



MARKET FIELD SCHOOL

Respect, Excellence, Friendship

Upcoming Dates

15 th December	Christmas Jumper Swap Shop
18 th December	Christmas Dinner
19 th December	Special Visitor
19 th December	School Finishes at 12:30
22 nd December	Christmas Break
5 th January	Return to school

Head Teacher Message

As we reach the end of this incredible term, we can all take a moment to reflect on the achievements that have made it so special. From the outstanding success of our school football team, whose hard work and determination led to truly remarkable results, to the immense pride of winning the *Global Award for Most Outstanding Special School*—this term has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Beyond these accolades, what truly stands out is the personal growth of every single student. Watching our students develop confidence, resilience, and a love for learning has been the greatest achievement of all. These successes are a testament to the dedication of our staff, the unwavering support of families, and the spirit of our entire school community.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this term so memorable. Your commitment and enthusiasm continue to inspire us every day.

On behalf of the whole Market Field School team, I wish you a joyful festive season and a very Merry Christmas. **As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited for the opportunities it will bring—new challenges, new successes, and even more moments to celebrate together.**

End of Term Arrangements

A polite reminder that tomorrow we will finish at 12:30 there will be a staggered finish with end times as following:

Individual cars/parents/taxi pick ups: 12:15

MPV taxis: 12:25

Big minibus taxis: 12:35

Return to School

Our first day back in school will be Monday 5th January.

Christmas Projects

Thank you everyone that ordered cards and gifts through our Xmas4Schools scheme, we absolutely love seeing all the wonderful designs the children have made. Every order you make through this scheme provides the school with a small donation and this year we raised a brilliant amount of **£98.00** for the school.

We also received an incredible donation of £488.31 from Van Cols orders, thank you for ordering your wonderful school photos and items from us.

Christmas Performances

Thank you for attending the Junior Christmas performances I am sure you all had a wonderful time watching the children as did the staff. Whilst the Senior Performances didn't go to plan this year which again we do apologise for any upset this caused, we ensured they held their own Christmas festivities, and you should have received a copy of the filmed event on your Dojo pages.



Most Outstanding School

We've been keeping a little secret that we are now proudly able to share. As you are aware, we recently won a National Award 'The Most Outstanding School for Students with Moderate Learning Difficulties'. After winning this award, we were entered for Global consideration and I am overwhelmed and very excited to be able to tell you that on Friday 5th December, we were awarded 'The Most Outstanding School for Students with Moderate Learning Difficulties in the World 2025'.

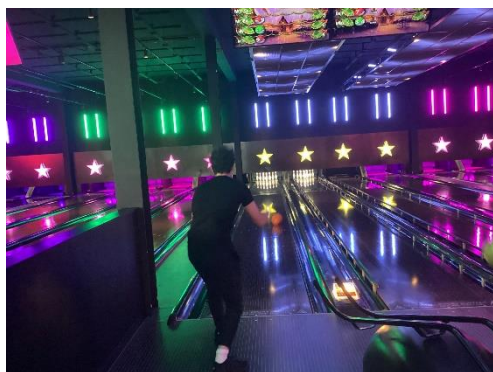
School Payments

Please ensure all payments for both school dinners and trips/residential are up to date. If you have any questions regarding residential payments, please contact myself on sarah.rogers@marketfield.essex.sch.uk

School Trips

The last couple of months we have held some wonderful trips for our students. From local trips to Clacton Fire Station, private tours of the London Natural History Museum, bowling, Colchester Zoo trips and various Christmas Pantos to see Mother Goose and Peter Pan.

We hope the children have enjoyed these experiences and we look forward to seeing all the wonderful places the children will visit it 2026.



Spotlight on Mars Class

We would like to say a huge well done to Spencer on recently being awarded Market Field Sportsman of the year! What a big achievement, we are very proud! As well as taking home a lovely trophy, Spencer also got to meet lots of celebrities during the event.



Christmas Dinner

The children enjoyed their Christmas dinner celebrations at the school; it was lovely seeing their smiles and Christmas jumpers. Thank you to our wonderful year 11 students for setting the tables so beautifully and a massive thank you to our incredible kitchen staff for putting on another amazing spread for the children and staff to enjoy.



Winter Reading Challenge

The Winter Reading Challenge is a fun activity put together by Essex Library Service for children aged 0-12. It encourages children and families to keep reading over the winter and to visit their local library.

Children are invited to complete 6 challenges from a list of 12 reading and creative activities, and it's FREE to take part. Their mission is to help some friendly animals that work in different professions across Essex!

Head to your local library this winter and sign up! You can find out more about the challenge on the library website and if you have any questions, please ask staff in the library.

Penguin Books

Penguin have very kindly donated over 500 books to our school. We received a message from them advising they would like to help us spread some Christmas cheer by giving every child and staff member a free book to take home with them.

Thank you, Penguin, for your generous donation to our school. Children from Hazel Class receiving their books.



Absence Reporting

Please ensure you are calling the school before 8:30am to report your child as absent. If you are unable to get through to the reception team, please leave a voicemail.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be Wednesday 14th January. This will be around online safety giving you a chance to enjoy a hot drink and a catch up with Mr Birch our subject lead.

You will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have around keeping your child(ren) safe online and meet with other parents/carers.