



RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Growing Together, Guided by Love'

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2024

FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD

	WHOLE SCHOOL	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
RIPLLEY	97%	97%	96%	97%
BECKWITHSHAW	97%	98%	95%	97%
KETTLESING	97%	95%	97%	97%

A reminder that all absences must be reported to the school office before 9am on each day of absence. Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours, but when unavoidable a letter, text or email confirming the appointment must be given to the school for your child's attendance records. If we do not receive this documentation, children's attendance will be marked as unauthorised leave.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach to the end of term and commence this festive period, we see this as a time of reflection: reflecting on not only the previous term, but the calendar year moving into 2025.

As a federation we continue our journey of success and our aim of transforming the lives of your children to which we remain wholly committed to. Ofsted outcomes for us, are a wonderful affirmation of the hard work of all however we must not lose sight of the most important gifts we can give to our children as educators: joy and passion for learning, memorable experiences, instilling love, mutual respect, care and ensuring that their school lives are filled with happiness.

It is a delight to see your children engaged in outstanding learning, immersed in enrichment events at various locations, interacting with top-level professionals and being courageous advocates for safeguarding, real-world issues and charity work.

Again, as we move towards this Christmas time, the most special gifts we can give to our children are not those with a price tag attached but those which underpin our Federation: Community, Compassion, Courage - Growing Together, Guided by Love.

I very much look forward to seeing you all in the remaining days at various events including at each school Nativity and thank you for your support and positivity in 2024.

Much Love and God Bless

Miss Kirkman

Executive Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY



DATE	EVENT
6th Dec	Celebration assembly 8:50am in the Town Hall
7th Dec	Royal Hall Christmas Concert - Federation Choir
8th Dec	Ripley Castle Christmas Market - Ripley choir performance
12th Dec	Christmas jumper and Christmas enterprise day
13th Dec	Whole school panto trip
19th Dec	Christmas lunch and party
20th Dec	Nativity - 2pm All Saints Church
20th Dec	Last day of term
23rd Dec - 3rd Jan	Christmas holidays - school closed
6th Jan	Staff Development Day - School Closed
7th Jan	School re-opens to all pupils
7th Jan	Parent/Carer internet Safety Presentation via TEAMS
10th Jan	Celebration assembly 8:50am in the Town Hall
15th Jan	Y6 Residential - Parents information Evening
16th Jan	Best of British - Special lunch menu
31st Jan	Celebration assembly 8:50am in the Town Hall
4th Feb	KS2 Dance competition
7th Feb	NSPCC Number Day
11th Feb	Safer Internet Day
14th Feb	Last day of Spring 1 term

OPEN DAYS

GROWING TOGETHER, GUIDED BY LOVE

RBK Federation Open Day

Your chance to visit one, two
or all three of our Federation schools
in one day!



RIPLEY ENDOWED
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



BECKWITHSHAW
PRIMARY SCHOOL



KETTLESING FELLISCLIFE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Wednesday,
8 January 2025**

9.30am-2.30pm

No booking necessary

Find out more at rbk.n-yorks.sch.uk

OPEN DAYS

Growing together,
guided by love.

The RBK Federation

Village schools with smaller class sizes,
big ideas and boundless aspirations.



Ripley Endowed C of E
Primary School
Main St
Ripley
Harrogate HG3 3AY
ripleyce.org.uk
Map: shorturl.at/QbtOI

"Vision underpins a culture that **nurtures all**. The curriculum is carefully planned to **enable all to achieve**. This includes those that are **vulnerable and those with SEND**."

SIAMS, 2023



Beckwithshaw
Primary School
Church Row
Beckwithshaw
Harrogate HG3 1QW
beckwithshawprimary.org.uk
Map: shorturl.at/WnPaB

"A **happy place for children to learn**... pupils [receive] a **better quality of education**... leaders and staff are **ambitious**... they have **high expectations for the future**."

OFSTED, 2023



Kettlesing Community
Primary School
Kettlesing
Harrogate HG3 2LB
kettlesing.org.uk
Map: shorturl.at/hhxfQ

The school is unwavering in their commitment to providing every pupil with the **best educational experiences possible**. Pupils are **incredibly happy** and thrive at this school.

