

# Market Field School

*Respect, Excellence, Friendship*



## UPCOMING DATES

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9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Children's Mental  
Health Week

11th Feb - Phonics  
Coffee Morning

16<sup>th</sup> Feb - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb -  
**Half Term**

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - Non  
Pupil Day

30<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup>  
April - **Easter  
Holiday**

## Head Teacher Message

*By Ruth Whitehead*

It's been a wonderfully busy start to the new term, and I'd like to thank our whole school community for helping the children settle back into their routines so smoothly.

The first few weeks have flown by, filled with great learning, enthusiastic classrooms and plenty of smiles.

A special thank you to all our parents and carers for ensuring the children have returned in full school uniform. They are looking incredibly smart, and it really sets a positive tone for the term ahead.

As we move through these winter weeks, we're all very much looking forward to lighter evenings and the warmer days of spring. There is so much to look forward to as the term unfolds, and we can't wait to share more of the children's achievements with you.



We are very proud to advise that our school has been selected to receive another award.

We have received the *Active Essex Key Stage 1 Award*. The award considers how schools are supporting positive early movement opportunities and also enabling all pupils to experience a broad range of experiences from ages 5-7.

Following this we have been invited to the annual Active Essex Key Stage 1 Awards Ceremony where selected members of staff and students will receive a framed certificate and will have the opportunity to take part in the exciting activities taking place on the day.

## Hawk Farm Visits

Students attending Hawk Farm have been enjoying their time on the farm despite the weather. Starting with a craft sessions and then on to petting the animals and visiting the reptile room.

Visits to the farm give our students time to practice good team work whilst cleaning and caring for the animals and taking part in various other activities.



# School Uniform Guidance

Please see enclosed information regarding our school uniform policy previously sent out.

As a reminder and linked to this, facial piercings are not permitted in school, with the exception of single stud earrings (which need to be removed for PE). They are a Health and Safety risk in an environment where sometimes students can become dysregulated. From January, children with facial piercings (i.e. nose studs) will need to remove them for the school day.

We do have a variety of second hand uniform available for parents/carers to purchase for a small donation.

If you have any questions relating to this, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher.

## School Uniform Guidance

\*Adaptations can be made for pupils with sensory discomfort or fine motor skill difficulties, please contact your child's teacher or email [ssaxby@marketfield.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ssaxby@marketfield.essex.sch.uk) if you have any queries

### Tops

- Navy or jade polo shirt (logo optional, available from suppliers)
- Plain navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (logo optional)

### Bottoms

- Grey or black skirt
  - Above knee → cycling shorts or leggings underneath
  - Below knee → no additional layer required
- Grey or black shorts or trousers
  - Speak to your teacher if trousers/shorts are difficult for your child
- Leggings are **not permitted** as trousers (our tops are not long enough to ensure dignity)

### Shoes

- Plain black, sensible footwear
- Toes must be covered (no sandals)

### Jewellery

- No necklaces, bracelets, or body piercings
- Watches are allowed (removed for PE), Apple watches not permitted
- Ear piercings must be studs only and must be removed for PE

### Coats & Hats

- No specific colour required
- Must be appropriate for the weather
- Hats are for outdoor use only

### PE

- Sportswear (not fashion wear)
- Optional PE kit is available from suppliers
- Pupils should wear or bring a kit to change into for PE
- Speak to your teacher if changing is difficult, we can help!

### Swimming

- Girls → swimming costume (tankinis/bikinis not permitted)
- Boys → swimming trunks
- Swimming nappies if required
- Bring towel and shower gel



## Spotlight on 7B and 7H



Students in 7B and 7H enjoyed having a Specialist Zoo member in class this week visiting from Colchester Zoological Society.

They will be enjoying regular visits every week until the end of term to give animal workshops.

# Spotlight on Titan Class

Titan Class have enjoyed creating some self-portraits in the style of Pablo Picasso. Followed by making some volcanos ready to paint and make explosions next week.



# Spotlight on 10P Class



Ms. Phoenix wanted to award the whole class as they had been great for their first week back, they collectively received a recognition certificate which is now up on display in 10P.

10P had a visit from resident author James Campbell working with the class to practice coming up with creative ideas for stories.

At the end of Friday the class enjoyed some fun time which included karaoke.

12 members of our staff team will be taking part in a 15,000ft skydive this April to raise money for our school. The funds raised will go towards creating a primary sensory corridor, providing an amazing Year 11 prom, and purchasing much-needed equipment for the school and our Duke of Edinburgh groups.

We are all stepping well outside our comfort zones to help support the incredible children in our school. If you would like to support us in this exciting (and slightly terrifying!) adventure, donations can be made through School Comms (link below). Every contribution, no matter how small, is hugely appreciated.

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

## MARKET FIELD SCHOOL - Academic Year 2026-2027

| September 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | December 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| January 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    | February 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    | March 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    | April 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
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| May 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    | June 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    | July 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    | August 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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- = School days
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = Non-Pupil days
- = New Starters only
- = Weekends

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

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| <b>Autumn Term:</b> | Tuesday 1 September 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026<br><i>Half Term 22 October – 30 October</i>               | 74 days         |
| <b>Spring Term:</b> | Monday 4 January 2027 – Thursday 25 March 2027<br><i>Half Term 15 February - 19 February</i>                 | 54 days         |
| <b>Summer Term:</b> | Monday 12 April 2027 – Friday 23 July 2027<br><i>Half Term 31 May – 4 June, and May Bank Holiday - 3 May</i> | 67 days         |
|                     |  | <b>195 days</b> |

**Please note:**

The non-pupil days are 1 & 2 September, 19, 20, 21 October 2026.

In addition, Thursday 3 September 2026 is for new starters to Market Field only. The rest of the students are expected in on Friday 4 September 2026. All students are expected in school on 22 & 23 July 2027.