

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM WEEK 9
19TH JUNE, 2026



Dear Parents

I write to you today as we prepare for the final Pre Prep Sports Day of this week (four in total), with Year 2 readying themselves to take to the front lawn in spectacular sunshine. As we approach the end of term, the energy across the school remains incredibly high and it has needed to be with such an action-packed week at Town Close.

Hot on the heels of several fantastic trips over recent weeks, Year 3 kicked-off their week with a fantastic trip to West Runton. The children became young explorers as they took part in a range of exciting activities, including fossil hunting, rock pooling and discovering the fascinating treasures hidden along the shoreline. Of course, no trip to the seaside would be complete without a delicious ice cream, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone! On the note of ice-cream (and given the lovely weather that we have been having), I am sure that there will be plenty of customers for the PTA Freezer Fridays today – thank you again to the PTA for running this.

As I have already mentioned, Pre Prep Sports Days have been definite highlights and Nursery kicked off our week of Prep Sports Days in style! Although the wet weather necessitated a change of venue, our Nursery children took the challenge in their stride and headed indoors to the Sports Hall. There, they confidently ran, jumped, balanced eggs, and even threw javelins (the foam variety, of course!). It was a wonderful morning filled with enthusiasm, determination, & lots of smiles. We are so proud of all the children for giving everything a go and remaining undaunted by the cheering audience! The sun made a welcome appearance for our Year 1 and Reception Sports Days, as the children launched their respective events with some spirited dancing to open proceedings. The energy levels remained high for the numerous events that they took part in with all pupils giving their absolute best and eager to earn their stickers. I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff for arranging these Sports Days, the Year 8 pupils who have supported these events, and all of the spectators who have done such a wonderful job of proudly cheering on their children. I look forward to Year 2 Sports Day this afternoon and the Prep Sports Days next Friday.

Yesterday, our Year 7 and 8 pupils took a big step toward their futures at our biennial Futures Fair. We were absolutely delighted to welcome Nick Steven-Jones, Chief Executive of Jarrold, who delivered a truly brilliant interactive workshop and an inspiring keynote speech about the importance of being curious. Alongside Jarrolds, a fantastic host of exhibitors from various industries shared their time and expertise, sparking wonderful conversations and opening our pupils' minds to a world of future possibilities.

Almost straight after the Futures Fair closed we jumped over to the Read Hall for the first night of the magnificent Year 6 production of Shakespeare's A Comedy of Errors. Taking on the Bard's classic tale of mistaken identity, puns, and slapstick comedy is no mean feat, but our Year 6 pupils handled it with incredible maturity, impeccable comic timing, and brilliant stage presence. A huge well done to our Year 6 cast and a thank you to all involved in bringing this together; especially Mrs. Chitty and Mrs. Beasley.

Year 6 were well and truly kept on their toes, as they hosted the French Breakfast Café this morning. The Year 6 waiters and waitresses were brimming with joie de vivre as they welcomed their families to join them at their pop-up restaurant, under the marquee this morning. They took the opportunity to practise their conversational French as they served up a delicious spread of fresh fruit, pastries, baguettes and a selection of drinks before regaling their family and friends with a rousing rendition of French song 'Au petit déjeuner'!

This week also marked our first Moving Up Day, a highly anticipated event where pupils found out their new classes and spent valuable time getting to know their teachers for next year. The school was buzzing with excitement and positive anticipation. I would also like to extend a warm thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Welcome Information Evening on Wednesday to talk about the exciting year ahead – it was lovely to speak to so many families both current and new to the school. Your partnership and shared commitment to your children's transition is deeply valued as we prepare for a smooth start in September.

At the end of last week, we gave our Year 8 pupils their Common Entrance results as they returned from the Lake District and are absolutely thrilled to share that this year's cohort has achieved some of the best results in Town Close history! This incredible achievement is a testament to the unwavering dedication, hard work, and resilience of our pupils, alongside the stellar guidance of our teaching staff. We congratulate each and every pupil on their well-deserved success.

Next week promises to be just as busy and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Royal Norfolk Show. Thank you for your continued support across all aspects of school life. Have a wonderful, restful weekend!

