



RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

26th January – 1st February 2026

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Monday	26	4pm	U9 & U11 Gala v Boxgrove – no after school swimming
		2:15pm – 3:30pm	Year 5 & 6 Girls' Hockey Masterclass at Reed's
Tuesday	27	All Day	Year 4 trip to Rochester Castle and Cathedral
Wednesday	28	8:35am	2VR Class Assembly – moved to Summer Term
		2pm – 4pm	4SC Forest School session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
		2:30pm	Rugby U10/11 A, B & C v St Hilary's (Away) Cancelled. We are attempting to find alternative opposition
		2:30pm	Girls' Hockey U10/11 A & B v Longacre (Away)
Thursday	29	11am – 12pm	IMM Trip to Silvermere Care Home (5SD)
		2pm	Rugby U9 A & B v Greenfield (Home)
		2:10pm	Girls' Football U8/9 A & B v Hoe Bridge (Away)
		2:30pm	Rugby U8 A & B v Barfield (Away)
		2pm	Rugby U9 A & B v Duke of Kent (Home)
		6pm	11+ Information Evening for Parents (Years 4 & 5)
Friday	30	2:45pm -3:55pm	5TZ Forest School session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
		3:30-4:30pm	Reception Stay and Play
Saturday	31		
Sunday	1		

Note: new or amended entries are *in red*

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

This week in our Monday assembly I focused on the importance of teamwork. We looked at a variety of examples where people do different things as part of a team but are all equally committed to making the team successful. Ripley Court is full of amazing people who do many things to support, guide, and create the very best learning environment for all our pupils. With regards to our support staff, I wanted to say thank you and farewell to Mrs Nicky Price who has taken the decision to spend more quality time with her family.

While we are sorry to see her go, we are so thankful for all she has done from a marketing perspective over the years. She has certainly been instrumental in getting the Ripley message out there clearly and effectively, particularly on social media.

On Tuesday I hosted the second parent strategy meeting, and I was once again impressed with the engagement and ideas that came in. Thank you to the parents that attended. We are now in the process of collating these ideas which will feed into the 5-



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year school development plan. I will be consulting staff and governors again as we continue to refine the plan. The finished product will be communicated during the summer term, ready for official implementation in September 2026.

In our Celebration assembly this morning Gabi (Head of School) and Seb (Deputy Head of School) once again assisted me in presenting awards, badges and certificates to many pupils. It is extra special to have these outstanding pupil role models helping to hand out prizes. Our children have been working consistently hard during lessons and during our 'extra' and co' curricular programmes so there is always lots to celebrate!

Next week sees our Year 5 and 6 girls heading to Reed's for a Hockey masterclass (Year 3 and 4 will have their chance the week after!). It was also great to see Mr Zaltsman giving a similar standard of 'class' in Football to our girls earlier this week.

I hope that you enjoy a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you around our school next week.

Kind regards,

Mr Gavin Ryan
Headmaster

SPECIAL NOTICES

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 - February Half Term Cookery Camp

Little Plates will be running their popular Cookery Camp from Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th February during half term. For further information please see the Holiday Clubs page of our website by clicking [HERE](#).

February Half Term – Multi Sports Holiday Camp

Mr Butcher and Mr Zaltsman will be running their Multi Sports Holiday Camp during February Half Term and are keen to find out which dates parents would require.

Please click [HERE](#) for more information and to indicate your preference on dates.

Lunch Menus

Following parental feedback, at the bottom of each page of the Weekly Communication there will be a link to the '[Menus at Ripley Court](#)' page on the school website. Please scroll down the page to select the menu for the upcoming week.



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RCPTA Movie Night – Friday 6th February

Friday 6th February sees the return of the popular 'RCPTA Movie Night' at Ripley Court. Further information, including details of how to book tickets, will be sent out via class reps on Monday 26th January.



WEEKLY SUMMARY 26th January – 1st February 2026

Year 4 Trip to Rochester Castle and Cathedral – Tuesday 27th January 2026

The Year 4 History trip to Rochester Castle and Cathedral will leave school at 9am on Tuesday 27th January. Children will be provided with a packed lunch so will need to bring their school backpacks and filled water bottle. Children are to wear full school uniform, including blazers plus their waterproof school coat. They will return to school by 4pm.

IMM Trip to Silvermere Care Home (5SD) – Thursday 29th 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.

11+ Information Evening for Parents (Years 4 & 5) – Thursday 29th January 2026

The 11+ Information Evening for Year 4 and Year 5 parents on Thursday 29th January will be held at 6pm in the Music Room. This will be an opportunity to find out about the 11+ process, how we prepare your children, and what you can do to help at home.

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



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