

# HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM WEEK 8  
20TH JUNE, 2025



Dear Parents

What a week! I appreciate that I often mention how busy a week we have had, but truthfully, this was the busiest week yet. When I looked at the calendar at the end of last week, I did think to myself that is an awful lot to fit in, and then we had the additional factor of receiving a call from the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) on Monday morning to tell us that we would have a team of 4 inspectors joining us for the week. Whilst I will have to wait for the written report that will arrive during the summer break before I can share their findings, I am very much looking forward to receiving it and I write this newsletter today as a very tired, but very proud Headmaster. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who were able to complete the parental survey, your responses were most appreciated.

My highlights of this busy week include three incredible sports days for Nursery, Reception and Year 1. I was so impressed by how all the children gave their best in every event and it was lovely to see such smiley crowds cheering them on. Next week we have the Year 2 and Prep Sports Day events to look forward to, and it is worth remembering how all these little moments help to develop the children in our care. Little moments can often lead to greater opportunities and last Saturday Millie and Sophie from Year 8 represented Town Close at the Norfolk Schools Athletics Association. Sophie competed in the hurdles and high jump, performing incredibly well against very strong and experienced opposition. Millie threw the discus well but excelled in the javelin, winning the event and earning the right to represent Norfolk at the East Anglian Championships. We also had some great cricketing success this week with our Colts A team winning the Regional Cricket Finals and progressing through to the National Final to be played the day after term finishes – a real achievement and we wish them every success.

Our Year 8's have very much been enjoying a range of opportunities since they finished their Common Entrance exams, having spent last week in the Lake District and returning on Friday to receive the best set of Common Entrance results we have seen, with 98% of all grades A\* to C, 66% of all grades were A\* and As, 32% of all grades were A\*. To celebrate this, they have had a whole host of nice activities lined up; they enjoyed a trip sailing on the Broads on Thursday and a visit to the Sainsbury's Centre today. But Year 8 haven't been the only ones out on trips; with Year 1 having a fantastic time at Gressenhall yesterday and Year 5 enjoying a visit to Duxford today. Meanwhile, the Year 6 pupils didn't go on a trip as such but transported their parents to a French Café at the start of school today – thank you to all who joined us for this event.

My top highlight of the week was the fantastic Year 6 Production of The Tempest. They brought the words of the Bard to life in a modern adaptation that saw the cast transported to a music festival, with a brilliant range of acts performing alongside the main cast. I look forward to seeing it again this evening.

Next week we have lots to look forward to including the Norfolk Show – I hope to see many of you there.

Have a great weekend.





## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

### THANK YOU

We are very grateful to all parents for wearing your lanyards this week at events. Please continue to remember to wear them on the school grounds at all times.

### CRICKET CLUB AFTER SCHOOL

There will be no further Monday after-school cricket practices this term for boys or girls in Years 5 to 8.

### PRIZE DAY BOOKS

If your child won a prize this year, could you please remember to bring their book into school by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July** at the very latest.



## BULLETIN BOARD PRE PREP & PREP

### MOMENTS FROM HOME

*Could we please have a moment of your time...*

We would like to gather a collection of short film clips, no more than 10-15 secs, of your children enjoying life at home. The selected clips will be used in a project and on our social media channels, so please only supply content you are happy to be shared. If possible, please film the clip in portrait mode and email them to [admissions@townclose.com](mailto:admissions@townclose.com) by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### SCHOOL BLAZER

School Blazer are offering free postage and packaging between 30<sup>th</sup> June - 13<sup>th</sup> July.

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Year 2 Sports Day

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 1.45pm on the Front Lawn

### Royal Norfolk Show

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, School closed

### Prep Sports Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

### Prep Summer Fete

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00pm-3.45pm on the Front Lawn

### Nursery Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 9.00am in the Read Hall

### Bryan Read Summer Ensembles Concert

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 6.00pm in the Read Hall

### Meet your Tutor Event

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4.00pm in the Read Hall.  
This event is for parents with children transitioning into Year 5.

### Year 8 Leavers' Party

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm on the Front Lawn

### 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

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Join us at the Royal Norfolk Show for activities and refreshments throughout the day, including a range of 'Town Close' baked goods, Dann's Ice cream and Pimms.

10.30am

Storytelling with Mr Tiley-Nunn for children aged 2 – 8 year's old

11.30am

Musical Performances

12.30pm

Science Magic Show with Mr Chapman

2.30pm

Musical Performances

3.00pm

Drinks Reception (Wednesday)



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# MATCH REPORTS

## BOYS CRICKET

Last Friday, the Under 9 teams rounded off another successful term of fixtures with three excellent wins against Beeston Hall. The 'A' team were involved in a particularly close contest at Main Field. Henry S held his nerve to bowl a very accurate final over to help seal a TCH win by 9 runs. William C was nominated as POM for his all-round display. The 'B' team produced an excellent batting performance with some sharp running between the wickets to post an excellent total of 330 runs. Beeston never threatened to chase this down and ended on 250 runs with Simon C (POM) in good form with both bat and ball. A mixed Under 9 team travelled to Beeston, more details in the girls match report below.