OFSTED, 2024



Find out more at
rbk.n-yorks.sch.uk



Reminders, Updates, and Information

ROYAL HALL - SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 2024

A reminder that those participating in the Royal Hall should be at the venue to start rehearsals at 2pm. Full school uniform is to be worn and festive head wear can be worn during some of the evenings performance. Children will need a packed dinner, snacks and a water bottle. You will need to sign your child out with a member of staff at the end of the concert before leaving.

RIPLEY CHRISTMAS MARKET - SATURDAY 8th DECEMBER 2024

Children performing should meet Miss Kirkman at 11.15am inside the market under the covered archway to the left of the main market. Girls should wear a black top and bottoms and boys should wear a white school shirt and grey school trousers. Victorian costumes will be provided to layer on top.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND ENTERPRISE DAY - THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER 2024

For a donation of £1.00, children can wear Christmas jumpers, alongside normal school bottoms, to raise money for Save the Children.

Throughout the day, children will be attending different enterprise workshops. They will then be selling their festive creations at the end of the day in house teams.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND PARTY - THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER 2024

Children are invited to wear party wear for a day of festivities. The normal lunch menu will be replaced with a 'Christmas Lunch Special' on this day, as previously communicated.

NATIVITY - FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER 2024

The Nativity will take place at All Saints Church Ripley from 2pm on Friday 20th December, and we warmly invite all our families to join us to watch this years production of 'Bethlehem Bake Off'. Class 2 and 3 will be supporting this years nativity as a choir and will be in normal school uniform for the production.

Children will be dismissed from church following the afternoons performance, unless attending afterschool club, where they will be taken back to school. Comet club will remain open till 4:30pm as normal. Exciting Information regarding our very own Ripley Bake off to follow!

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL - BEWERLEY PARK - MARCH 2025

We are delighted to be taking our Y6 pupils across the Federation to Bewerley Park for next years residential. A parent/carer Information evening will be held at Beckwithshaw school on 15th January at 5pm.

UNIFORM

A polite reminder that children should be in full winter uniform which includes a formal shirt (not a summer polo shirt) and a tie. Children can wear a small pair of stud earrings and a watch (not smart watch) but no other jewellery is permitted.

PE

A reminder that Forest School finishes at the end of Autumn 2 term. Therefore, all children will require PE kits on Monday and Wednesday from January.

CLUBS FOR SPRING 1

Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm - Coding Club with Mrs Alder

Tuesday 3.20- 4.20pm - Football Club with Harrogate AFC

Wednesday 3.20- 4.20pm - Gymnastics Club with Mrs Neate from Sporting Influence

Thursday 3.20- 4.20pm - Arts and Craft Club with Miss Lear

Gymnastics will replace dodgeball, offering children more of a choice in the sporting activities they participate in across the academic year.

Both Football and Gymnastics have limited spaces so be sure to book these early to avoid disappointment.

Football, Dodgeball and Arts and Craft Club will be charged at £6.00 per session and run for 6 weeks from WC 06.01.25 - WC 10.02.25. The full payment of £36.00 will be required to secure your child's place.

Coding Club will also be charged at £6.00 per sessions but will run for 5 weeks from WC 13.01.25 - WC 10.02.25. The full payment of £30.00 will be required to secure your child's place

Booking and payment for all clubs will go live next week on Parentmail and will be on a first come first serve basis. Parents will be notified when booking goes live.

BOOKING WILL CLOSE AT 5PM ON FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY 2025.

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulation Team **BRIMHAM!** Who were the winning team last half term. We can't wait to announce the winning team in a few weeks, and the prize they will enjoy!

House Point Tally



What we've been up too

REMEMBERENCE DAY

We had a special assembly sharing the people we think about and remember on this day. We explored the different coloured poppies and their meaning. We took part in a 2-minute silence at the cenotaph lead by Rev Paul. The children read their prayers of reflection.



ANTI BULLYING WEEK

We celebrated anti-bullying week by taking part in multiple activities. We began the week with a reflective assembly and taking part in scenario work. On Tuesday, we came in our odd socks; this was to remember that each and every one of us is different in our own way. Lots of us designed our own odd socks to remember the special message.



