



RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

12th – 18th January 2026

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES BEGIN

Monday	12	11:45am	Year 5 Launch Car Challenge at Reed's (5SD)
Tuesday	13		
Wednesday	14	2pm – 4pm	3FC Forest School session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
		2:15pm	Rugby U10/11 A, B, C & D v Greenfield (Away)
Thursday	15	All Day	Vision and Hearing Screening (Reception to Year 6)
		11am – 12pm	IMM Trip to Silvermere Care Home (4SC)
		2:30pm	Rugby U8 A, B & C v RGS (Away)
		2:30pm	Girls' Hockey U8/9 v Longacre (Away)
		7pm – 8:30pm	Parent Strategy Evening
Friday	16	2:45pm - 3:55pm	5TZ Forest School session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
Saturday	17		
Sunday	18		

Note: new or amended entries are *in red*

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

At the start of a new year, it is commonplace for resolutions to become a topic for focus and conversation. In my welcome back assembly yesterday, we spoke about the idea of looking at small 'tweaks' rather than resolutions as a way of acknowledging that we do not need to make large adjustments but rather sustainable ones. One suggestion to come out was to try and drink more water during the day or try something new, like a hobby. When I asked pupils for thoughts on a potential new hobby for me there was quite a range, from running to reading and even horse riding!

I wanted to welcome our new families to Ripley Court, and I trust that you will feel at home very quickly. I am sure that your children have returned home sharing happy stories and experiences.

I hope that you, all our families, had a really enjoyable Christmas holiday and are ready for the Spring term. Please refer to the new school calendar that came home with your children this week for the exciting events taking place this term. Next week sees our Extra-Curricular activities begin as well as inter school fixtures in rugby and hockey.

I look forward to seeing you around our school and please keep warm in this cold weather!

Kind regards,

Mr Gavin Ryan
Headmaster



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SPECIAL NOTICES

Hearing and Vision Screening Programme

Please click [HERE](#) to see the letter sent out last term 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.

Parenting with Insight sessions

Please click [HERE](#) to see the letter sent out last term regarding the Parenting with Insight sessions being run at the beginning of February by Mrs Markou. These free and informative sessions will last approximately one hour and will include opportunities for you to ask questions regarding the topics covered. Please book your place by completing [this form](#).

Little Plates After School Club

Please see the final page of this newsletter for details of the Little Plates After School Club. The club is now offering a free taster session during January and the ability to book single sessions rather than the whole term.

A reminder regarding extra-curricular clubs

As we begin the new term, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all families of the expectations for children attending our extra-curricular clubs. The clubs are an enjoyable extension of the school day, and it is really important that the children understand that we still expect the same high standards of behaviour in clubs.

In order for the clubs to run successfully, we ask that the behaviours are reflective of our Ready, Respectful and Safe behaviour code; listening to instructions, participating in activities appropriately and treating the instructors, and each other, with respect at all times to ensure that every child can take part safely and happily.

If we receive feedback from our club instructors of disruptive or disrespectful behaviours, a Ripley Court staff member will drop into the club session to observe, and parents will be spoken to. We will then monitor the situation and if improvements are not made, we may have to ask the child to withdraw from the club.

Finally, for safeguarding reasons, we ask that whoever is collecting your child makes direct contact with the club tutor at the end of the session. This is to ensure that staff know that your child has been safely handed over, particularly this term while the evenings are still dark. If there are any changes to collection arrangements, please inform the school office.

Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to email clubs@ripleycourt.co.uk if you have any questions.



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IMM Trip to Silvermere Care Home (4SC) – Thursday 15th January 2026

This term, Years 4 - 6 will be taking part in trips to Silvermere Care Home, in collaboration with IMM (Intergenerational Music Making). The children will be partaking in musical activities with care home residents, a wonderful way for both young and old to connect.

Parent Strategy Evening – Thursday 15th January 2026 – 7pm-8:30pm

We look forward to the first of our Parent Strategy Evenings taking place on Thursday 15th January from 7pm until 8:30pm. Whilst this session is now fully booked, there are a limited number of spaces still available for the session on Tuesday 20th January from 5:30pm until 7pm. Should you wish to take part, please complete [this form](#).

2025 - 2026 TERM DATES

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



little plates.

CREATIVE COOKING FOR CURIOUS KIDS



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

**FREE TASTER JANUARY ONLY
& SINGLE DAY
BOOKINGS NOW AVAILABLE**

Prepare, Cook, Create &
Take Home Dinner for the Family

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Two course Dinner for a family of 4, to take home - Main, sides & Dessert
- ✓ Fresh ingredients
- ✓ Easy-to-follow recipes to take home
- ✓ Hands on cooking
- ✓ Fresh ingredients
- ✓ Practical, & fun life skills



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Dates

Little Court - Tuesdays

3.30pm-5.30pm

Upper Court - Wednesdays

4.00pm-6.00pm

**Price
£30 per session**