



Thursday, 27th November 2025

Dear Parents,

Ripley Court School Christingle and Carol Service

On Wednesday 10th December, we will be holding our Christingle and Carol Service at St Mary Magdalen Church in Ripley (on the Ripley High Street, opposite the Co-op). The Christingle will involve our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 children and our Carol Service will be for our Year 3-6 pupils. As parents you are all invited to attend.

The afternoon Christingle will begin at 2.30pm and will last approximately 45 minutes. We will walk the pupils to the church prior to the service and then after the service, please collect your children from the church door, around the rear of the church. If you are unable to do so, your child will be brought back to school for Après School as normal.

Here is some information on Christingles:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Christmas/Christingle.aspx>

The evening Carol Service will commence at 6.00pm and last an hour. We encourage you to collect your child at the end of the normal school day (4.00pm) and get them home to relax, ensure their uniform is neat and have something to eat. Please bring your child with you to St Mary's church and not to the school at 5.30pm. We ask that everyone is seated by 5.55pm.

Parking is not available outside the church, but you can find parking along Rose Lane and in surrounding roads in Ripley.

If you are not able to collect your child, after school care will be available and a member of staff will walk to the church at 5.30pm with the children. Children not involved in the Carol Service (Nursery – Year 2) can remain in Après School until 6.00pm as usual.

Once the service has finished, please collect your child from the church door, around the rear of the church.

There will be a collection for the Ripley Parish Church community as well as The Children's Society. You may donate using a card (one card machine will be available), although we encourage you to bring cash if possible.

These two events allow us to celebrate the festive period as a community, and I look forward to seeing you at one or both of these joyous occasions.

Yours faithfully,

Gavin Ryan
Headmaster