OPERATION TRAFFIC - ROAD SAFETY

Ripley pupils have enjoyed working with the North Yorkshire Police to keep everyone safe. Pupils got to work with the police to patrol outside school at both drop of and pick up, and discuss road safety and traffic around the local area. What a fantastic opportunity to give back to the community and be inspired by our local Police force.



CHILDREN IN NEED

We began the day by taking part in the CBBC Live lesson with the Gladiators! We enjoyed getting active and completing the 'mood boosters'. We then learnt about where our money goes and how it impacts adults and children in our local area. We celebrated the day by wearing spot-tacular outfit!

What we've been up too



WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Along with our other 2 federated schools, children across the school took part in the Sporting Influence's Cross country competition at Ashville College.

So proud of Team Ripley, with KS2 children coming 5th overall and KS1 children 2nd!

OTLEY VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAYRE

What an utterly amazing day! The Federation Choir came together in spectacular fashion to perform at the Otley Victorian Christmas Fair 2024.



So very proud of all involved. Special thanks to the parents and carers who brought their children - we could not do it without you Thank you also to Mrs Godley (Kettesing) for the superb costume accessories donated to the Fed.

As ever, our children did us proud!



PLAYER VISITS FROM HARROGATE TOWN AFC

Building on the fantastic relationship we have built with Harrogate Town AFC, we have been lucky enough to have visits from the men's first team players - Liam Gibson & Ellis Taylor and Hannah Sturdy from the ladies first team.

The children thoroughly enjoyed asking them questions before having a kick around and picking up some great tips!



What we've been up too

Class 3

Over the course of this half term, Class 3 have been exploring migration; delving into what population is, how it changes and different birth and death rates. In Science we have been learning about light and reflection. We have been researching how light travels in straight lines and how distance affects the size of different shadows. In maths, we have been improving our mental maths skills and working very hard to improve our times table knowledge. We have also been learning about long multiplication and division; linking it to worded problems and reasoning skills. We have all thoroughly enjoyed reading our class novel, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, and writing our own diaries. We have also had the opportunity to explore different text types: picture books, song lyrics and videos in Guided Reading lessons. We have been creating our own unique art installation in our Art lessons. It has been a busy term so far and as always; Class 3 have all worked



exceedingly hard to improve their skills and understanding, as well as focusing hard on their own mental health and wellbeing in PSHE lessons. They have tried in every way to follow and uphold our values of Ready, Respectful and Safe.



Class 2

Class 2 have been learning about Antarctica in both English and Geography. The children have enjoyed learning about Ernest Shackleton's journey and particularly enjoyed role playing some of his crew members and writing diaries in role. In Geography they have been exploring the location of Antarctica as well as its human and physical features.

In Science the children have been learning about Electricity and Circuits, the children have had great fun making their own circuits as well as carrying out their own investigations. In R.E the children have been comparing different religious festivals such as



What we've been up to



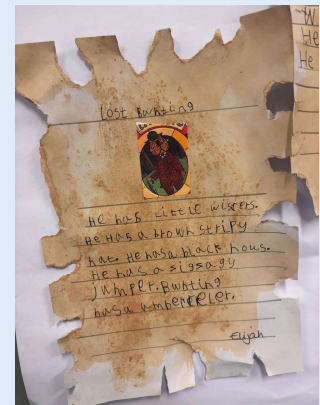
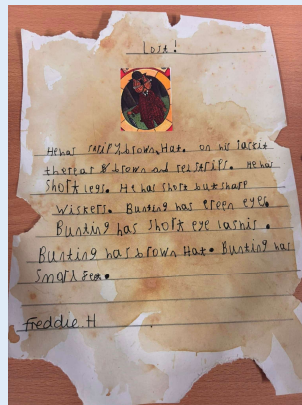
Christmas and Hanukah and enjoyed creating their own National Celebration! In Math's the children have been tackling column addition and subtraction and are amazed that they can now add and subtract really big numbers using

this method. In forest school the children have been making winter wands and wreaths, which they have thoroughly enjoyed!

