



MARKET FIELD SCHOOL

Respect, Excellence, Friendship

Upcoming Dates

1st October	Parents evening
17th October	Show Racism the Red Card
24th October	Last day of term
24th October	Last day to return Christmas designs
27th – 31st October	October Half Term
10th – 14th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
14th November	Children in Need
28th November	Non pupil Day

Headteacher message

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils, families, and staff as we begin a new school year. I hope the summer break brought rest and joyful moments for everyone. It's been wonderful to see our school community come together again, and especially heartening to see how confidently our new students have settled in—they are already showing great enthusiasm and kindness, and we're proud of how they've embraced school life.

This year, we continue to uphold our core values of **Respect, Excellence, and Friendship**, which guide everything we do. These values are already shining through in classrooms, on the playground, and in the way our pupils support one another. We look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and shared success, and we're excited to see every child thrive.

Parents Evening

We will be holding parents evening on Wednesday 1st October 3:30pm – 5:30pm. Appointment slots will be made via Dojo with class teachers.

Please note these are face to face appointments however, if you would prefer to have a Teams call or phone call, please advise your teacher whilst requesting your time slot.

Please bear in mind the school will be closing at 6pm. All appointments will need to finish on time to ensure the gates can be locked.

Therapy Dog

Please cast your eyes to the letter on the final page where you will see more information welcoming our newest member of the Market Field Team – Koda.

Christmas Cards & Gifts

I know it seems mad to be mentioning Christmas in September however orders in previous years have been very popular and have taken time to come back to us at the school. Design sheets and instructions have been given to students to either complete in class or at home.

If you would like to order, please return the order forms to Sarah in the school office by 20th October 2025. You will then receive an email/text with your payment link to order your items using your child's design.

Please note, they cannot accept late entries after the 20th October.



**Beautiful FUNDRAISING
CHRISTMAS PRODUCTS
FROM CHILDREN'S Artwork**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Don't miss the chance to have your child's artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs, gift labels, our fabulous waffle textured tea towels, or our **brand new keyrings and fridge magnets, tote bags, and snowblocks!**

It's that time of year again and your child will either have already created their own special Christmas design at school/nursery, or will have brought the materials to do it home. This is a great opportunity to turn their creation into a range of professionally printed products, which you are able to purchase for family and friends this Christmas.

£1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the school/nursery or PTA!

- Christmas Cards
- A3 Poster Calendars
- Tea Towels
- Cards With No Message Inside
- Mugs
- Gift Labels
- Tote Bags
- Keyring and Magnet Pack
- Enchanted Snowblock



For prices please visit www.xmas4schools.co.uk/products

School Meal – Price Increase

As a school our students and families are at the forefront of everything we do. With this in mind, our school meals have remained at £2.30 for the last few years and our kitchen team have worked hard to absorb the price increases through menu changes and negotiating with suppliers. However, with the ever-increasing costs we have had to make the decision to increase our school meals to £2.80 from 1st October 2025.

We understand that this may seem like a big jump however we have avoided yearly increases to help as much as we can. This increase will bring us in line with the ever-rising cost of living prices but remains under the average price for school meals in our area.

If you feel your child(ren) may be entitled to Free School Meals, we encourage you to check using <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims> if you are unsure or require further assistance, please contact Sarah Rogers in the office and we can run the check for you.

Coffee Morning – October 2025

We will be commencing our coffee mornings on Wednesday 1st October 2025. We would like to invite all parents/carers to attend if they would like.

This will be an opportunity to enjoy a hot drink and a catch up with members of our Wellbeing Team, Safeguarding Team and our Senior Leadership Team.

As well as a Wellbeing catch up, you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have and meet with other parents/carers.

Please confirm attendance to sarah.rogers@marketfield.essex.sch.uk

Please be advised our coffee morning dates will be as follows:

- **Wednesday 5th November 2025**
- **Wednesday 3rd December 2025**
- **Wednesday 14th January 2026**
- **Wednesday 11th February 2026**
- **Wednesday 11th March 2026**
- **Wednesday 13th May 2026**
- **Wednesday 24th June 2026**

Non Pupil Days

Friday 28th November 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Changes to pick up

If your child has an appointment during school hours and needs to be collected early, please ensure you not only advise their teacher and taxi but also the reception/admin team. This will ensure your child is marked down correctly for attendance and also avoid any delays in collecting your child.

Market Field Office Enquiries

If you have any queries with regards to school tours, please phone the office and speak with Vicky, they will take some details and book you in.

For any attendance or lunch related matters, please email Carol@marketfield.essex.sch.uk

For any matter relating to invoices or payments, please email Gemma@marketfield.essex.sch.uk

Anything relating to school comms/trips, please email sarah.rogers@marketfield.essex.sch.uk

Jeans for Genes

A big thank you to everyone that took part in Jeans for Genes Day at the school.

The Jeans for Genes campaign spreads awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.

Thanks to your kind donations a wonderful £171.75 was raised towards the charity.



Show Racism The Red Card

Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) is the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity.

They work to challenge racism through empowering role models within communities, organisations, and sports, in order to dismantle racism in society.

Friday 17th October we will be wearing something red to show our support and throughout the day we will be learning about racism and how we can play our part as a school.

Residentials 2026

We are in the process of finalising our residentials for 2026. If your child came home with a letter regarding a residential, please ensure you return this to the school office even if your child is unable to attend.

Our residential trips this year were a huge success, and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Whilst providing them opportunities to learn new skills the residentials also enabled them to forge stronger friendships.

If you would like your child(ren) to attend the camps but you have questions, please feel free to contact sarah.rogers@marketfield.essex.sch.uk and we can help reassure you or provide any further information you may require.

Market Field Football Club

For anyone that missed the message on Dojo last week, training is back at Market Field Football Club, with an exciting season ahead.

For all newcomers, training is from 09:30 - 11:00 on the school field. First session is free and £3 per session after that.

Please feel free to park in the school car park. We always welcome new faces of all levels.

Any questions please email seansullivan1980@me.com or call 07708814653. Look forward to seeing you on Saturday.



School Parking

A very polite reminder that the Asterwood and Victory Fields Housing estates that surround the schools are Private Estates and are not to be used for parking or drop off/pick ups.

We are very open to children who are dropped off being brought into school anytime up to 9:30 if they need a quieter space and likewise, they can be picked up from 2:30.

As always, thanks for your understanding.

Option Students

Our option students have been enjoying their new Forest School sessions. 10T students were a bit muddy but had so much fun being outside. For children that opted in, they will attend sessions weekly on either a Tuesday or a Wednesday. We look forward to seeing their adventures.





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Learning for Life

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19th September 2025

Therapy Dog

We are very excited to inform you that we will be welcoming a new member of the Market Field Team who will be visiting on Fridays starting very soon.

Koda is a 5 year old Australian Shepherd dog who has worked in schools and care homes, does agility training and has passed his therapy dog assessment.

Koda and his handler and owner will be working alongside our well-being team to offer a range of interventions and therapy sessions with groups of children across the school. He will also be listening to readers in classes and taking part in sensory art sessions in classes. We aim that most classes who want to take part should get a session with Koda over the year.

If your child has an allergy and you would rather Koda did not work with your child, please let your class teacher know.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Whitehead', on a light-colored background.

Mrs Whitehead

Head of School

