

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM WEEK 8
12TH JUNE, 2026



Dear Parents

Another busy week draws to a close and as I write to you today we are eagerly awaiting the return of Year 8 from their post-Common Entrance residential trip to the Lake District. They have had an incredible week in the Yorkshire Dales and Lake District, challenging themselves with wild camping on Harter Fell; kayaking and canoeing on Conistone Water; and caving in Long Churn Caves. The pupils' resilience has been amazing in the face of difficult weather conditions; we are extremely proud of how they have applied themselves and supported each other. In the weeks ahead they have lots to look forward to in terms of wider events that round-off their time at Town Close before they move on to their senior schools of choice in September. Our Year 7 pupils, freshly returned from their own exciting trip to France last week, have had a taste of stepping up to future responsibilities this week as they have ably covered Prefect duties in absence of the Year 8 pupils and I look forward to reading through the Year 7 applications for Heads of School next year over the course of the weekend.

In other news across the School this week, the Pre Prep Royal Norfolk Show Garden is progressing well. Our Year 2 pupils were working on the garden's physical structure, carefully painting their 'car park', and each other's hands, in The Workshop! The Pre Prep Garden will be on display in the Garden Village at the Show on the 24th and 25th June. If you are coming to visit the Royal Norfolk Show please make sure you take a moment of your day to visit and see the fruits of their labour. It has been great to see so many things coming together in advance of the Show with some wonderful work to be displayed, some beautiful music to be enjoyed and lots of fun activities to enjoy. I look forward to seeing many of you at our stand no 52 at the corner of Second Drive and Avenue 3.

We, also, had our Year 2 Reading Café this week which saw parents and carers join their children in their classrooms for a very special morning of phonics and reading activities. Our special visitors took part in their child's phonics lesson, gaining an insight into how our Year 2 teachers teach this important aspect of the curriculum and support children in developing their reading skills. Parents and children then enjoyed a range of engaging reading activities together, sharing stories, and celebrating the joy of reading. It was a wonderful opportunity to foster a love of books and storytelling, and strengthen the home-school partnership that plays such an important role in every child's reading journey. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us. We hope you enjoyed the morning as much as the children clearly did!

On Monday, Year 2 took part in an exciting cricket circuit in the Sports Hall, rotating through a range of activities designed to develop their batting, bowling, catching and throwing skills. The children showed fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork and determination as they challenged themselves at each station. Despite the rather miserable weather that we have had at times this week (fingers crossed for sun next week), our Pre Prep children have been practising their events and finessing their dance moves ahead of Sports Days which commence next week. I look forward to seeing many of you cheering them along on the Front Lawn next week.

Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating History trip to the Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell, where they explored what has helped make Norwich such a Fine City. The children delved into Norwich's rich industrial heritage, learning about the city's famous shoe, mustard and chocolate industries. Through hands-on exploration of historical artefacts and exhibits, they discovered what life was like for the workers who powered these thriving businesses, examining the tools they used and the products they created. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring their learning to life, deepening their understanding of Norwich's history and the people whose hard work helped shape the city we know today. This trip will feed in nicely to our Careers Fair next week, where local business Jarrolds will be hosting our workshop and keynote speech in what looks to be a brilliant programme for our pupils.

Our wonderful PTA joined us for a delicious Afternoon Tea yesterday to say thank you for their hard work over the course of this year and to offer a particular thanks to our current Chair Mrs Cox, who steps down from the role after 6 years of incredible service, 2 years as Chair. The PTA play such an important role in our school community and I am hugely grateful for the time and effort that they give to Town Close.

There is lots for us to look forward to next week and I am particularly excited about the Year 6 production of 'A Comedy of Errors', which I am sure will follow suit of the other incredible productions that we have enjoyed in the Read Hall over the course of this year. In the meantime, I hope that all of the children enjoy a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing them on Monday.



Every Moment Matters

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

PÉTANQUE CLUB CANCELLED

A reminder that Pétanque Club is cancelled next Thursday 18th June.

CONGRATULATIONS DANIEL

Huge congratulations to Year 8 pupil, Daniel, on an outstanding performance at the IAPS National Swimming Finals in London.

Having qualified as one of the top 20 swimmers in the country in the Boys' U13 50m Backstroke, Daniel rose to the occasion brilliantly, achieving personal best performances in both his heat & the final. His impressive time of 31.8 seconds secured an incredible 4th place in England, just 0.7 seconds from a medal position.

