



RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

29th September – 5th October 2025

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CAT4 TEST YEARS 3 & 5

Monday	29		
Tuesday	30	8:35am 8:30am	4SC Class Assembly moved to Wednesday Extra Swimming Practice at Reed's (selected children only)
Wednesday	1	8:35am 2pm – 4pm 2:30pm 2:30pm	4SC Class Assembly 3FC Forest School Session <i>Pupils to bring wellingtons and waterproofs</i> Netball U10/11 A & B v Bedales (Away) Netball U10/11 C v Bedales (Home)
Thursday	2	2:30pm	Netball U8/9 v Bedales (Home)
Friday	3	All Day	Shakespeare in Schools Workshop (Years 3 – 6) (no Forest School for 6KDC)
Saturday	4		
Sunday	5		

Note: new or amended entries are *in red*

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

As I reflect on the last week here at Ripley Court, I am reminded of a conversation I had with the CEO of IAPS, on the importance and genuine impact of an independent education. Our sector continues to offer an outstanding experience and here at Ripley Court our pupils, your children, have countless opportunities to learn a vast array of skills and to grow and develop in the most nurturing of places. In addition is the value added to all our pupils who are guided and encouraged to give their best and be their best that sets the children on the course to being successful and kind human beings.

This conversation was still ringing in my ears when I welcomed year group representatives to my office yesterday for our first School Council meeting of the year. This is an opportunity for form groups to discuss their suggestions for school improvements and then bring these (via their reps) to meet with me. In a world where we are searching for examples of good leadership, these pupils were outstanding in their thoughts and ideas and the manner in which they presented them. Suggestions included making our recycling effort even better with more specific bins around site, even more opportunities for different year groups to mix throughout the school week and a Ripley's Got Talent for teachers! Well, two out of three ain't bad!

Hosting events requires a huge amount of planning and preparation, and I wanted to thank Mrs Mangold for organising our Senior Schools Fair last night. There were at least 33 senior schools in attendance, and I hope that you found it helpful to start your senior school journey or perhaps confirm choices in your mind. Choosing a senior school is a big decision and we are here to lead you through this.

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This morning, we held our Macmillan Coffee Morning, and it was lovely to see many of you in attendance as we raised money for this valuable charity. So far, we have raised **£638** and the JustGiving page is still open. Should you still wish to donate, please click [this link](#). Thank you in advance.

If you are attending the RCPTA event this evening, have a wonderful time. Have a lovely weekend.

I look forward to seeing you around our school.

Kind regards

Mr Gavin Ryan
Headmaster

SPECIAL NOTICES

Year 4 Forest School on Wednesdays

From Wednesday 30th September, Year 3 and 4 pupils taking part in Forest School should come into school in their games kit so they are ready for the afternoon session. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing long socks, tracksuit trousers or a base layer, with hair securely tied back and that they have their waterproof top, bottom and wellies with them too. May we also remind you that all Forest School kit is to go home on the Wednesday afternoon. **Please see page 5 of this newsletter for a reminder of Forest School kit items for all of Upper Court.**

Parents Evening Bookings

The [Parents Evening Booking system](#) will close for bookings on Monday 29th September at 10am. If you have yet to book your appointment, please do so before then. To view the letter which was sent out please click [HERE](#). The Parent Guide to using the School Cloud website can be found [HERE](#).

Childcare during Parents Evening Meetings

Little Court - if you have an appointment at 3:45pm or 3:55pm, your Little Court child may attend 4 o'clock club for the duration of that meeting. If you require childcare post 4pm, please sign your child up to Après School for that session.

Upper Court – Prep will be available between 4pm and 5pm as usual but will be held in Newte. If you require childcare after 5pm, please sign your child up to Après School for that session.

Half Term Multi-sports Camp

Mr Butcher and Mr Zaltsman will be running their popular Multi-sports Camp during the October half term. The camp will run on the following dates from 8:30 to 3:30 each day:

- Monday 20th October
- Tuesday 21st October

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- Wednesday 22nd October
- Monday 27th October
- Tuesday 28th October
- Wednesday 29th October
- Thursday 30th October



To sign up, please contact Mr Butcher on nb.ultimatefitness@gmail.com or 07858 387120.
Cost is £40 per child per day.

Après School – Ripley Court Holiday Camp – 20th to 24th October

Ripley Court's Holiday Camp is the perfect way to keep your children entertained and engaged during the school holidays! This isn't your average camp; it's a carefully planned experience, specially designed for children aged 33 months and over, up to Year 4.

Who: Open to all children who are at least 33 months old and are able to use the toilet independently.

When: Runs a few weeks of every school holiday.

Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily.

