



RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

4th – 10th May 2026

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Monday 4		BANK HOLIDAY (School Closed)
Tuesday 5		
Wednesday 6	8:35am	6KDC Class Assembly
	PM	4SC Forest School Session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
	2pm	Boys' Cricket U10/11 A v RGS (Home)
	2pm	Girls' Cricket U10/11 A & B v Aldro (Home)
Thursday 7	2:15pm	Girls' Cricket U8/9 A, B & C v Aldro (Away)
Friday 8	2:45pm – 3:55pm	5SD Forest School Session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
	2:45pm – 3:55pm	4SC Litter picking in Ripley
	3:45pm – 4:45pm	Reception Stay and Play moved from Friday 24 th April
Saturday 9		
Sunday 10		

Note: new or amended entries are *in red*

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

At Ripley Court, we are proud to be a 'prep' school - preparing our pupils for the next stage of their educational journey. Whether your child joins us in Nursery, Reception, or later on, we provide a wealth of opportunities and challenges within a nurturing environment, helping each child to become the very best version of themselves.

Supporting families in choosing the right senior school, alongside preparing pupils for 11+ entrance examinations, is a process in which we have considerable expertise. With our latest round of senior school offers and scholarships now confirmed, it is clear that we continue to guide our pupils successfully towards schools that suit them best.

At the end of Year 6, our pupils move on to a wide range of secondary schools, including Reed's, Tormead, Sir William Perkins's, Frensham Heights, and King's College. While this preparation is a key part of what we do, it is only one aspect of life at Ripley Court. Our broader provision is rich and varied, offering many additional opportunities for pupils to explore and develop their interests.

One highlight is our Friday afternoon enrichment programme, which exposes pupils to a diverse range of activities. For example, our Year 3 pupils are currently learning Spanish alongside the French taught within the core curriculum. We also make use of facilities at Reed's, with weekly visits for sport on the astroturf pitches, further enhancing pupils' skills.



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Back on site, enrichment opportunities include gardening and learning about cultivation, making use of our new STEM room (complete with 3D printers), Forest School for Years 5 and 6 (with all pupils experiencing Forest School throughout their time here), as well as life skills, ESB, and drama productions.

You may also have noticed an increased presence of sports coaches in Reed's kit around the school. One of these, Miss Gardens - an accomplished hockey and cricket player - has been supporting both games sessions and PE lessons.

Our pupils benefit daily from our extensive grounds, something frequently remarked upon by prospective families. A recent addition is our newly developed vegetable garden, located to the left of the swimming pool. With six garden beds, as well as a beautifully constructed fence and gate, this space provides a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn about growing, harvesting, and sustainability. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mr Smith for his generous donation of time, expertise, and materials in creating this fantastic resource - an excellent example of our strong community spirit.

This week also saw our first Year 3 Maths competition, hosted by Mrs Grallert, who invited several schools to take part and share in her enthusiasm for the subject. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and enriching afternoon.

Our Rocket Car Challenge teams recently competed in the finals at Reed's, finishing in 4th and 9th place - well done to all involved. We are also delighted to celebrate our swimming team, who have won two relay events in the Southeast regional finals and will now progress to the national finals in Sheffield this June. Congratulations to the team, and to Mrs Ballantine for her dedicated coaching, as well as Miss Upton for her support.

We have also been interviewing candidates for a new KS1 teacher this week and have been impressed by the high calibre of applicants. As you may know, we are expanding, and our current Reception cohort will be split into two classes from September.

I wish you all a very enjoyable bank holiday weekend and I look forward to seeing you around our school from Tuesday next week.

Mr Gavin Ryan
Headmaster

SPECIAL NOTICES

Polite request regarding items brought into school

Thank you for your support in January when we requested that all fidget toys be left at home. The response to this request was noticeable and the effect it had was hugely positive.

However, over recent weeks we've noticed an increase in a wide array of stunning home 3D printed toys making their way into school. Some of these have not been appropriate and we would ask once again for your support in talking to your child and also checking that toys don't make their way into school.



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As before, we completely understand that some children concentrate better when their hands are busy. For those pupils, we continue to provide a simple, effective alternative: a small lump of Blu-Tack, which we find works very well. It's quiet, discreet, and much less likely to steal the spotlight.

Thank you, as always, for your support and understanding. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Moody (senco@ripleycourt.co.uk) if you have any questions.

Reminder to register your child for Après School

A gentle reminder to please register your child for Après School. It may be that you never intend to use the service, however, registration costs nothing, and in the event of an emergency whereby you are unable to collect your child at the normal pick-up time, this will mean that they can be booked in to Après School until you are able to get here.

Speech Day 2026 Confirmation of Attendance

Click [HERE](#) to see the letter from Mr Ryan sent out last week inviting all families to Speech Day 2026. Please remember to complete the online form by Friday 5th June: [Speech Day 2026 – Fill in form](#) to confirm your attendance at this wonderful school event.

New Billing Portal – Action required please

Click [HERE](#) to see the recent letter from the Fees Administration Team detailing the new billing portal which will replace the current system in preparation for the Autumn 2026 Term. Please ensure that you have completed the form which can be found here: [New Billing Portal for Ripley Court School – Fill in form](#)

May Half Term Camps

The following camps will run during May Half Term. Further information can be found on the [Holiday Camps](#) page of the school website and in the flyers at the end of this newsletter.

- Mr Butcher and Mr Zaltsman's popular Multi-sports Holiday Camp will run on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th May
- Delgado Tennis will run at Reed's from Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May



Reed's Delgado Tennis Membership

Please click [HERE](#) to see a letter from Paul Delgado, Director of Delgado Tennis, giving information about the new Reed's Delgado Tennis Membership which will be launching on 1st May. Ripley Court School pupils, parents and staff will be entitled to a free Silver membership but should they wish to, they will also be able to join the separate fee paying Gold membership.

2025 - 2026 TERM DATES

Half Term	End Summer
25 - 29 May	Wed 8 Jul



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2026 - 2027 TERM DATES

Start Autumn	Half Term	End Autumn	Start Spring	Half Term	End Spring	Start Summer	Half Term	End Summer
Fri 4 Sep	19 - 30 Oct	Fri 11 Dec	Wed 6 Jan	15 - 19 Feb	Fri 19 Mar	Tue 13 Apr	31 May - 4 Jun	Wed 7 Jul

DELGADO TENNIS

MAY HALF-TERM CAMPS

Tue 26 - Fri 29 May

A fun, energetic and supportive learning environment

Join the fun!

4-18yrs



Reed's School
Sandy Lane, COBHAM KT11 2ER



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FOR A RANGE OF FUN SPORTS
TAUGHT TO YOU BY MR ZALTSMAN
AND MR BUTCHER. PLEASE SIGN UP
BY EITHER **EMAILING**
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£40 PER DAY

**TUESDAY 26TH MAY
&
WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY**

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



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