTED FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

We are delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted for the 'Prep School of the Year' award.



### FANTASTIC SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone for your support with the Prep School Fete. A total of £1,521.30 was raised for our School charity, Able2B. In total over the year we have raised **£6,391.12**.

### AUTUMN TERM CLUBS LIST 2025

The Autumn Term 2025 Clubs List will be sent to parents in September prior to the bookings going live to ensure you have enough time to consider which clubs your child/ren would like to sign up to.

### THANK YOU FROM BOOKBANKS

We received a lovely message from Bookbanks thanking us for our donations; *'Thank you to everyone at Town Close School for helping us change the story at Norfolk food banks, through books. You have collected over 500 books! Bookbanks volunteers will give these books to families accessing the Norwich food bank and Wymondham Community Outreach Project over the coming weeks'*.

### SCHOOL READING SCHEME BOOKS

Please could all Reading Scheme books for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 be returned as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we are still missing books from all levels, but particularly from Years 5&6. Please could these books be returned to the blue tray in the Lower Prep corridor.

### BIRTHDAY CAKES NEXT YEAR

We ask that Pre Prep parents do not send birthday cakes in to School due to there often being a number of children in each class with special dietary needs or allergies that must be considered. Our priority must be to keep all the children safe and not to make any feel excluded. Children in the Prep Department are welcome to request a cupcake delivered by the Head at lunchtime, where possible, using the form on the Parent Portal. We ask that the form is completed at least one week in advance.

# BULLETIN BOARD

## PRE PREP & PREP

## MATCH REPORT

### BOYS' CRICKET

Langley cancelled the final cricket matches of the season, so we have no match report this week.

### GIRLS' CRICKET

Despite the damp and grey conditions, the U13As were full of excitement as they took to the field for their final cricket fixture of the season against Norwich High. Undeterred by the weather, the team went out with determination, striking the ball strongly and running between the wickets well. Matilda C and Ellie C showcased their skills with the bat, enabling the team to secure a strong total for the opposition to chase. The team delivered a fantastic bowling performance during the High School's innings, demonstrating their progress and team spirit throughout the season. The highlight was Francesca S's 2nd over taking 3 wickets for a single run! A fantastic way for the girls to finish the term.

The U13B team rounded off their season with what proved to be a frustrating finale. Norwich High were sent into bat first, and the team made an encouraging start, keeping the run rate under control during the opening stages. However, the opposition soon found their rhythm, capitalising with a flurry of boundaries to accelerate their total. In response, we faced difficulties at the crease, struggling to build momentum. Nevertheless, the girls showed admirable spirit, taking brave risks with their running to chase down the target. Though the win ultimately proved elusive, the team can take pride in their perseverance and teamwork.

The C team had a very close match against Norwich High School. Norwich High batted first and produced a steady run of 4s to build their score. Town Close bowled very well to take 5 wickets which helped reduce the final number of runs to 295. Amelia B and Eva T were the star bowlers. Going into bat the team started to build their number of runs and with one last pair of batters it was 19 for 4 overs. George M played a blinder and hit four 4s and with the strong batting from Harriet W Town Close won by 9 runs. What a fantastic season of cricket the girls have had and the coaching staff are very proud of each and every one.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Year 2 Celebration Assembly**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2.15pm in the Read Hall

**Final Day of Term - Pre Prep**  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

**Prize Day & Final Day of Term for Prep**  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, timings sent via email

**First day of Autumn Term 25/26**  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**First day of Autumn Term for new joiners to Nursery**  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

### GOLF TOWN CLOSE VS BEESTON

Enjoying a beautiful warm sunny evening yesterday, eight Town Close pupils from Years 6 to 8 took part in a return golf match against Beeston School. The fixture was played in a scramble format on the prestigious Academy Course at Royal Norwich Golf Club – a fantastic opportunity for all involved.

The matches were incredibly close, with several going right down to the final hole. In the end, Beeston narrowly edged the win by just one match. Despite the result, the Town Close team played with great spirit and skill, showing just how much their golf has progressed this term. A special mention goes to Wolf S and George W for their fantastic drives, which set up excellent opportunities to secure pars for their team. Well done to all the players – you should be very proud of your efforts and improvement.

### CONGRATULATIONS COCO

Well done to Coco S who travelled to Alexander Stadium in Birmingham to compete in the National Prep schools athletics championships. We are awaiting confirmation of distance but she placed 5th in the country!



### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

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**Instagram:** town.close.school



## HEADS OF SCHOOL

Thank you to Florence S, Riccardo DM and Saam K for representing Town Close as our Heads of School this year. After a vigorous application process, we are delighted to announce that next year Ananti S, Matilda C and Ben S will take the role as Heads of School.



## FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK YEAR 8- ENJOY YOUR PARTY TONIGHT



### TOWN CLOSE ASSOCIATION

We warmly invite parents and pupils leaving Town Close to join the TCA to stay connected with the School. Email [tca@townclose.com](mailto:tca@townclose.com) to register.

## THANK YOU GAPS

A big thank you to our brilliant Gap Students, Mr Miller, Miss Thomas, Miss Coleman and Mr Stevens, for all of your hard work this year. We wish you all the best for your next adventure.



# 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







# ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER



We wanted to say **thank you** for another great year!



From mischievous elves and festive lights to Sports Day strawberries, cheese & wine, EcoApril, our beloved uniform shop and the first ball in 7 years **2024/25 has been a year to remember!**

We've had unforgettable events that have created lasting memories and have been championing sustainability through pre-loved uniform sales. **Together we've raised an amazing amount of money** to help further enrich our school



WE HAVE RAISED  
APPROXIMATELY  
**£32,000**  
IN 2024/25



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# ENRICHING OUR SCHOOL TOGETHER

Over the last 12 months we've invested >£28,000 of monies raised



Investing in woodland information boards pitched for and created by school pupils | Revitalising the pond area for ecological health and improved educational use | Providing an outdoor stage to encourage outdoor performances and play | Providing multiple outdoor play investments including play equipment, more covered four square pitches, goals + more



**SUMMER 2025:**  
2 Further Major Investments



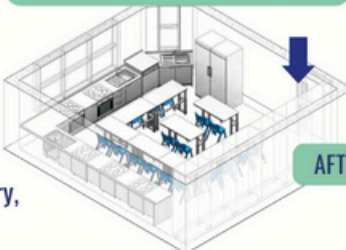
**ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26:**  
1 New Project & More to Come...

**£14,000**

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS

**COOKERY/  
HOMETECH ROOM**

Housed in The Nest (Pre-Prep), but designed for whole-school use, this exciting new facility will support curriculum delivery, lifeskills and wellbeing.



**TRANSFORMATION OF THE  
OUTDOOR AREA BEHIND  
THE PREP BUILDING**

This includes upgrading the outdoor library area and introducing a quiet play space, to support those pupils who would benefit from this



**£5,000**

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS

**DRAMA STUDIO  
TRANSFORMATION**

Repurposing the old Girls' Locker Room into a flexible, creative space for drama, performance and dance - freeing up the main Read Hall.



**THIS BUILDS  
ON THE EXCITING  
DEVELOPMENTS  
ALREADY UNDERWAY  
IN PRE-PREP**

Helping us create a more inclusive and inspiring outdoor environment.

The school are looking for our support to help bring this to life...

If you/your child/your class have an idea for possible funding, please let us know.





# 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).

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Exact dates TBC. Mulled wine and mince pie included.







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