



RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

23rd February – 1st March 2026

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Monday	23	All Day	Karl Hopwood – Internet Safety Workshops (Reception to Year 6)
		12:15pm – 2pm	ESSA and IAPS Swimming Training at Reed's
Tuesday	24	9am	House Pancake Competition in the Quad
Wednesday	25	9am – 11am	Open Morning
		2pm – 4pm	3LH Forest School session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
		2pm	Boys' Hockey U10/11 A, B & C v Moon Hall (Home)
		2.30pm	Girls' Football U10/11 v Claremont (Away)
Thursday	26	All Day	World Thinking Day - pupils invited to wear Rainbows/Brownies/Beavers/Cubs uniform to school
		2:30pm	Rugby U8/9 A, B, & C v Longacre (Home)
		2:30pm	Girls' Hockey U8/9 A, B & C v Longacre (Away)
		7pm-11pm	RCPTA Comedy Night for Parents
Friday	27	2:45pm -3:55pm	5TZ Forest School session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
		2pm	U11 A Hockey Festival at Duke of Kent
Saturday	28		
Sunday	1		

Note: new or amended entries are *in red*

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

Seeing our pupils in their own clothes today has been lovely. The added significance, with it being Children's Mental Health week, is that children came dressed in clothes that represent who they are and where they feel most comfortable. I also took some time to consider what to wear. In total transparency, however, it didn't take me long to decide on my new Springbok rugby shirt!

I visited Frensham Heights School yesterday as part of my ongoing relationship building with senior schools. Even though we do send pupils to a wide range of schools, there are always more each year that families are considering. Please do be reassured by our impressive track record of success at 11 plus! This means that children are getting offers to the schools they want to go to! I do get asked about the 11 plus process and whether it is better to avoid if possible. My answer is this - We are the best place to provide your child with the right balance of preparation and nurturing to excel in the exams and this, in turn, keeps your options open. Children are still young and have a lot of growing and development to do so keeping senior school options open is a wise choice.



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I wish you all a wonderful half term break and I look forward to seeing you around our school from Monday 23rd February for a 4-week dash to Easter!

Kind regards,

Mr Gavin Ryan
Headmaster

SPECIAL NOTICES

Parents' Evenings – Spring 2026

A letter regarding Parents' Evenings for Spring 2026 was sent to all parents earlier this week. A copy of the letter is in the Letters Home section of the website, and can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#). The booking system will open at 7pm on Monday 23rd February. Please do ensure you can login before then.

National Book Week and World Book Day 2026

World Book Day will be celebrated at Ripley Court on Thursday, 5th March. Further information will follow about the book fair but in the interim, please do read Ms Drislane's letter [HERE](#) about book tokens, author visits, and an opportunity for the children to dress up.



WEEKLY SUMMARY 23rd February – 1st March 2026

Karl Hopwood Internet Safety Workshops – Monday 23rd February

Karl has visited us for the last few years and returns to run age-appropriate workshop sessions for our children from Reception to Year 6. He is passionate and an expert in his field. Having been a headteacher he engages all the pupils, recognising the place of technology in our society but supporting the children with the tools to know what to do when things don't feel quite right, Karl refers to it as the 'uh oh feeling'. The children have found these sessions to be very positive and empowering.

For further information please see Karl's website, a link to which is [HERE](#).

Parent Comedy Night – Thursday 26th February



We are delighted to present the first RCPTA Comedy Night from 7pm until 11pm on Thursday 26th February. The evening will showcase 3 excellent stand-up comedians, including Jack Campbell. Tickets are £25 each and include woodfired pizza! A bar will be available, and attendees must be 18+.

To book, please visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/rcpa/> (see poster on next page.)

2025 - 2026 TERM DATES

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



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COMEDY

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At Ripley Court School

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

7-10pm

Tickets £25

price includes 10" woodfired pizza

Age 18+

Bar on site

Ticket can be bought online:

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