On Wednesday, our Colts A travelled to Chigwell to compete in the Under 11 ESCA east region finals. The boys had qualified for this event having won the county tournament at Gresham's last month. Our first match of the day at Chigwell was against Littlegarth who had won the Orwell Park 'Sixes' tournament in May. The Town Close boys certainly raised their game on this occasion and won a tight contest by 2 runs. We then beat St Faith's by 11 runs and headed into our final game of the day knowing that a third win would ensure qualification for the national finals. The boys continued their excellent form to beat Ipswich Prep by 8 runs and booked their place at the ESCA national finals which will be held at Oakham on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. A superb effort by the whole squad, and all of the boys should be extremely proud of this achievement.



Our Upper Prep boys travelled to Redmayne on Wednesday afternoon to play three matches against Norwich School. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI lost by seven wickets with Ben S once again in good form with the bat and when keeping wicket. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lost by 26 runs. Alex O C continued his impressive form at the crease with the bat but could not quite manage to push us close enough to the target required. The 3<sup>rd</sup> team lost by 15 runs with Patrikas G and Joe F both awarded POM by Mr Smith for their all-round skills.

With the Colts A at the east finals at Chigwell, the Colts B stepped up to play the Beeston Hall Under 11 'A' team in what proved to be an excellent contest at Main Field. Beeston batted first and posted a total of 251 runs. Philip S, and Tom M all bowled very accurate spells on what looked, at times, a difficult batting surface. In reply, our boys found the step up to 'A' team level cricket quite a challenge with more accurate bowling and sharper fielding skills to contend with. Nevertheless, the boys chipped away and ran well between the wickets, for the most part. Theo S and Marcus A held their nerve as our final pairing to overtake the Beeston total and steer us home to victory. Very well done to all of the team in what was a very enjoyable afternoon of cricket. The Under 10 team enjoyed their hard ball match and won by 60 runs. Jacob B batted with positive intent and also kept wicket very well to receive the POM award.

Looking ahead, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI will round off the regular fixtures on the calendar with a match at Langley Prep next Thursday afternoon and the Lower Prep House matches will reach a conclusion on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at Main Field. Very well done to all of the boys who have represented the School this term. There is certainly plenty of strength in depth in the Middle and Lower Prep cricket teams which bodes well for the future.

## GIRLS CRICKET

Last Friday, on a hot and sunny afternoon, the Town Close Under 9 A team enjoyed a fantastic game of cricket against Beeston. Conditions were perfect for cricket, and the team rose to the occasion with a strong all-round performance. Beeston were put into bat first, and Town Close made an immediate impact with Charlotte W taking a wicket on just the second ball. The pressure continued with excellent, steady bowling from Eden A, Emily R, and Francis H, all of whom claimed wickets. Notably, Emily R finished with impressive figures of 1 for 1, while Eden A took 1 for 3. Thanks to the team's disciplined bowling and tight fielding, Beeston were restricted to a modest total of 243. In reply, Town Close batted confidently, with every player contributing to the chase. Smart running between the wickets kept the scoreboard ticking over, and Francis H led the way with a top score of 11. The team maintained focus and control throughout, ultimately securing a well-earned win by posting 264 to Beeston's 243. Flo L was named Opposition Player of the Match, but this was truly a team effort, showcasing great improvement and determination from every player. The U9B team enjoyed their first mixed match of the year. They made a strong start with sharp running between the wickets, led by Hjalmar BP, along with Molly B and Ola T who impressed with some superb boundaries. The team bowled tightly, limiting extras and taking plenty of wickets. It was a fantastic day of cricket, full of fun and team spirit for everyone involved. Hjalmar was awarded POM.

On Wednesday the U11s faced Beeston for the second time this season. The U11A team delivered a superb all-round performance to beat Beeston 282–261. From start to finish, it was a match filled with brilliant batting, tight bowling, and sharp fielding, with every single player contributing to the well-deserved win. A real highlight of the game was the batting partnership between Saskia T and Isla S, who scored a combined 57 runs in their four overs. Saskia T dazzled with the bat, racking up an impressive 50 runs, while their quick and clever running between the wickets showed maturity beyond their years. The girls were just as impressive with their bowling, taking an incredible 8 wickets, with Isla S claiming four of them in a standout bowling spell. The teamwork and energy were evident in every aspect of the game. A fantastic team effort and a game to remember! Well done to Saskia T who was awarded POM. The U11Bs bowled and fielded brilliantly, restricting the opposition to just 80 runs. With a modest target to chase, confidence was high heading into the batting innings. Unfortunately, a series of poor running decisions led to unnecessary runouts and mounting pressure. Philippa C and Celina K stood out with smart, aggressive running, scoring off every delivery. Philippa C was named Player of the Match for her composed batting and much-improved bowling performance. The U11C team, put into bat first, posted an impressive 399, with Riya N top-scoring on a superb 34 including seven boundaries. The rest of the team all chipped in to build a strong total. Despite some lapses in alertness, Town Close held on for a great 63-run win. Player of the Match was awarded to Charlotte L by the opposition, with Nyla S recognised for excellent bowling figures. Well done, a great team effort.

The U13C team played Norwich High and had a fantastic game in the blistering heat. Lots of 4s from Amelia B, Harriet W, Annabelle Y, with Amelia B also getting a couple of wickets. The final score was a convincing win of 32 runs, with the oppositions Player of the Match Harriet W. For her excellent batting and bowling, Amelia B was also awarded Player of the Match.





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