Every Moment Matters



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Join us next week at the Royal Norfolk Show. Please remember the school is closed on Wednesday 24th June.

BULLETIN BOARD PRE PREP & PREP

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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.

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.

10.00am
Storytelling with Mr Tiley-Nunn for children aged 2 – 10 years old

11.00am
Musical Performances

12.00pm
Choir performing on the main Bandstand (Wednesday)

1.30pm
Science Magic Show with Mr Chapman

2.30pm
Musical Performances

3.00pm
Drinks Reception (Wednesday)



STAND 52
SECOND DRIVE/AVENUE 3
PLUS, VISIT OUR SCHOOL
GARDEN IN THE
GARDEN VILLAGE



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

MATCH REPORTS

GIRLS CRICKET

Last Tuesday saw some lovely final cricket matches for the Under 9 girls against Norwich High. The fixtures involved all the Year 4 girls, as well as some first appearances for several Year 3 pupils, making it a memorable afternoon for everyone involved. The A team produced a superb all-round team performance. Having put Norwich High into bat first, our excellent bowling attack restricted them to a score of just 217. Every player contributed brilliantly, with seven of the eight girls taking a wicket. Particular praise goes to Edith B whose figures of three runs and one wicket were especially impressive. We entered our innings feeling confident. Bowling has been a strength throughout the season, and recent training has focused on improving our batting and increasing our scores. The girls certainly rose to the challenge. Each pair batted sensibly and positively, helping the team amass an excellent score of 259 after the first innings. A shortened second innings followed and, once again, Norwich High were restricted by some outstanding bowling and fielding. Our batting remained strong throughout, with Luna S top-scoring, closely followed by Grace D. The result was an emphatic 75-run victory. Norwich High awarded their Player of the Match to Molly B for her excellent contribution throughout the game. The B Team also enjoyed an exciting match. Although they were unfortunately defeated by just eight runs, the girls can be very proud of their efforts. The fielding was superb throughout, with Verity W producing an outstanding display, chasing every ball with determination and energy. Ava B bowled exceptionally well, consistently delivering good-length, straight balls and making scoring difficult for the opposition.

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GIRLS CRICKET CONT.

Ava B was named Best Bowler for her excellent performance. With the bat, Verity W once again led the way, scoring valuable runs and anchoring the team's innings. Her efforts earned her the awards for Best Batter and Player of the Match. Most importantly, the girls thoroughly enjoyed the game and demonstrated excellent teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship in their final match of the season. The C Team completed a wonderful afternoon for the Under 9 squad with an excellent 8-run victory. Norwich High posted a score of 235, but the girls responded with a strong performance in the field. Stella W and Lizzie G both produced impressive bowling displays, helping to keep the opposition's scoring under control. In reply, the girls batted superbly, with every pair contributing positively to the total. There were multiple boundaries throughout the innings, demonstrating the team's growing confidence and skill with the bat. Their teamwork and determination saw them finish the match as deserved winners. Stella W was named Player of the Match for her outstanding all-round performance, making a significant impact with both bat and ball. A particular well done goes to the Year 3 girls who stepped up so confidently: Stella W, Autumn S, Lizzie G, Honor S and Siena S. They all played an important role in the team's success and should be very proud of their efforts.

