

# HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM WEEK 1  
17TH APRIL, 2026



Dear Parents

A warm welcome back as we start the new term at Town Close. It has been a wonderful first week with pupils quickly settling back into school life at a time of year when Town Close is at its absolute best. One of the things I enjoy most at this time of year is the main lawn reopening and becoming a major hub of excitement and joy around breaktimes. It is also a time of year when residential trips and enjoying the outdoors becomes even more prominent in school life. As we go into the first weekend of this term, we look forward to our Year 5-7 ASA Camp this evening at Eaton Vale, and for the first time a Year 4 ASA Camp tomorrow evening on the school site. The ASA Camps will be facilitated this year by Rhys Jones (our Prize Day speaker from the end of last academic year) and his company Campfire Wild Adventures, supported by a number of our own wonderful staff who are looking forward to a night under canvas this weekend – I look forward to joining Year 4 myself tomorrow evening. It is not just the ASA Camps that will be celebrating the great outdoors this weekend, with the PTA running a nature inspired treasure hunt at Whitlingham tomorrow; arrive any time between 10.00am-3.00pm for this 1-hour hunt which I am sure will be great fun. It is also worth reminding you that we have the PTA Discos to look forward to on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May and I know that lots of the pupils are already very excited about this event.

My welcome back assembly this week centred on the word: 'test'. I asked the children how it made them feel- there was an audible sigh (!) ahead of a range of honest responses: nervous, curious, excited. But then came a shift in perspective. Drawing a parallel with cricket, we spoke about 'test matches' and the attributes players require to take on a long format match, such as endurance, patience, focus, teamwork. To see a 'test' or a challenge not as something to fear, but an opportunity to grow, to build resilience, to stretch ourselves and to become stronger over time. It served as a reminder that tests and challenges, in any form, are not just about outcomes, but about the journey, the effort, and the progress we make along the way. I encouraged the room to keep the values of The Town Close Way at the forefront of their minds as they approach any tests and challenges that lie ahead in the summer term, whether that be on the cricket pitches, in the classroom, on the track (with F24 and Formula Goblin swinging back into action with the better weather) or on an adventurous trip – they are all great opportunities to grow.

Next week, I look forward to hopefully seeing many of you at Tea on the Lawn after school on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and in the meantime, I hope that you have a great weekend (with a special good luck to our skiers who are representing the school on Sunday).

*Every Moment Matters*

## PRE PREP TOP BIRDS



Avocets- Lily and Jack



Barn Owls- Olivia and Winnie



Kingfishers- Isabel, Leo and Henri



Peregrines - Arthur and Robin

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## PRE PREP & PREP FRIENDLY REMINDERS

### YOUNG CARERS FORM

If you think your child is classed as a young carer, please complete the [form found here](#).

### F24 SPONSORS

As we look forward to a new term of competition in our F24 car, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors who have generously supported our team this year, facilitating the upgrade of our car through their kind donations.

Our sincere thanks go to Dr Nimish Shah from the The Blood Clinic, and to the Colin Chapman Foundation for their ongoing support of this incredible Co-Curricular Club.

### PARENT LANYARDS

We kindly remind you to always wear your Parent Lanyards when on the school site.

### PTA SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP- STOCK NEEDED

If you have any uniform at home we would be very pleased to rebuild our stocks and sell it for you. Please bring your uniform to the shop during opening times or leave in the Prep Front Office in a bag with your name. The labels for uniform you are wishing to sell rather than donate can be found on our [website here](#).

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**First Day of the Summer Term**  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

**ASA Big Camp Out Years 5-7**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Eaton Vale

**Year 4 ASA Camping Trip**  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, School Lawn

**PTA Nature Geocache Treasure Hunt**  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, anytime between 10am-3.00pm, drop ins welcome. £15.00 per family.

**Headmaster's Tea & Cake on the Lawn**  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, from 3.30pm on the Front Lawn

**World Book Night**  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, between 7.00pm-8.00pm, share your photos on Instagram Stories

**PTA Litter Pick**  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. From Asda Hall Road, more information on the PTA website.

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

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

**Informal Prep Soloists' Concert**  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 4.15pm in the Read Hall

**PTA School Disco**  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, tickets now available

**Year 2 Concert**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2.00pm in the Read Hall

**Year 1 Concert**  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2.00pm in the Read Hall

**Spring into Summer Show**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 10.00am in the Sports Hall

**Final Day of Half Term**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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

**SCHOOL DISCO**  
TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL, READ HALL  
**8TH MAY**  
DJ | ENTERTAINMENT  
TUCK SHOP  
**TICKETS - £5**  
BUY AT [TOWNCLOSEPTA.CO.UK](http://TOWNCLOSEPTA.CO.UK)

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



# World Book Night

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Between 7 - 8pm



Join us to celebrate 'World Book Night'

Exciting news

ALL CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A TREAT TO TAKE  
HOME NEXT THURSDAY

Share a photo of your child  
enjoying their reading time and  
tag Town Close School in your  
Instagram Stories.





# 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

A few ideas - plastic-free day, conduct a home energy audit, start a compost bin, litter pick, build a bug hotel, or build on something you did last year? Please send pictures of your eco endeavours via socials or [pta@townclose.com](mailto:pta@townclose.com). Some great submissions so far!

**2** **TOMORROW! SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April**, nature inspired geocache treasure hunt at Whitlingham Country Park.

Join us anytime between 10:00 -15:00, just £15 per family. Get a ticket for your time slot! Drops-ins on the day welcome. Age appropriate challenges available for children from Nursery to Year 8. Fun easy nature picture clues for younger ones, and much harder cryptic geocache type challenges for older children. Explore our reserved woodland area and meadow adjacent to the lake, and find clues hidden inside stones, hiding under artificial animals and more. Nothing is what it seems! Can you solve the puzzle and open the safe?

**3** **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> April**, join our **group litter pick**, receive an Eco Pin Badge

Meeting Point Asda Hall Rd. Route Lakenham Way - a lovely picturesque safe cycle and walking route that runs along the path of the former railway line. Approx 1 mile each way. Litter picks and equipment can be provided or bring your own. Register to join.

Litter Pick Registration - Sunday  
26th April 2026



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