MATCH REPORTS

BOYS CRICKET

On Tuesday the U9A's travelled to Langley Prep. They produced a superb team performance to edge a thrilling contest against a strong Langley side. Batting first, we posted 291 runs and eventually secured a dramatic 3-run victory, with Langley finishing on 288. The innings was built on several excellent partnerships: Harry M and Oscar W combined effectively to add 28 runs, while Oscar D and Percy A contributed a valuable 29-run partnership. Throughout the innings, the team batted positively and ran well between the wickets. With the ball, we maintained pressure through accurate bowling. Harry D, Kit B, George H and Hugo V all claimed wickets, helping to keep Langley's scoring under control. The fielding effort was excellent, with players showing great energy and commitment throughout the innings. Raphi F was deservedly named Player of the Match for his consistent contributions across all three disciplines – batting, bowling and fielding. It was a fantastic all-round performance and an exciting victory against quality opposition.

The U9B side also enjoyed success against Langley. Batting first, Town Close scored 121 thanks to some excellent batting performances.

BULLETIN BOARD PRE PREP & PREP

Theo W struck the ball powerfully and found the boundary regularly, contributing 41 runs in an impressive partnership with Koa K. Noah W also batted confidently, sharing a partnership worth 42 runs with William F as Town Close built a competitive total. In response, Langley were restricted to 92. Noah W bowled particularly well to claim the side's sole wicket, while Wilfred S, Teddy KM and Theo W all delivered accurate spells without conceding any extras. Lorenzo C was the standout performer in the field, helping to maintain pressure on the opposition throughout the innings. It was a disciplined team display that secured a deserved victory.

The U9C's delivered an outstanding performance against Langley, recording a convincing 75-run victory after posting 325 runs and restricting their opponents to 250. The side produced an excellent batting display, with powerful hitting from Rupert J and Leo N helping Town Close reach an impressive total. Good running between the wickets and excellent game awareness from Harvey L ensured the scoreboard continued to move throughout the innings. The bowling and fielding performance was particularly impressive. Captain for the day Leo N set the standard with an excellent catch, inspiring a disciplined effort in the field. Noticeably improved bowling spells from Alex L and Oliver G played a key role in restricting the opposition's scoring. The Year 4 players were well supported by Year 3 pupils Romie K, George S, Rupert J and Lester C, all of whom contributed admirably with both bat and ball. Every player played their part in what was a true team performance, making this a highly encouraging display and a thoroughly deserved victory.

PRE PREP TOP BIRDS



Kingfishers:
Isabella and Leo



Avocets:
Noah and Bertie



Barn Owls:
Keira and Val



Peregrines:
Phoebe and Georgia

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Parent Information Evening (For Parents with children moving from Nursesey to Reception and Year 2 to Year 3)
Wednesday 17th June, 6.00pm in the Read Hall

Nursery Sports Day
Wednesday 17th June, 9.00am on the Front Lawn

Year 1 Sports Day
Wednesday 17th June, 2.15pm on the Front Lawn

Reception Sports Day
Thursday 18th June, 9.00am on the Front Lawn

Year 6 Production
Thursday 18th & Friday 19th, June, 6.00pm in Read Hall

Year 6 French Breakfast Cafe
Friday 19th June, 8.15am on the Front Lawn

Year 2 Sports Day
Friday 19th June, 2.15pm on the Front Lawn

Nursery Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 23rd June, 2.30pm in Read Hall