The U13 girls' match against NHS was competitive from the very first ball. NHS's strike bowler made an early impact, taking a couple of quick wickets and putting us on the back foot. However, Saskia T stepped in and calmly steadied the innings, showing great composure and confidence. She played an attacking yet considered innings, reaching a well-deserved unbeaten 50. Saskia T was supported brilliantly by Sephe V and Annabelle H, who both contributed valuable double-figure scores, helping the team post a strong total of 112 runs. Taking to the field, the girls showed fantastic determination, teamwork and a real fighting spirit. The fielding was outstanding, with the team working hard to restrict NHS to mostly singles and applying constant pressure. The bowling attack was disciplined throughout, with Ellie C producing excellent figures of 6-1 from her 2 overs. Sienna A then delivered a memorable spell, taking an impressive hat-trick to swing the game firmly in our favour. The team's combined effort restricted NHS to 82 runs, securing a well-deserved victory. A fantastic all-round performance from the whole squad. Saskia T was awarded Opposition Player of the Match for her outstanding unbeaten 50, while Sienna A was named Coaches' Player of the Match for her incredible hat-trick. The U13B team had a cracking match to finish the season. They were up against NHS' U12A team. Having batted first we managed to make 82 runs in 20 overs, despite 8 wickets down. Strong batting performances from all but particularly from Isla S, Jess E, Phillipa C and Geena S. Not to mention the first 6 of the season from the B's, well done captain Pearl T! Thinking we would struggle to prevent Norwich High from winning, we then went into field. What an exciting innings it was. Several wickets fell and we felt we were in with a chance. With some terrific bowling from Phillipa C, Jess E and Claudia A and notching up wickets, we were on a roll. The score was pretty even going into the last 2 overs. NHS put out their last batting pair and they managed to pip us by 17 runs. Overall it was a fantastic performance from the B's and I thoroughly enjoyed being with them. The U13C's enjoyed a good win over NHS by 26 runs. The girls batted well, with some positive running between the wickets. Highlights from player of the match Coco S who scored multiple boundaries and batted well. The girls bowled consistently, taking 6 wickets, helping them to their victory. Well done to all involved.

What an exhilarating afternoon of cricket it was for the U11A team in their match against Beeston! Spectators were treated to a thrilling contest packed with action, determination, and an extraordinary 26 wickets falling across the game. Beeston set an imposing total of 268 runs, built on some outstanding batting and particularly impressive running between the wickets. Town Close rose eagerly to the challenge, producing a spirited and determined chase. The girls batted with composure and intent, reaching a fantastic total of 239 runs, finishing just 29 runs short in what was a closely fought encounter. The bowling performance from the Town Close side was once again a standout feature. The girls maintained a consistently strong line and length, earning themselves numerous deserved wickets. In the field, the energy and commitment were outstanding. The team showed excellent alertness, preventing countless boundary runs. Their willingness to chase, stop, and back each other up made a real difference and showcased how far they have come as a unit. A special mention goes to Nyla S, whose innings included two well-struck boundaries. Georgia S was voted Player of the Match taking 3 wickets, Joanie S and Elizabeth C contributed to the most number of wickets taken. The afternoon ended on a particularly touching note, as the players and parents came together to thank Mrs Hale for her dedication and support as coach. It was a heartfelt moment that reflected the strong bond within the team. The U11B girls enjoyed a warm afternoon of cricket. Batting first, Charlotte L and Ani M gave the team an excellent start with a 21-run partnership. The rest of the team then batted steadily, with Hannah B and Betty B once again performing strongly together, helping the side reach a total of 304 to beat. The girls then produced another strong bowling and fielding display, communicating well and supporting one another throughout. There were several excellent catches, and the opening bowling pair of Charlotte L and Ani M set the tone with accurate bowling. A special mention goes to Percy W and Dottie C, who claimed five wickets between them in the final four overs, with Dottie C taking three wickets while conceding just nine runs. Charlotte L was the team's top scorer with 17 runs and was deservedly named Player of the Match. It was a great game played in excellent spirit.

