



RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

2nd – 8th February 2026

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Monday	2	8:45am – 9:45am	Parenting with Insight (Nursery, Transition and Reception) in the Music Room
		9:30am – 3pm	Year 1 Trip to Brooklands Museum
		2:15pm – 3:30pm	Year 3 & 4 Girls' Hockey Masterclass at Reed's
		4pm – 5pm	Parenting with Insight (Years 1 - 3) in the Music Room
Tuesday	3	8:35am	Holi Assembly and Workshops
		2:15pm	Mixed Dodgeball U9 A, B, C & D v Greenfield (Away)
Wednesday	4	8:35am	3FC Class Assembly
		2pm – 4pm	3FC Forest School session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
		2:15pm	Rugby U10/11 A, B & C v RGS (Away)
		3pm	Girls' Football U10/11 v Guildford High (Away)
Thursday	5	8am - 8:30am	Spring Term Book Look (Reception to Year 2)
		11am – 12pm	IMM Trip to Silvermere Care Home (6KDC)
		2:00pm	Rugby U8 A & B v Greenfield/RGS (Home)
		2:30pm	Rugby U9 A & B v Barfield (Away)
Friday	6	7:55am – 8:25am	No Swim Squad today
		8am - 8:30am	Spring Term Book Look (Year 3 to 6)
		2:45pm -3:55pm	5TZ Forest School session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
		3:45pm – 6pm	RCPTA Movie night (3:45pm-5:30pm for Little Court, 4pm-6pm for Upper Court) – no after school clubs running except Après School
Saturday	7		
Sunday	8		

Note: new or amended entries are *in red*

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

What did the tree see? It is a question I posed in our Monday assembly. We spoke about the steadfastness of trees and their amazing ability to withstand a great deal. We are very fortunate here at Ripley Court to have many wonderful established trees that would have witnessed our school educating pupils over many years. Being resilient and steadfast are important qualities we can learn from trees.

This week I had the opportunity to welcome to my office, for a special lunch, the next group of Year 6 leaders. It was once again really interesting to listen to them chat about their 11 plus experiences and also some specific things they are looking forward to this academic year. I value our leaders so much and I hope that they enjoyed our time together.



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Last night I hosted, along with Mrs Western-Kaye (Director of Studies) and Ms Drislane (Acting Head of English) an informative 11 plus evening. I hope that those who were able to attend found it reassuring. Ultimately, we are a 'prep' school and 'preparation' is what we do! Small and sometimes subtle structures in Year 3 and 4 become more overt in Year 5 and in the build up to the important exams in early Year 6. I was able to show our excellent track record of getting children into the right school for them, each year, and on many occasions, with a scholarship.

I am sure that I will see many of you at our Year 3 class assembly next week and also at the Spring Term book looks.

I wish you a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you around our school.
Kind regards,

Mr Gavin Ryan
Headmaster

SPECIAL NOTICES

Global Canvas – Art Competition

Established in 1984, David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation was set up to help turn the tide on species extinction. Mark Ellis, from the Foundation, visited the Year 4s last week to tell them all about the careers that exist in their organisation, from wildlife artists to rangers to charity fundraisers. He also spoke to us about the Global Canvas international art competition that they run for children and young people aged 16 and under. Anyone can enter this art competition, but the deadline for entries is fast approaching: **19th February 2026**. For details of the theme for this year's competition and how to get involved, please visit <https://davidsshepherd.org/wildlife-art/competitions/global-canvas/>

Half Term Camps

There are holiday camps running during the February half term:

- Mr Butcher and Mr Zaltsman's Multi-sports Camp (Monday 16th to Friday 20th)
- Mrs Sugars' Kids Cookery Camp (Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th)



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



Maths Badges

At Ripley Court, we love celebrating our pupils' hard work and achievements. Children are awarded special badges as they develop their confidence in number bonds and multiplication tables. From Year 1, pupils can begin earning number bonds badges, working towards bronze, silver and gold star awards. From Year 2, children can also start working towards their multiplication tables badges, with seven exciting levels to achieve. We are really excited to support and encourage the children as they work towards these milestones and proudly receive their badges. Once a badge has been awarded, the cost will be added to your next term's bill. Number bonds badges are £2.00 per badge and multiplication tables badges are £3.30 per badge.



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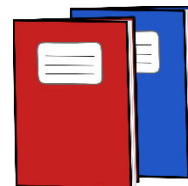
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Parenting with Insight Sessions – Monday 2nd February

Please click [HERE](#) to see the letter sent out last term regarding the Parenting with Insight sessions being run 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. Places are still available so if you have not booked, but would like to attend, please arrive at the Music Room prior to the start of the session.

Book Look – 8am-8:30am Thursday 5th (Reception to Year 2) & Friday 6th February (Year 3-6)

Teachers are looking forward to welcoming you for the Spring Term 'Book Look.' This is an opportunity for you to pop into your child's form room, between 8.00am and 8.30am, to look through their books to find out what they have been learning about in each subject. At 8.30am, when the usual bell goes, we kindly ask that you leave the classrooms so that the registers can be taken.



RCPTA Movie Night – Friday 6th February

On Friday 6th February, the RCPTA will be showing two films: one for Little Court (Reception to Year 2) and one for Upper Court (Year 3 – Year 6).



The Little Court movie will take place in the Music Room. Pick up will be from the Music Room at 5.30pm.

The Upper Court movie will take place in the Sports Hall (gym). Pick up will be at 5.45pm.

The cost is £8 per child which includes food and a drink. Please inform the RCPTA of any allergies your child may have.

Please make your bookings online through <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/rcpa/>

Children should wear normal uniform to school that day but are welcome to change into comfy clothes and bring pillows/beanbags/blankets etc to make it a comfortable experience.

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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