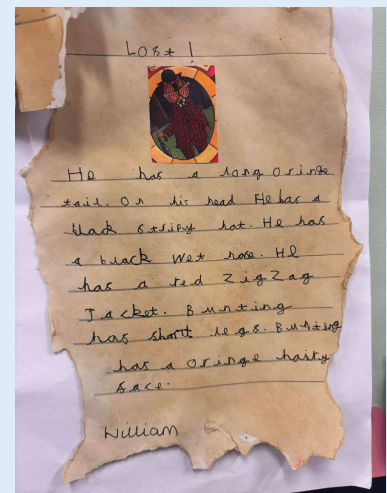
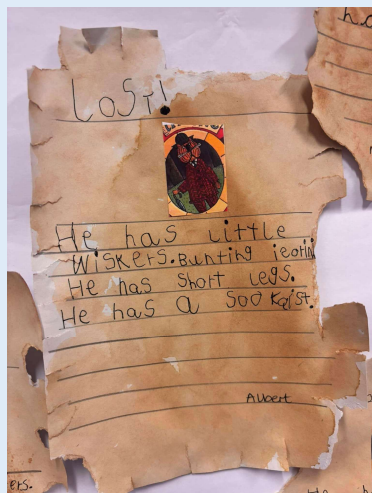
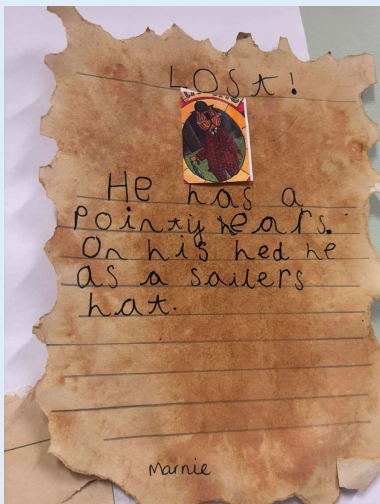


Class 1

In Class 1 we have been exploring our topic of toys this half term. We have read some amazing books, such as The Lost Toy Museum and The Naughty Bus. We have written some lost posters to help find Bunting. We have been



learning about materials in science and exploring what materials toys are made out of and why those materials are a good choice. In DT, we will be making chairs for Sprinkles to sit on in the coming weeks using strong materials.



Safeguarding

TOYS SAFETY

In the lead up to Christmas, when your children will be receiving toys, electronics and gifts, we want to highlight the dangers of button batteries and magnets that are found in many of these items, as well as general household objects. Below is some information to help you identify dangers and what to do if your child ingests a battery or magnet.

BREAKING NEWS

Magnets can rip a hole in your child's gut!



- Super strong magnets, like these, can cause serious damage to your child's insides if they swallow them.

- They can join together and make holes in their gut. Removal can be difficult and need complex surgery.



- They can be in toys, jewellery, fridge magnets or cheap products bought from online marketplaces. They can be 10 times stronger than is safe.

⚠️ If your child may have swallowed magnets, don't delay! ⚠️
Call 999 for an ambulance or go straight to A&E. Symptoms can seem like a stomach bug or appendicitis.

 www.capt.org.uk/magnets

 [@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)



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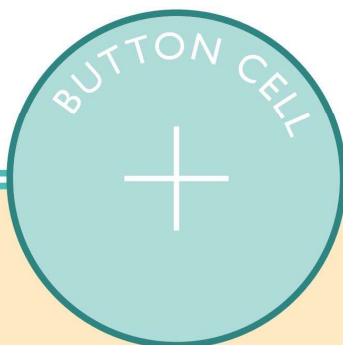
child accident
prevention trust 

BUTTON CELL BATTERIES

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS?



When a button cell battery reacts with saliva it creates caustic soda, the chemical used to unblock drains.



Even after the batteries appear to have 'died' they still have enough power to create a reaction.



If swallowed, the batteries can get stuck in a child's throat and burn the flesh, injuring or even killing them.

WHERE WILL I FIND THEM?

TOYS & GADGETS

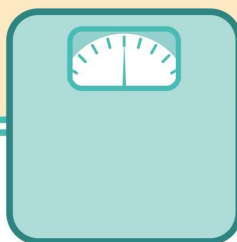
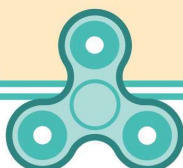
Novelty toys such as robot bug or fish toys, fidget spinners with LED lights and gaming headsets.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Bathroom and kitchen scales, thermometers, night lights, calculators, tea lights and spare battery drawers.

