



RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

1st – 7th June 2026

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YEAR 1 TO 6 ASSESSMENT WEEK

Monday 1		
Tuesday 2	4pm – 6pm	Governors' Meeting
Wednesday 3	8:35am	Reception Class Assembly
	PM	3LH Forest School Session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
Thursday 4	12pm – 4pm	Junior Citizen Award – Year 6
	1:45pm	Little Court Swimming Gala
Friday 5	AM	Sponsored Walk
	2:45pm – 3:55pm	6SB Forest School Session, pupils to bring waterproofs and wellingtons
Saturday 6	AM	IAPS Swimming finals – Boys
	PM	IAPS Swimming finals – Girls
Sunday 7		

Note: new or amended entries are *in red*

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

This week began with some exciting news: Reed's has confirmed that it will extend its co-educational provision to include girls from Year 7 in 2027. This important development means that, for the first time, there is a clear and equal pathway to Reed's for all of our pupils - both boys and girls - at the end of Year 6.

In response to this announcement, I was delighted to host an impromptu coffee morning with parents. Alongside Jason McKinlay (RCS Bursar and Director of Operations at Reed's) and Jon Ross (RCS Governor, current parent, and Deputy Head at Reed's), we also held a further Q&A session ahead of the RCPTA meeting. It was a pleasure to address a wide range of questions and particularly encouraging to hear such a positive and supportive response from our community.

A key question raised was whether this move to co-education would reduce opportunities for boys. I want to reassure you that this is not the case. For pupils at Ripley Court, progression to Reed's will remain as strong as ever. Where Reed's is the right fit, pupils will continue to be offered places. As has been the case in recent years, our close partnership with the Reed's team ensures that every child is known and valued as an individual. Applications from Ripley Court are far more than a set of scores - they reflect a full and rounded picture of each pupil's talents, strengths, and character.

Our current Year 5 cohort will be the first to benefit from this new arrangement, and we look forward to continuing our strong tradition of pupils moving on to Reed's. Equally, if Reed's is not the right choice for your child, we will continue to guide and prepare them



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for a wide range of excellent senior schools. The key message is one of reassurance: Reed's is now an inclusive option open to all, should you wish to pursue it.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 production of Alice in Wonderland was nothing short of outstanding. Every pupil shone in their role, demonstrating the confidence, creativity, and teamwork that we value so highly at Ripley Court. My sincere thanks go to Mr Lom and the entire staff team for bringing such magic to the stage. Anyone who attended would agree that the performance was of an exceptional standard - more akin to Year 8 or 9 - such was its quality.

By the time our pupils leave at the end of Year 6, they have achieved so much: securing places at their chosen senior schools, performing in major productions, travelling abroad, taking on leadership roles, and developing a strong sense of character. What is most important is that all of this is achieved within a supportive and nurturing environment. At Ripley Court, we believe that true success comes not from undue pressure or excessive preparation, but from a thoughtful, personalised approach that allows each child to thrive. Year after year, this philosophy proves its worth - producing pupils who are not only successful, but, above all, happy.

On that note I wanted to thank you for your support this half term and I wish you a wonderful time away from Ripley and a recharge before we return on Monday 1st June for an amazing end to the academic year.

I look forward to seeing you around our school next half term.

Mr Gavin Ryan
Headmaster

SPECIAL NOTICES

Upper Court – Residential Trip Information

Letters, kit lists and medical information have been emailed home today, in preparation for the upcoming residential trips. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the member of staff indicated in the letter.

Summer Holiday Camps

To see the range of summer holiday camps available at Ripley Court and Reed's, please see the [Holiday Camps](#) page of the school website and the flyers at the end of this newsletter.

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'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!



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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'.

A HUGE thank you to all those who have donated via our JustGiving page, we have currently raised over £400, which is a fantastic step towards our target of £3000!

Interhouse Music Auditions – Monday 1st June to Friday 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.



2025 - 2026 TERM DATES

Half Term
25 - 29 May

End Summer
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



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20-22 July
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lunch &
a 3 course meal for
4 to take home



Plates Smith Junior Academy

Ages 11-16
10-14 August
10am - 4pm

£75 pr day
includes snacks,
lunch &
a 3 course meal for
4 to take home

Senior Academy

Ages 16+
17-21 August
10am - 4pm

£800
5 Day course
includes snacks,
lunch &
a 3 course meal for
4 to take home

Our Senior Academy offers an advanced course, designed for those ready to cook, host, & live independently with confidence



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