



RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

18th – 24th May 2026

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Monday 18	1:30pm – 3:15pm	District and National swim training at Reed's
Tuesday 19	9am	Nursery 'Come and See Swim'
	3:30pm	Swimming U10/11 District Tournament (girls and boys) at St Catherine's School
Wednesday 20	9:30am	Year 6 Production (Dress Rehearsal)
	PM	No Yr 3/4 Forest School Session today
	2pm	Boys' Cricket U10/11 v RGS (Home)
	2:15pm	Girls' Cricket U10/11 A & B v Aldro (Away)
	6pm	Year 6 Production
Thursday 21	8:35am	School Council in Headmaster's Office
	2:15pm	Boys' Cricket U8/9 A, B & C v RGS (Away)
	2pm	Girls' Pairs Cricket U8/9 A, B & C v Moon Hall (Home)
		No orchestra tonight
	6pm	Year 6 Production
Friday 22	All day	Non-uniform day – please donate tombola gifts for the Summer Fair
	2:45pm – 3:55pm	5SD Forest School Session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
	1:30pm – 3:55pm	4SC Trip to Wisley Common
	4pm – 10am (Saturday)	Year 6 RCPTA Camp Out
Saturday 23	Until 10am	RCPTA Camp Out
Sunday 24		

Note: new or amended entries are *in red*

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

The true joy of learning was on full display yesterday morning in the theatre during the Nursery assembly. It was a powerful reminder of the distinctive magic that defines our school. From a child's very first visit, that spark is ignited, and it continues to grow throughout their journey with us. By the end of Year 6, our pupils quite literally "fly away as beautiful, confident, skilled and colourful butterflies" (as so perfectly captured in The Very Hungry Caterpillar).

Yesterday evening, I had the pleasure of attending a prep school fair at Glenesk School alongside our Head of School (Gabi), Deputy Head (Seb), and Mrs Tracey Mangold (Admissions and Marketing). Surrounded by several other local schools, two things stood out with absolute clarity.



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Firstly, Ripley Court's long-standing reputation for developing confident, capable, well-rounded, and genuinely happy children is both well-earned and widely recognised. Gabi and Seb represented us superbly last night – they were exemplary in every sense. Senior schools consistently tell us how much they value Ripley Court children: they are self-aware, have a strong work ethic, know what they are passionate about and, above all, they are kind. This is a powerful endorsement of everything we stand for.

Secondly, while many schools speak about nurturing children and preserving the joy of childhood, at Ripley Court we do not simply talk about it—we deliver it with purpose and excellence. At the same time, we instil a genuine love of learning and equip our pupils with the strong habits and independence they need to thrive at senior school and beyond. Each year, our pupils secure places at a broad range of outstanding senior schools—some highly academically selective, others with a wider focus—but every placement is the right fit for the individual child. This is absolutely key!

For families with children in Little Court and Years 3 and 4, I understand that it may not always feel as though preparation for the 11+ is fully visible. Let me reassure you with complete confidence: everything we do is carefully and deliberately designed to prepare your child for success. We take a balanced and gradual, yet strategic approach that ensures children are ready at the right time, without compromising their development or enjoyment of learning. Our results speak for themselves year after year—every child is supported to achieve their very best. A key strength of Ripley Court lies in the time and space we give children to grow into who they truly are. This is what sets us apart. Rather than rushing decisions or narrowing pathways too early, we allow each child to discover their strengths, develop confidence, and find that essential spark for learning.

Looking ahead, I am excited that the development of a new School Development Plan is nearing completion and will be communicated shortly. Alongside this, we are in the process of implementing a clear and focused leadership restructure to drive our ambitious five-year vision of establishing Ripley Court firmly as the prep school of choice.

We are also continuing to strengthen our teaching team. We currently benefit from two Classroom and Games assistants and a Teaching Assistant supporting the Upper School, and I am pleased to confirm the appointment of an additional Teaching Assistant starting in September. As our school grows and continues to be a wonderful place for a child to develop, so too will our staffing, ensuring we maintain the high standards and individual attention that define Ripley Court.

In terms of other staff news, Mr Brunning will not be returning for the remainder of this academic year. The plans that have been carefully put in place to ensure the pupils remain well supported will continue. This means that Mr Lom and Mrs Dudley will continue as the form teachers for 6SB, sports staff from Reed's will continue to provide excellent sporting provision and a long-term cover teacher and some internal staff will continue to teach History.

For those of you attending the RCPTA Ball this evening I hope you have a wonderful time and raise lots of money. I wish you all a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing you around our school next week.

Mr Gavin Ryan
Headmaster



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SPECIAL NOTICES

Speech Day 2026 Confirmation of Attendance

Click [HERE](#) to see the letter from Mr Ryan sent out previously 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.

Ripley Court Charity Walk – Friday 5th June

Please click [HERE](#) to see the letter from Mrs Cumberland regarding this year's Ripley Court Charity Walk. The walk will take place on the school field. It will start at 9am and finish around break time (10:30/11am). There is no set distance for the walk and children can do it at their own pace – some may walk, some may run; they will be able to rest when they wish. The emphasis is very much on fun, and we look forward to seeing everyone's wonderful outfits. The theme for this year is 'Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday'.

Interhouse Music Auditions - 1st June to 5th June

Auditions for the Interhouse Music Competition (Years 3-6) will be held in the first week back after half term. Children can audition as a singer or as an instrumentalist to represent their house.

Ripley's Got Talent Auditions - 8th to 12th June

Children (from Year 2-6) are invited to audition in groups for Ripley's Got Talent. We are looking for dance acts, singers, bands, comedians, magicians and anything else creative!

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



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Nursery 'Come and See Swim' – Tuesday 19th May

We are excited to welcome Nursery parents to 'Come and See Swim' on Tuesday morning. You will have received an email to let you know the time of your child's swimming session. Refreshments will be available outside the swimming pool for you to enjoy. Please remember to dress for the weather as spectators will need to watch from outside the pool building through the glass doors.

Non uniform day – Friday 22nd May

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 22nd May. The RCPTA are asking that donations of sweets and chocolates (all nut-free please!) be brought to school in exchange for pupils wearing their own clothes to school for the day. All donations will be used as prizes for the tombola at the Summer Fun Day.



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2025 - 2026 TERM DATES

Half Term	End Summer
25 - 29 May	Wed 8 Jul

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

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4-18yrs

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

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



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