

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM WEEK 3, 9TH MAY, 2025



Dear Parents

This week, Town Close joined the rest of Britain to remember and celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. Our catering team hosted a wonderful VE day lunch, recreating a celebratory atmosphere in the dining hall with colourful Union Jack bunting and music. Mr Kendrick led a special assembly, focusing on the final days of the war and the jubilation that erupted when Winston Churchill announced that Germany had finally surrendered after nearly six years of conflict. The Prep department all stood to sing the National Anthem, taking a moment to remember the end of the Second World War, a conflict that demanded unimaginable sacrifice, courage and unity. It was a turning point in history that secured the democratic freedoms we now hold dear - freedoms that too often we may take for granted. One of the greatest of these freedoms is the right to a full and fair education. As pupils walk into Town Close each day, they do so with the promise of a future shaped not by war but by opportunity. The choices they are free to make, the careers they can pursue, the values they hold, the voices they are able to raise – these are the very things generations before them fought to protect. I encourage all of us: children, parents and staff, to remember those who served and sacrificed their lives and to honour their legacy by making the most of the education and freedoms we now enjoy.

The enjoyment of education so apparent at Town Close was clear to see at the Year 4 Soloists' Concert this week. The joy the children exuded performing and watching each other perform was a pleasure to watch. The musicians demonstrated their talent, treating the audience to an extensive repertoire of confident performances on a wide range of instruments. Well done to all 30 of the musicians in Year 4!

In other news, Reception enjoyed a trip to Wroxham Barns to supplement their 'Down on the farm' topic work. They experienced a range of exciting activities including: meeting and feeding different animals, learning about the lambing process, a planting session and discovering how vegetables are grown and harvested. Whilst, our Year 7 and 8 pupils experienced a fabulous trip to the Norwich Theatre last night to see the incredible production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat!

Our Year 8 F24 team enjoyed working together to compete at Mallory Park this week; the team performed brilliantly, finishing 2nd (out of 29) in a very competitive field that included Repton, Millfield, Haileybury and St Pauls. They, also, managed to complete 39 miles in race 2 which is one mile further than we have ever done before. This will be more than enough for us to qualify for the national finals again in Goodwood in October. Well done to everyone involved.

Our Year 1 Lime Class were extremely excited and proud in equal measure to receive a letter from Sir David Attenborough this week. As part of their focus on sustainability, they wrote a letter to Sir David Attenborough sharing their own thoughts and hopes for planet conservation whilst outlining all that they have done at School to make their own small difference to our world. They were overjoyed to receive a response back and, on Sir David Attenborough's birthday, they thanked him wholeheartedly for his handwritten reply and for his incredible work that continues to inspire them, and all of us, every day.

As we head further into the Summer Term, we will have many moments to enjoy and celebrate together and I hope we all take the opportunity and time to cherish these.

Enjoy your weekend.

