



RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

9th – 15th February 2026

Recent Photos can be accessed via the News and Events section of the website. Username: Parents Password: RCSParent1

Also accessible via the Parent Hub "Letters Home" on the school's website. Password: RCSParent1

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Monday	9	4pm – 4:45pm 3:45pm 4:45pm – 5:45pm	Governors' Meeting (Health & Safety Committee) U8 – U11 Gala v Longacre (Home) - no after school swimming Parenting with Insight (Years 4 - 6) in the Music Room
Tuesday	10	AM 7:55am – 8:25am 1pm – 4pm 2pm	U10 & U11 Boys' and Girls' IAPS Qualifying @ GHS (spectators not permitted) No Rookie Lifeguard club due to IAPS Qualifying Year 6 to watch dress rehearsal of <i>Les Misérables</i> at Reed's Rugby U7 A & B v St Hilary's (Away)
Wednesday	11	8:35am 1pm – 4pm 2pm – 4pm 2pm 2:30pm	3LH Class Assembly Year 3 to watch <i>Matilda</i> at King Edward's School Witley 4SC Forest School session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons Girls' Hockey U10/11 A & B Triangular (Home) Rugby U10/11 A & B Triangular at St Edmund's
Thursday	12	11am – 12pm 4:15pm 2:15pm 2:15pm	IMM Trip to Silvermere Care Home (6SB) Teatime Concert – No Orchestra today Rugby U8/9 B, C & D v RGS (Away) Girls' Hockey U8/9 A, B & C v Aldro (TBC)
Friday	13	All day 2:45pm – 3:55pm	Own clothes day 'This is my place' 5TZ Forest School session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
Saturday	14		
Sunday	15		

Note: new or amended entries are *in red*

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

We are a diverse community and this week we welcomed a visitor to our school to talk about the Holi festival (The Hindu festival of Colours) and some of the pupils had an opportunity to use some powder paint to decorate their faces in our morning assembly.



To view this week's lunch menu, please click [HERE](#)





RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

9th – 15th February 2026

Recent Photos can be accessed via the News and Events section of the website. Username: Parents Password: RCSParent1

Also accessible via the Parent Hub "Letters Home" on the school's website. Password: RCSParent1

Our children were very measured in how much of the coloured powder they used and I was very proud of them all.

This week was also an opportunity for you to come and spend time with your child/ren in the form rooms and look at their books. I witnessed many lovely interactions between pupils and their parents and also some exciting discoveries of unclaimed Headmaster Commendations!

Next week, the last one before half term, sees us competing in a gala, participating in rugby and hockey matches, performing in a Teatime concert, engaging with our wider community at Silvermere Care Home and continuing to work hard in the classroom, challenging ourselves and being given specific ways to keep improving across all areas of school life. Next week is also Children's Mental Health week and the message this year is about belonging and having a place or places where we feel safe and at home. Ripley provides this and so much more to our pupils and to you as parents. We thank you for your continued engagement with us.

It is just about time for the RCPTA Movie Night – there are many coming to this parent led event and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

I wish you a wonderful 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.



To view this week's lunch menu, please click [HERE](#)





RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

9th – 15th February 2026

Recent Photos can be accessed via the News and Events section of the website. Username: Parents Password: RCSParent1

Also accessible via the Parent Hub "Letters Home" on the school's website. Password: RCSParent1

Please note, the form sent out earlier this term regarding the Multi-sports Camp was to gauge interest for the club. If you wish to book, please contact Mr Butcher and Mr Zaltsman via the details on the Holiday Clubs page listed above.

WEEKLY SUMMARY 9th – 15th February 2026

Parenting with Insight Session – Monday 9th 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 for this week, so if you have not booked, but would like to attend, please arrive at the Music Room prior to the start of the session. Don't worry if your child is not in Years 1-3, the information will still be relevant.

Own clothes day – Friday 13th February

Please click [HERE](#) to see the letter sent out last week regarding our plans for this year's Children's Mental Health Week. Children are invited to wear their own clothes related to the theme of belonging, being part of something, feeling connected, valued and accepted. We would really like the children to come to school wearing something that represents them – this might be their favourite outfit where they feel most comfortable or it could be linked to where they feel they belong most such as a football team, club, group or interest.

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



To view this week's lunch menu, please click [HERE](#)