Bryan Read Summer Concert
Tuesday 23rd June, 6.00pm in the Read Hall

Norfolk Show - School Closed
Wednesday 24th June

Prep Sports Day
Friday 26th June

Art Exhibition
w/c 29th June in Read Hall

Year 4 Residential to Horstead
From 1st July

Year 2 Moving Up Celebration
Wednesday 1st July, 2.15pm in Read Hall

Year 8 Leavers' Dinner
Friday 3rd July, 6.30pm at The Assembly House

Prep Summer Fete
Monday 6th July, 2.00pm on the Front Lawn

Final day of Term for Pre Prep
Tuesday 7th July

Prize Day and Final Day of Term for Prep
Wednesday 8th July

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

MATCH REPORTS

GIRLS CRICKET

The U10 girls enjoyed their first hardball cricket match together against Norwich High School on Friday, producing an encouraging performance in a closely contested game that was only decided by 12 runs. Town Close continue to impress with the ball, delivering some excellent bowling throughout the match. Dottie C was particularly effective, finishing with impressive figures of 2 wickets for 10 runs, while Amelia C bowled a great spell, conceding just 4 runs. Four other girls also picked up wickets, demonstrating the strength and depth of the bowling attack. The fielding effort was full of energy and commitment, with the girls putting Norwich High School under pressure for long periods. As with any team developing its hardball skills, there are small areas to refine, but the girls showed great determination and a willingness to learn throughout. Batting against some challenging bowling, Charlotte W and Flo L both reached double figures and helped keep Town Close in the contest. The team gained valuable experience at the crease and will continue to grow in confidence as they become more accustomed to the hardball format. Most pleasing of all was the positive attitude shown by the girls making their hardball debuts. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and resilience were evident throughout, providing a very promising foundation for the future. Player of the Match was deservedly awarded to Jemima T-N, who had a great in first game as wicketkeeper. A fantastic effort from all involved. Well done, girls!

On Tuesday afternoon, we managed to avoid the showers for the U9 girls to play Langley Prep where honours were shared between the two teams. The U9A team knew they had a tough game on their hands but equipped themselves well throughout the contest. Batting first, they made a steady start, with Grace D and Ola T batting particularly well together and putting on a partnership worth 30 runs. The rest of the team contributed steadily, helping us reach a total of 281. In the field, we kept ourselves firmly in the game with some disciplined bowling and good effort from everyone. A couple of mistakes in the field proved costly, but the scores remained even until the final four overs. At that point, Langley 'unleashed' their star batter once again. It was a joy to watch such a talented performer, who guided Langley to victory with an impressive display. There were plenty of positives to take from the game, and it was a definite improvement on our performance when we played them earlier in the season. Well done to everybody for a determined and spirited effort. Opposition's Player of the Match, Luna S.

The U9Bs also played Langley, who arrived with only seven players, while we had nine, so we were able to lend them a couple of players to ensure everyone could enjoy a full game. We also agreed to play an extra over each. Town Close finished on 298, while Langley scored 296, making it a very close and enjoyable match. The fielding was good throughout the afternoon. We are still working on reducing the number of no-balls and wides, but the bowling is improving all the time. Many of the girls are becoming more confident with the bat and are starting to make good contact with the ball, which helped us put runs on the board. The running between the wickets was particularly strong, and the girls worked well together as a team. Most importantly, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, and it was played in a great spirit. Player of the Match was Verity W who was outstanding with both bat and ball and was undoubtedly the bowler and batter of the afternoon.



Freezer Fridays!

£2
Cash / Card

ICE CREAM

PTA
TOWN CLOSE

EVERY FRIDAY ICE CREAMS AND ICE LOLLIES WILL BE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF THE PTA SHOP AT PICK UP FROM 3:30 UNTIL 4:30 PM



RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS!

END OF TERM REMINDER

CHECK your bag, locker, and classroom!

RETURN books to the school library desk!

THANK YOU for supporting our school library!

PLEASE RETURN BY
26TH JUNE

Year 6 Town Close presents...

William Shakespeare's

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS



**What happens in Ephesus, stays in Ephesus
...if anyone can work out who they are?**

Read Hall - 6pm

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June



Book now via the Parent Portal

CENTRAL SCHOOL OF DANCING & PERFORMING ARTS



A MINI MUSICAL

MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST 2026

AGE
4-7

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THE LITTLE MERMAID: A MINI MUSICAL

Monday 17th – Friday 21st August 2026

9:00am – 11:00am each day

Central School of Dancing & Performing Arts

100 St. Georges Street, Norwich NR3 1BX.

Ages 4–7

Join us for a magical Mini Musical experience of The Little Mermaid! Perfect for younger performers, this fun-filled week includes singing, dancing, and acting in a supportive and creative environment. A lovely introduction to musical theatre, building confidence and encouraging imagination along the way. The week finishes with a special performance for family and friends – a wonderful moment to celebrate everything they've learned!

Price: £85

Limited Spaces - BOOK NOW!

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LEGALLY BLONDE



The Musical™

A SHOW IN A WEEK

MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST 2026

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11:00am – 5:00pm each day

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Ages 8–18


A Show in a Week is back, and this time we're bringing you the fun, fabulous, and empowering Legally Blonde the Musical! Get ready to sing, dance, and act your heart out in this high-energy production packed with catchy songs, big dance numbers, and plenty of pink! Follow Elle Woods on her journey from fashionista to fierce law student as she proves that being yourself never goes out of style. All leading up to a spectacular end-of-week performance for family and friends!

Price: £240

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