REMOTES & WATCHES

Remote controls, car key fobs and key finders, fitness trackers, watches, 3D glasses and musical greetings cards.

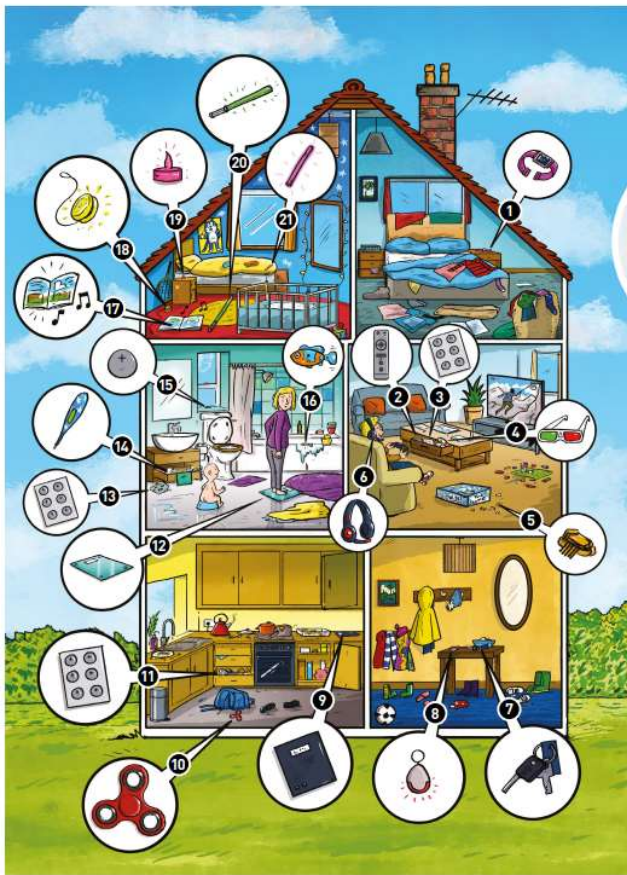


Button cell batteries are dangerous. **Check your home for them.**
Throw dead batteries away straight away and keep live ones somewhere safe.

ALWAYS KEEP THEM AWAY FROM CHILDREN

For more advice on managing the risks go to:
www.buttonbatterysafety.com
www.capt.org.uk/button-batteries
www.rospa.com/button-batteries

Safeguarding



Button batteries - where are yours?



+BIPBA-
British and Irish Portable Battery Association



Button batteries, particularly big, powerful lithium coin cell batteries, can badly hurt or kill a small child within two hours, if they get stuck in the food pipe. Know where yours are, so you can keep your children safe.

Five top tips

- Hunt around your home for button batteries – in products as well as spare and 'flat' batteries.
- Keep products well out of children's reach if the battery compartment isn't secured.
- Store spare button batteries in sealed containers in a high cupboard.
- Remember that 'flat' or 'dead' batteries still hold enough power to badly hurt a child. So put them out of children's reach straight away and recycle them safely and as quickly as possible.
- If you think your child has swallowed one, don't delay. Trust your instincts and take them to A&E straight away or call 999 for an ambulance. Don't let them eat or drink and don't make them sick.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Fitness tracker | 12. Bathroom scales |
| 2. Remote control | 13. Spare batteries |
| 3. Spare batteries | 14. Thermometer |
| 4. 3D glasses | 15. Flat battery |
| 5. Robot bug toy | 16. Robo fish |
| 6. Gaming headset | 17. Musical greeting card |
| 7. Car key | 18. Light-up yo-yo |
| 8. Key finder | 19. Tea light |
| 9. Kitchen scales | 20. Light saber |
| 10. Light up fidget spinner | 21. Flashing wand |

For more help



• capt.org.uk/button-batteries
• @ChildAccidentPreventionTrust



Office for Product
Safety & Standards

Buy toys safely this Christmas

Check gifts for kids are age appropriate toys.



Magnets and other novelties can cause harm.

