

Market Field School

Respect, Excellence, Friendship



UPCOMING DATES

11th - 13th May
Bawdsey Residential

25th - 29th May
Half Term

22nd June - 26th June
Wales Residential

25th June - 26th June
Year 9 Overnight Residential

25th June
Junior Production

30th June - Transition Day (Including
new Starters)

6th July
Base Sports Day

7th July
Primary Sports Day

8th July
Senior Sports Day

9th July
Reserve Sports Day

10th July
Leavers Assembly, Year 11 Prom &
Year 6 Transition Party

16th July
Fun Day/Colour Run

17th July
Last Day of term (Students finish
at 12:30pm)

Head Teacher Message

By Ruth Whitehead

It has been a wonderfully busy and positive few weeks at Market Field School. Our Year 7 and 8 pupils enjoyed a very successful first residential trip of the year at Thorpe Woodlands, there were some very tired but happy children in the building on Wednesday. The children approached new experiences with courage, resilience and enthusiasm, and it was a pleasure to see them stepping outside their comfort zones and trying new things. My sincere thanks go to the staff who gave their time and energy to make this opportunity possible – and a huge well done to the pupils, who represented our school so well.

We are also incredibly proud of our cricket team, who have been crowned winners of the SEND School Finals. This is a fantastic achievement and a real testament to their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. We wish them the very best of luck as they move on to the regional finals and will be rooting for them.

To our Year 11 pupils, I would like to say how impressed we are with the continued effort and commitment you are showing as the exam season progresses. You have worked hard throughout your time at Market Field, and while this final stretch can feel challenging, the end is very much in sight. Keep going – we are all behind you.

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. Your feedback is extremely valuable to us, and we look forward to sharing the outcomes and next steps with you very soon. Congratulations to Cherry Class, who were our winning class for parent participation in the survey, we are excited to let them know that a reward trip will be coming their way shortly as a well-deserved celebration.

The sun is shining, hopefully the wind will drop and we can truly enjoy the Summer term. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Coffee Morning

We will be holding our next coffee morning on Wednesday 13th May 2026. This will be an opportunity to enjoy a hot drink and talk with members of our Safeguarding team, Senior Leadership team, Wellbeing team and Medical Team.

You will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have and meet other parents/carers.

If you would like to attend the coffee morning, please confirm your attendance by emailing
sarah.rogers@marketfield.essex.sch.uk

We are now coming into our warmer months, please can we politely remind you to ensure children have all school uniform labelled where possible. This will save us time in trying to locate any lost items and return them to your child asap. If you require any school uniform, we do have second hand uniform available for a small donation. Please email victoria@marketfield.essex.sch.uk if you require any items.

Free School Meals

A polite reminder that if your child is starting a new school phase this September (e.g starting year 3 or 7) and you are in receipt of Free School Meals or you feel you may be eligible, you will need to reapply online via the below link
<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims> if you are unsure or require further assistance, please feel free to email me on sarah.rogers@marketfield.essex.sch.uk

Transport

We would like to remind families about expectations for behaviour on transport to and from school. While school transport is not directly operated by the school and can sometimes feel like a grey area, we are increasingly concerned about a rise in negative behaviours on a number of routes which are being reported to the school either by parents or by transport. This includes the inappropriate use of mobile phones, verbal incidents, and behaviour that could be perceived as bullying or victimisation – including incidents linked to protected characteristics such as skin colour.

I met with Mr Smith earlier this week and we have agreed that moving forward, significant behavioural concerns occurring on school transport will be addressed under the school's Behaviour Policy (in addition to any consequence put in place by the Transport firm). Every child has the right to feel safe on their journey to and from school, and drivers must also feel safe and supported in order to operate their vehicles effectively.

We expect all pupils to uphold our school values of Respect, Excellence and Friendship throughout the school day – and this includes how they behave on the journey to and from school. This means:

- treating others with kindness and respect,
- using technology appropriately,
- speaking to others in a safe and respectful way, and
- understanding that words and actions have an impact on others.

We ask for your support in reinforcing these expectations at home. By working together, we can ensure that journeys to and from school are safe, calm and positive for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Ruth Whitehead

Thorpe Woodlands Residential 2026

Mr Dwight, Mrs Saxby and the staff that attended the Thorpe Woodlands residential would like to say a massive well done to each and every pupil that attended this trip. All of the adults involved were so proud of how everyone demonstrated the Market Field values at all times and showed such strong teamwork and leadership skills, as well as real character throughout. There were so many personal achievements and we are so proud of everyone. The instructors couldn't believe how amazing our young people are!

