



Friday, 20th March 2026

Dear Parents,

End of Spring Term 2026

What a brilliant term we have had here at Ripley Court! Having started in January in the cold, wet and dark, we are ending in the bright sunshine, and we are starting to believe once again that warmth exists and our summer might just be fabulous!

This term has also seen our Year 6 pupils completing their 11 plus journeys and making decisions on senior school offers. Our pupils have once again done incredibly well and while further details will be forthcoming after Easter I am pleased to let you know that this group of pupils achieved 21 scholarships and 2 exhibitions, which is an outstanding number and maintains the growing trend of success and superb results academically as well as in art, sport, drama and music. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils.

Ripley Court continues to go from strength to strength, and you may have seen that we are advertising for a KS1 teacher for September as we will be opening a second form in Year 1 (current Reception cohort) due to ongoing demand.

In other staff news, Mrs De Chaves has been successful in her application and will be taking up a promotion as Head of Science at Halstead from September. We will say farewell to her in more detail at the end of next term, but I did want you to know now as it is another advert that you may see.

I am pleased to let you know that Amanda Hauxwell, our new Admissions Assistant, will be starting after Easter. She will be working closely with Tracey Mangold, our amazing Registrar, and we look forward to her contribution.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to the RCPTA for their continued support and in particular for running events for our pupils and families. The RCPTA are, amongst other projects, involved in supporting the upgrade of our beautiful little Theatre and we are very excited about this.

Please remember that when we return it will be the summer term and it would be lovely to see our pupils in their summer uniform. We understand that this might be gradual if the weather starts on the cooler side. I will outline a date in my start-of-term letter when we would expect all to be dressed correctly.

Thank you for your commitment to Ripley Court and for the key part you play in the important relationship, which is built on trust, between you and us.

I would like to end by thanking my fantastic staff that work so incredibly hard to support our children. That includes teachers, LSAs and TAs, grounds and facilities, admin, admissions and bursarial. Our wonderful school can't be wonderful without you all. Thank you so much.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter holiday and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 14th April at the gate.

Kind regards,

Mr Gavin Ryan
Headmaster