Cost:

- £50 per day for individual bookings.
- Weekly booking discount.
- 10% sibling discount (this can be combined with the weekly discount).

Lunch and snacks are not provided. Please pack a nut-free snack, lunch and water bottle.

Booking: via Magicbooking. Please register if you haven't already and you will be able to book our upcoming holiday camp at Ripley Court by clicking [HERE](#).

Why Ripley Court Holiday Camp?

We understand that finding high-quality, age-appropriate care for children during the holidays can be tricky. That's why we've created this special programme, focused on fun and learning for our pupils.

What to Expect

Diverse Activities: Each holiday will feature a unique theme with a variety of exciting activities. **Children are split into different groups based on age and ability** so that activities are suitable and engaging for everyone.

For All Ages: We cater to our younger campers with activities like arts & crafts and imaginative play. For older children, we offer more advanced sports, team challenges, and creative projects.

Child-Centred Approach: Our programme is designed to help children discover their passions and learn through play.

Qualified Staff: Your child will be looked after by experienced educators who love creating safe and fun environments for learning.

Please see the flyer on page 6 of this newsletter.



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Court Circular Newsletter

The popular Court Circular Newsletter has now changed from being published fortnightly to being published twice each half term. Our social media accounts will continue to provide regular updates, photographs, and videos of the exciting things going on at Ripley Court, so please give us a follow!



@ripleycourt



@Ripley Court School

Chess

On Monday, Mr Briscoe, our chess club tutor, held an assembly for the children where they enthusiastically participated in a chess demo! If your child is interested in joining the chess club, please get in touch with Mrs Burnett via clubs@ripleycourt.co.uk. For children who would like to learn more about chess, as well as the club there is a fun, interactive website: www.chesskids.me.uk where you can take part in the online lesson then answer a quiz on what you have learnt.

AB1 Half Term Goalkeeper Camp

October half term sees the return of the popular AB1 Goalkeeper Camp at Ripley Court. The camp will run on Monday 20th October for boys and girls ages 6 to 18. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter and click [HERE](#) for further information or to book your child's place.

Year 6 Trip to France – June 2026

Year 6 parents, please remember to complete the [consent form](#) for the Year 6 Residential Trip to France in June **by this Monday, 29th September**. The letter regarding the trip can be found in the Letters Home section of the Parent Hub, and can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Assembly will take place on Monday 6th October. This year the Church will be distributing goods to those in need of some support in the community. The following items would be welcomed:

- Non-perishable, in-date food items
 - For example: cereal, rice, pasta, tea, instant coffee, tinned tomatoes, baked beans, tinned fruit and veg, soup, packets sugar, biscuits, long life milk, treats (bars of chocolate, packets of boiled sweets).
- Cat/dog food
- Toiletries
- Household cleaning products.



Please drop any donations at your child's form room by the morning of Monday 6th October.

RCPTA Christmas Fayre – Save the Date – Saturday 29th November 2025

The RCPTA Christmas Fayre will take place from 11am to 3pm on Saturday 29th November. Put it in your calendar now and come and bag some wonderful Christmas presents, have some fun, and raise money for RCPTA projects at the same time!



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2025 -2026 TERM DATES

Half Term	End Autumn	Start Spring	Half Term	End Spring	Start Summer	Half Term	End Summer
20 – 31 Oct	Fri 12 Dec	Thu 8 Jan	16 - 20 Feb	Fri 20 Mar	Tue 14 Apr	25 - 29 May	Wed 8 Jul



RC Games Socks



RC Match Top



RC Track pant



RC Midlayer/Track top

Forest School Kit Years 3 - 6 Required for every Forest School Session



Waterproof Trousers
or dungarees



Waterproof Jacket



Wellingtons or walking boots

NOTE: children wear 2 pairs of trousers, one on top of the other, RC track pant and then waterproof layer



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RIPLY COURT HOLIDAY CAMP

Nursery-Year 4



🍁 October Half Term Fun at Ripley Court 🍁

Say goodbye to half-term boredom with Après School's action-packed October Holiday Camp! 🎃
Get ready for: Spooky crafts and games 🎃 Autumn-themed adventures 🍁 Outdoor explorations
(weather permitting) 🌳 And much more!

Spaces are limited, so book your child's place today! ➡ Head to apres-school.co.uk to book your child's place now.

Challenge Accepted!



Team up, level up! Your child will laugh, learn, and build super-powered teamwork skills through exciting challenges.

Sports and Games



Various types of sports and games such as football, basketball, hockey, tennis and so on

Outdoor Adventure



Get messy, get creative! Your child will discover their inner artist through fun and colorful art projects.

www.apres-school.co.uk



20th - 24th October



9:00am - 3:00pm