If you want to experience Thorpe Woodlands with your child, the team are holding a fun day which you are all welcome to attend. Please see below poster for more details.



Join us for

Thorpe Woodlands Family Fun day

£20pp
for a morning or afternoon of unlimited activities!

please feel free to bring a picnic or there is a cafe located at Forest Holidays

- *Archery
- *Zip Wire
- *High Ropes
- *Canoe Hire
- *Rock Climbing
- *TreeTrekking
- *Caving



scan me to book!
(please select the date then click "family adventure day")

29.05.26 Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre
Stadwell, Thetford IP24 2BX

9:30am - 12:30pm
OR
1:30pm - 4:30pm



Term Time Absences

We understand that many of our families choose to take holidays during quieter or off-peak times, and we genuinely appreciate the complex reasons behind these decisions. As a school, we are always sympathetic to the individual circumstances of our families and the practical and financial pressures they may face.

However, we also want to be open and honest with you. Schools are currently under increasing pressure from the Department for Education (DfE) to closely monitor and challenge all term-time absences. Today, Gary and I met with the Senior Attendance Specialist to challenge some of this scrutiny and whilst we have reached an uneasy compromise, the expectations placed on schools are now very clear.

As a result, we must remind families that:

- All term-time holidays must be applied for at least two weeks in advance.
- All holidays taken during term time will be recorded as unauthorised.
- Unauthorised holidays may result in a fine being issued by the DfE.

While our own beliefs and sympathies have not changed, as a school we are legally bound to follow national attendance regulations. We continue to take further advice on this and Gary is challenging the legal framework at the highest possible levels.

To ensure families are fully informed, we will be telephoning parents and carers who request a term-time holiday to make sure the implications are clearly understood before any absence takes place. In addition, term-time holidays will be referenced in Section 3b of Annual Reviews, 'Factors Influencing My Progress', as they can have a significant impact on learning, routine, and wellbeing. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and for continuing to work with us in the best interests of your child.

Throughout May, ACL Essex is offering a wide range of FREE online Family Learning courses.

These sessions are designed to support parents and carers with practical strategies to enhance emotional wellbeing, strengthen family life, and empower them in their parenting journey

Courses include:

- Fussy Eaters
- Getting an ADHD/ASD Diagnosis as Adult
- Growing Independence
- Managing Anger In Children
- Managing Anger in Young People
- Raising Girls
- Understanding Autism and ADHD
- Understanding Anxiety
- Understanding Anxiety in Children
- Understand Anxiety for your SEND Child
- Zones of Regulation

To sign up, simply visit www.aclessex.com and type the course title into the search box



TENDRING SHOW – SATURDAY 11TH JULY – FREE CHILD E-TICKET

As a thank you for entering the Front Cover Competition for the Tendring Show programme they are offering free child e-tickets for every child in our school. To claim your ticket(s), simply redeem this promotion code at the checkout of the online ticket page on their website <https://www.tendringshow.co.uk/about/tickets-admission/is>

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Charity Event

Please see below posters regarding a fundraiser kindly being held by a parent for Market Field School. There will be two events being held at the Brace of Pistols (St John's Road, Clacton-on-Sea).

Tickets can be purchased through the below links:

4th July event

[https://skiddle.com/deeplink?
type=event&ilid=41956371&skrep=4717311](https://skiddle.com/deeplink?type=event&ilid=41956371&skrep=4717311)

22nd August event

[https://skiddle.com/deeplink?
type=event&ilid=41956404&skrep=4717311](https://skiddle.com/deeplink?type=event&ilid=41956404&skrep=4717311)



A huge thank you for all of your kind donations given to our very brave staff team that took part in a Sky Dive raising funds for our Year 11 Prom and various other school projects.

Alongside the sky dive, staff have been holding sweet sales, raffles and film afternoons.

This wonderful effort has raised a huge **£6164.79**

School Transport

If you would like to apply for school transport, please note you are kindly advised to apply as soon as possible. Response times increase as we get closer to September with new starter applications. Please apply via the below link
www.essex.gov.uk/school-transport

Please note, you do not need to reapply if you already have transport, this is for new applications only.