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BOYS CRICKET

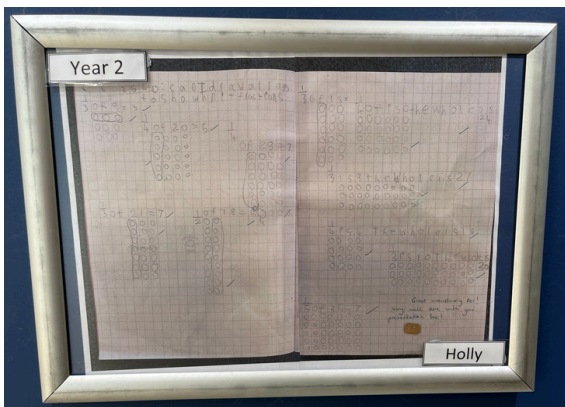
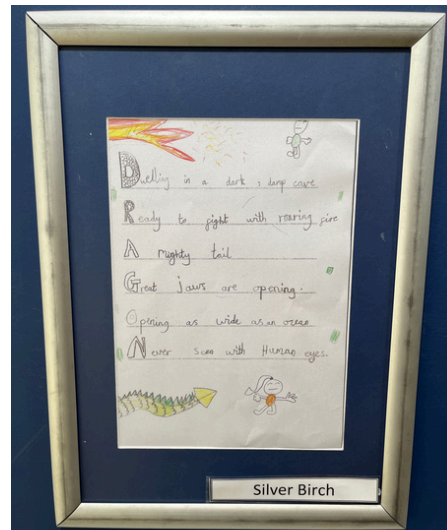
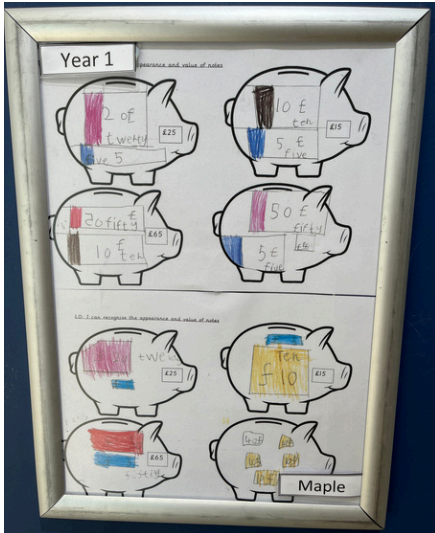
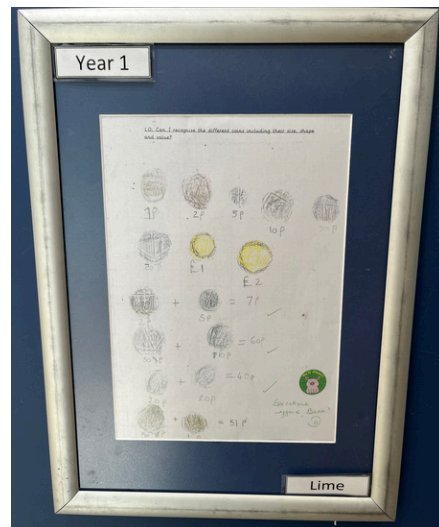
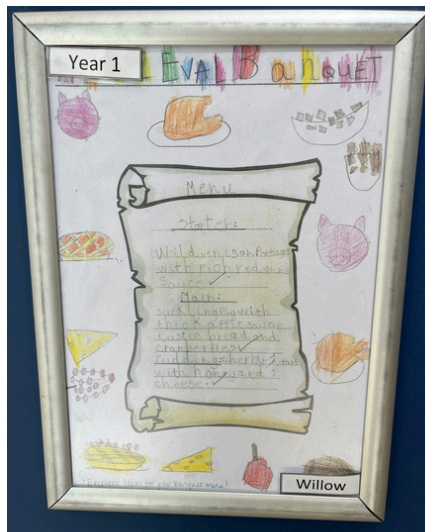
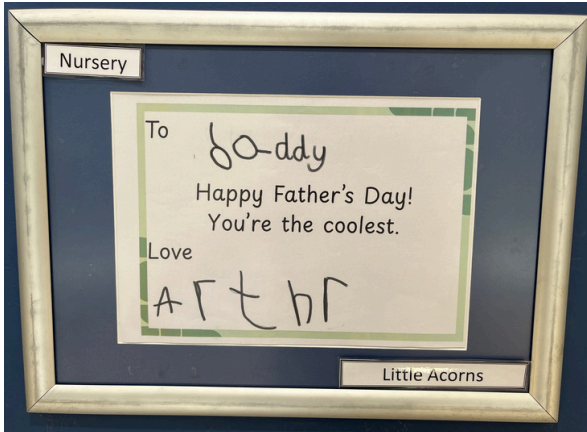
On Wednesday 17th June, the Boys' U13A side faced Norwich School at Redmayne in a 20-over fixture. Having lost the toss and been asked to bat, Town Close enjoyed a steady start thanks to an opening partnership of 32 runs between Wolf S and George W. The innings was then guided forward by Evan S, who top scored with 27, and Ben S, who added a valuable 18 as the team posted a respectable total of 111 for 7 from their 20 overs. Defending the total required early wickets, but Norwich's strong batting line-up made opportunities difficult to come by. Although Town Close created chances in the field, they were unable to capitalise on them consistently. Thomas M was the standout bowler, well supported by Seb M, while the ground fielding throughout the innings was excellent. Norwich reached their target for the loss of just two wickets, securing victory by eight wickets. The team will look to improve their strike rotation and reduce the number of dot balls as they prepare for their final fixture against Culford. The 2nd XI produced an excellent performance against a well-matched Norwich side at Redmayne. Demonstrating outstanding team spirit, the players agreed to experiment with a different batting order, allowing those who had spent less time at the crease during the season an opportunity to contribute. Against some fast and accurate bowling, the team batted with maturity and determination to compile a strong total of 107. With the ball, Town Close were disciplined and kept extras to a minimum, forcing the opposition to work hard for their runs. Norwich's opening batter played some powerful strokes and looked threatening before an excellent team effort in the field helped secure his wicket and swing momentum back towards Town Close. The bowlers and fielders continued to apply pressure, reducing the run rate and taking wickets at key moments. The match went down to the final over, with Norwich eventually reaching the target with four balls remaining and only two wickets in hand. It was a superb contest that showcased prep school cricket at its best. All players contributed positively under the leadership of Asad S, while Freddie T was deservedly named Player of the Match for his excellent all-round performance.

The U11A team travelled to Chigwell School for the Colts A Regional Finals and narrowly missed out on progressing from a highly competitive group after recording one victory and two defeats. In their opening match, Town Close defeated Littlegarth School by two runs, with Harry A showing great composure to hold his nerve in the final over. The second game saw the team face eventual winners Haberdashers, who secured a convincing victory despite a much-improved bowling and fielding display from Town Close. William C was particularly impressive in the field, while a number of late wickets resulted in penalty runs that made the final margin appear larger than the performance deserved. The final group match against Merchant Taylors' School was another thrilling encounter, ending in a heartbreaking one-run defeat from the final ball. Every player contributed with bat, ball, or in the field throughout the day. Henry A, William C, James B, Harry A, Jonah A, Beau R, Arthur Y, Theo S and Jack B represented the school superbly, demonstrating excellent commitment and behaviour, just as they had done when becoming county champions in the previous round. Thanks also go to Mr Parker for scoring throughout the day.

The U11B side travelled to Beeston and faced a strong batting line-up. Beeston posted 137 for 4 from their innings, but Town Close's bowlers performed admirably throughout. Yves v D, Ralph J and Ben S all claimed wickets, while Jacob B took a smart catch behind the stumps. Yves v D was the standout bowler, with his left-arm deliveries causing the opposition significant problems. Chasing a challenging target, the boys battled hard and finished on 91 for 8, with one wicket remaining. Ben S led the batting effort with an excellent score of 34 and was deservedly named Player of the Match. The U11Cs delivered an outstanding all-round team performance to secure an impressive victory over Beeston Bs, finishing with 302 compared to Beeston's 235. Every member of the team contributed positively, batting with intent and running well between the wickets. Jack B and Rupert M formed the standout batting partnership, scoring freely and keeping the scoreboard moving throughout their innings. There were also excellent displays in the field, with Harry B taking two superb catches in addition to bowling well. Freddie G was named Player of the Match after a superb spell of bowling that brought multiple wickets and placed Beeston under sustained pressure. It was a thoroughly deserved victory and a fine example of teamwork from all involved.



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 Little Acorns, Clement, Beanstalk Painting
 Beech, Austin, King Charles III
 Oak, Donnie & Arthur, Football Fun
 Lime, Bella J, Recognising coins
 Maple, Sienna & Dreami, Money Work
 Willow, Faith, Medieval Banquet Menu
 Cherry, Lily, Dragon Picture
 Holly, Ben, Fraction Work
 Silver Birch, Dot, Dragon Acrostic Poem

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