



RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

24th – 30th November 2025

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RUGBY STARTS

Monday	24		
Tuesday	25	9am – 11am	Open Morning
Wednesday	26	9:30am	Year 3 and 4 Production (Dress Rehearsal)
		1:45pm	Netball Tournament U11 A (Home)
		2:15pm	Netball U10/11 B & C (Away)
		2:15pm	Football U10/11 A, B & C v St Hillary's (Away)
		2pm – 4pm	3LH Forest School Session <i>Pupils to bring wellingtons and waterproofs</i>
		2:30pm – 3:30pm	Governors' Meeting (Health & Safety Committee)
		4pm – 6pm	Full Governors' Meeting
		6pm	Year 3 and 4 Production
Thursday	27	6pm	Year 3 and 4 Production
		2:15pm	Netball U8/9 v St Hillary's (Home)
		2:15pm	Football U8/9 v St Hillary's (Away)
Friday	28	All Day	Non uniform day (Bring a Bottle for Christmas Fair)
		2.45pm – 3:55pm	5SD Forest School Session <i>Pupils to bring wellingtons and waterproofs</i>
Saturday	29	11am – 3pm	Christmas Fair hosted by the RCPTA moved to 6th December
Sunday	30		

Note: new or amended entries are *in red*

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

As I was outside on lunch duty this afternoon, I began reflecting on 'growth' as a general concept. It means different things to each of us and is often influenced by the specific life journey we are on. I then thought of our Year 6 pupils who have worked incredibly hard towards the ISEB and other senior school entrance exams and it reminded me of a quote from a book I am reading about growth, and it says, 'it is hard to see your progress when you are deeply immersed in the process. Before you let doubt take control examine how much you have grown and accomplished by mentally taking a big step back so you can look at the whole picture.' To all our pupils here at Ripley Court, you are on your own educational journeys, and it is a joy that you get to share this with others who are on similar journeys to you. To Year 6, be proud of your hard work and dedication, we certainly are incredibly proud of you.

In assembly on Monday, we spoke about the importance of kindness and remembering to do the right thing and always being kind. We also spoke about the 'higher level' skill of

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being kind even when we are not recipients of kindness ourselves – this is certainly a goal for us all but one that our pupils here at Ripley achieve a lot of the time.

Next week sees the first big scale production of the season come to pass – our Year 3 and 4 Production opens on Wednesday evening for what we know will be a short but impressive run. And then, on Friday we have a non-uniform day and this time we are requesting you donate a bottle for the Christmas Fair. We will have collection points at the gate so that donations can be handed over to adults straight away. Thank you in advance for supporting the Christmas Fair in this way. We, of course, look forward to the Fair itself which is taking place on Saturday 6th December.

The weather has certainly taken a turn and so please make sure that your child has the correct layers and coats etc so that they remain warm when outside.

I wish you a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you around our school next week.

Mr Gavin Ryan
Headmaster

MESSAGE FROM THE RCPTA

A huge thanks to everyone who supported and helped with the incredible Fireworks Night a couple of weeks ago - it was such a fun evening and an enormous success - we raised over £4000 towards the PTA fundraising pot for the year - we have targeted ourselves with £25k.

Next up on the calendar is the Christmas Fair, now on 6th December from 12-4pm. Please keep an eye on your class WhatsApp groups for all the comms on this event. We do need volunteers for both the event itself and set up - many hands make light work, and we would really appreciate your offer of help for just 30 mins on the day. Please let your class rep know when you can help.

I'm pleased to also share that Holly Sugars has agreed to join me as Co-Chair on the PTA and with her background in catering and events management she is the perfect partner in crime! In fact, we have a number of new people who have joined the PTA this year, which is wonderful for our team to grow, and we always would appreciate more hands so if you are keen to join, please contact myself or Holly Sugars.

Finally, we are looking to you all for ideas on what you would like the money to go to this year. Please, if you get the chance, complete this link to share your ideas with us which will then go to a committee and the SLT for final approval. [Parent Association Fundraising Ideas Survey – Fill out form](#)

Thanks Jaimie and Holly

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SPECIAL NOTICES

Glass Jar Appeal!

A reminder that on behalf of the RCPTA we are collecting glass jars to make jolly jars for the Christmas fair. We are very much looking forward to making these as a whole school community in our house meetings this term. Please can empty, clean jars be delivered to the RCPTA shed before **Friday 28th November**.



Little Court Forest School

The children will continue to enjoy Forest School throughout these colder months; making sure your child is warm is a priority.

Please can all children be supplied with:

- Gloves (waterproof mittens are ideal)
- School beanie
- Scarves are not suitable for Forest School but they may wear a buff
- Optional but recommended, school fleece, warm socks, underlayer (long sleeved t-shirt or similar)
- Also snow boots if they have them

Please do make sure to name all items.

Christmas Holiday Camps

There are several holiday camps running during the Christmas Holidays:

- Mr Butcher and Mr Zaltsman's Multi-sports Camp
- Mrs Sugars' Kids Christmas Cookery Camp
- Après School Christmas Holiday Camp

For further details and information on how to book these, please visit the [Holiday Clubs](#) page of the school website.

Adult Christmas Cooking Classes



Mrs Sugars, who ran the very popular children's cookery camps during the summer holidays, will be running a series of adult only Christmas cooking classes at Ripley Court on Wednesday evenings in November. Please see the flyer [HERE](#) for more information and the booking form.

2025 -2026 TERM DATES

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