For further information regarding toy safety, please visit
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/child-safety-buying-toys-this-christmas>

If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Elouise Foster - Deputy Safeguarding Lead or Miss Hannah Lear - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642

Parent Information



TOP TIPS

for parents who are separated



The FJYPB members are children and young people with experience of family law proceedings. They have devised these top tips for parents to help them think about matters from their child's perspective.

'LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD'

You can find out more about the FJYPB at cafca.gov.uk

1

•Remember I have the right to see both of my parents as long as it is safe for me.

2

•I can have a relationship with the partner of my other parent without this changing my love for you.

3

•Try to have good communication with my other parent because it will help me. Speak to them nicely.

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•Keep my other parent updated about my needs and what is happening for me. I might need their help too.

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•Don't say bad things about my other parent, especially if I can hear. Remember I can often overhear your conversations or see your social media comments.

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•Remember it is ok for me to love and have a relationship with my other parent.

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•Don't make me feel guilty about spending time with my other parent.

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•Don't make permanent decisions about my life based on how you feel at the moment. Think about how I feel now and how I might feel in the future. My wishes might change.

9

•Be open to change, be flexible and compromise when agreeing arrangements for me.

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•Its ok with me if my parents don't do things exactly the same. You are both different and that's alright with me.

Parent Information

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• Don't be possessive over me and the things that belong to me. Make it easy for me to take the things I need when I spend time with my other parent, such as school work, PE kits, clothes, books, games, phone etc. Let me choose what I want to take with me.

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• Keep me informed about any changes to my arrangements.

13

• Try not to feel hurt if I choose to spend time with my friends instead of seeing you. I am growing up!

14

• Remember that important dates (birthdays, celebrations, parents evening, sports day etc) are special to you, me and my other parent. I may want to share my time on those dates with each of you.

15

• Work out between you and my other parent who is responsible for the extra things I need, such as new school shoes and uniform, school trips, dinner money and the cost of my hobbies or after school activities. I don't want to be involved in this.

16

• Remember that I don't expect you or my other parent to be perfect, so I don't want you to expect my other parent to be perfect either. Accept mistakes and move on.

17

• Make sure I am not left out of key family events. Please compromise with my other parent so I can join in.

18

• Please don't stop me having contact with extended family members who are important to me. Ask me how I feel about them. Don't assume my feelings are the same as yours.

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• Don't use me as a messenger between you and my other parent.

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• Don't use my relationship with my other parent against me, or them.

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• Don't ask me to lie to my other parent or other family members.

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• Don't ask me to lie to professionals, or to say what you want me to say.

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• Don't make me scared to say what I think about my arrangements for fear of being told off or treated badly by you if you don't agree.

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• Remember that I might want something different to my brother or sister.

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• Don't worry about how others see you or what they think. I am what matters.



Christmas Market

AT RIPLEY CASTLE

Sunday 8 December

Join us for a fabulous Christmas Market- gifts, food, drink, treats, live music, Father Christmas and more!

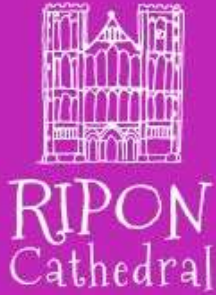
Ripley Castle Courtyard
10am - 3pm

Always free to
attend

WWW.REALMARKETS.CO.UK



Information and Community Events



Journey to Bethlehem

Tuesday 24th December 2024

11am - 12pm

Sensory Christmas Trail

20th December 2024 - 6th January 2025

Follow a nativity trail for the senses
and be immersed in the fragrant
smells that symbolise the wonderful
birth of baby Jesus.



Information and Community Events



Join us this Christmas

TOY SERVICE

Sunday 8th December, 10:30am

Join us for a special child-centred service. At this service we collect Christmas presents for children in need in the local area.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

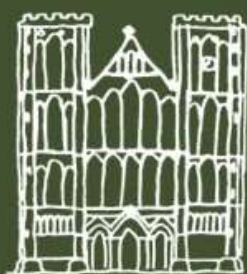
Tuesday 24th December, 11:00am

This is an opportunity for children to experience the Christmas story for themselves by dressing up and becoming part of it! Followed by Christmas refreshments.

CHRISTMAS TRAIL

Thursday 19th December – Tuesday 7th January

A Christmas trail for all the senses!



RIPON
Cathedral

RIPONCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK