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RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

8th – 14th December 2025

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NO EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WRAP AROUND CARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	8		After School Swimming (final session for the term) Food Tech Club (final session for the term)
Tuesday	9	11am	Upper Court Carol Rehearsal
		2pm	Reports Live on Parent Portal
Wednesday	10	8am	Judo (final session for the term)
		2:30pm	Little Court Christingle (St Mary Magdalen Church)
		6pm	Upper Court Carol Service (St Mary Magdalen Church)
Thursday	11		
Friday	12	11am	Class Parties
		12pm	End of Term – Nursery & Little Court
		12pm	Final Assembly – Upper Court
		12:30pm	End of Term – Upper Court (no after school care)
		12:45pm	Walton Bus departs school
Saturday	13		
Sunday	14		

Note: new or amended entries are **in red**

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

In case you were in any doubt, Christmas is here! Following our Nativity performances yesterday (which were heartwarming!) and the Festive-themed Ballet assembly this morning, it is very clear that we are fully embracing this special time of year. Congratulations to each child who took part in the Nativity and the Ballet assembly. You did incredibly well! Standing up in front of others is not always easy but it is so important to remember your starting point. This is when you can appreciate how far you have already come. Even though we work together and play together and discover and challenge together, we are all on our own learning journey and we keep moving forward, no matter the pace.

This week also saw a Teatime concert taking place which was packed with stellar performances from children all through the school; for some they are just starting out and for others they are challenging themselves in other ways. All pupils did incredibly well. Tomorrow is our Christmas Fair, hosted by the RCPTA and it is another one of our community events. We hope that the weather will be kind, but either way, I am sure it will be a brilliant event with lots of activities, food and drink to enjoy and I look forward to seeing you there.

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Next week, our final one of the term, sees reports being sent home and our Christingle and Carol Service before we end at midday on Friday for a well-deserved rest. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff who are an incredible group of people with amazing skills and high levels of commitment and I know that you will thank them yourselves too, but from me, thank you!

I am so excited about Ripley Court and ensuring that it remains the incredible school it is. This is why I have invited you to come along to strategy evenings in January. A letter was sent yesterday so I hope you will be able to join us as we work together for our school.

I look forward to seeing you around our school tomorrow, and next week.

Kind regards

Mr Gavin Ryan
Headmaster



SPECIAL NOTICES

Club Booking for Spring Term

Club booking is now open for the Spring Term. Please see the Letters Home section of the school website or click [HERE](#) for the Clubs Information booklet which was sent out earlier this week. The booking window will close at 10am on Friday 12th December.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 6th December

We are looking forward to seeing you at the wonderful Christmas Fair tomorrow, Saturday 6th December from 12pm until 4pm. It promises to be a magical community event for all the family.

You can find the [Christmas Fair programme here](#), including details of the stalls, activities and the fantastic prizes on offer.

Please be reminded that, this year, the fair is open to the public and as usual, no dogs should be brought onto site.



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.

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A Huge Thank You!

Thank you so much for all the generous gifts for the woman's refuge. They were totally overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and kindness of the Ripley Court parents. It really does make so many women and children's Christmas more bearable.

Thank you so much.

Best wishes, Mrs Cumberland



Hearing and Vision Screening Programme

Please click [HERE](#) to see the letter sent out yesterday regarding the Hearing and Vision Screening Programme for children in Reception to Year 6. Should you wish to book your child in, please click on the links in the letter.

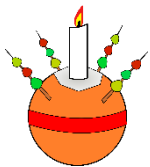
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Little Court Chringle and Upper Court Carol Service – Wednesday 10th December

For detailed information about our Little Court Chringle and our Upper Court Carol Service, please see Mr Ryan's letter [HERE](#).

Chringle

On Wednesday 10th December we will be holding our Chringle service at St. Mary's Church, Ripley. The children will prepare their Chringles in class and learn about what they represent. Year 2 will be leading a short explanation of the Chringle, with each class from Nursery to Year 2 also performing a short segment. We would like to welcome our families to join us at the church at 2:30pm for a wonderful family service, singing and the lighting of the Chringles. If your child is in Nursery but does not attend on a Wednesday afternoon, please feel free to come and join us at the church.



The Chringle will last approximately 45 minutes and pupils will be walked to the church beforehand. If you wish to collect your child after the service, please do so from the door at the rear of the church. If you are unable to collect your child, they will be brought back to school and taken to Après School as normal.

Upper Court Carol Service

Our Upper Court Carol Service, also on Wednesday 10th December, will take place in St. Mary's Church, Ripley at 6pm. 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.



If you are unable to collect your child, after school care will be available and a member of school staff will walk to the church at 5.30pm with the children. **Should you require this, please remember to book your children into Après School on this date. This will ensure the appropriate snacks are provided for those children staying before the service and will also allow us to ensure the correct number of school staff are available collect your children and accompany them to the Church.**



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Non-Uniform Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 12th December

Children are invited to wear non-uniform and a Christmas jumper on the last day of term in exchange for a donation towards Save the Children UK. For further information, please click [HERE](#) to see the letter sent out previously from Mrs Cumberland.



Nursery and Little Court – Friday 12th December

On Friday morning, Nursery and Little Court will be singing carols around the fire with a 'special visitor', therefore please ensure that welly boots, coats, and hats are in school.



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