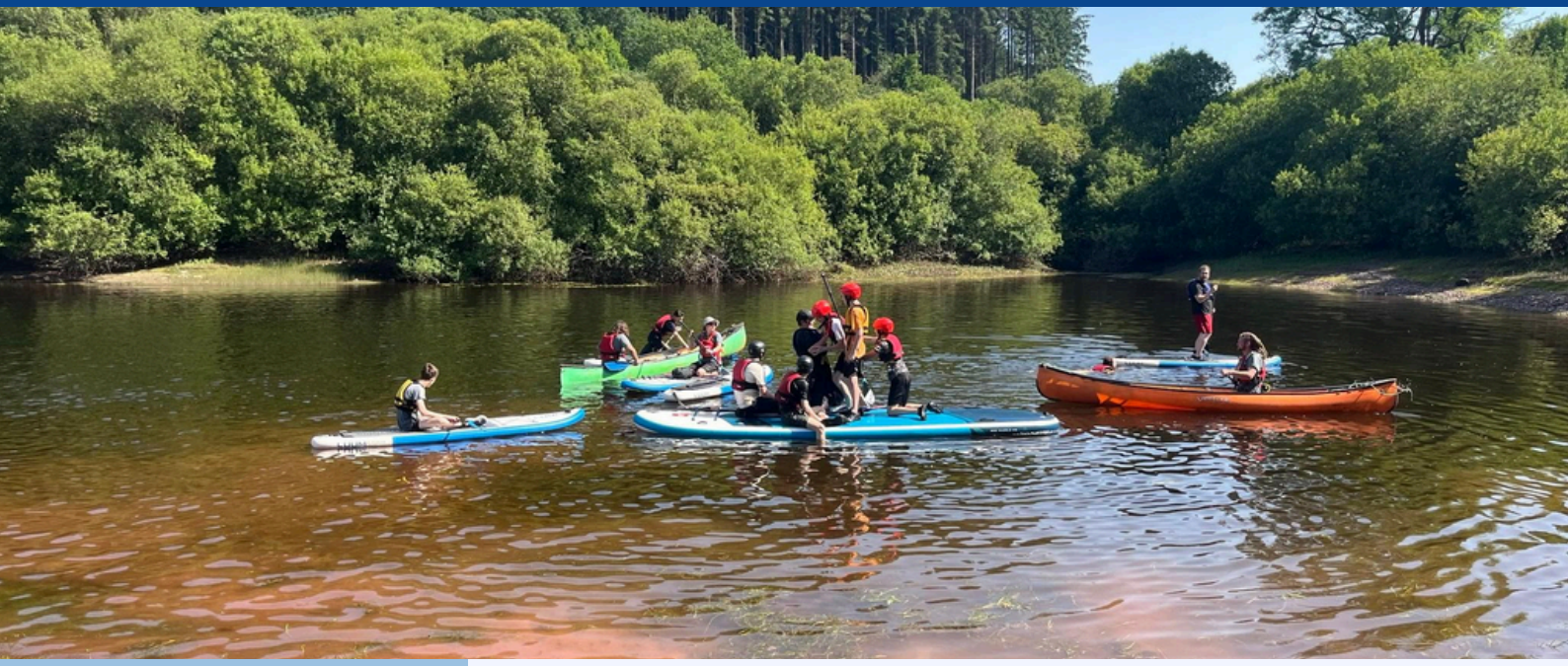
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Market Field School

Respect, Excellence, Friendship



UPCOMING DATES

15th July
year 6 Production

15th July
Year 6 End of Year Party & Assembly

16th July
Fun Day/Colour Run

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

1st September
Non Pupil Day

2nd September
Non Pupil Day

3rd September
New Starters Only

4th September
First day of term

Head Teacher Message

By Ruth Whitehead

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a truly tremendous year for our school community.

Our pupils have continued to achieve and excel in so many ways. We are incredibly proud to have been awarded the Gold Mental Health Award, recognising our commitment to supporting the wellbeing of every member of our school community. We have also celebrated sporting success with the achievement of the KS1 Sports Award, the development of our school rugby team, and an outstanding performance from our cricketers, who were finalists in the regional cricket finals. We had 3 successful residentials and a school sleepover where students pushed themselves out of their comfort zones trying things they never thought they would. We are currently looking at next years residentials and will firm this up early in the Autumn term.

Alongside these achievements, our pupils have made excellent progress towards their individual academic targets and EHCP outcomes. Every success, no matter how big or small, represents the determination, resilience and hard work shown by our children, supported by dedicated staff and families.

A special mention must go to our leavers. We are immensely proud of everything they have achieved this year as they worked towards their accredited courses and prepared for the next stage of their education. They leave us with many wonderful memories, and whilst they will be greatly missed, we wish them every success and happiness as they move on to their college placements and new opportunities.

To all of our other pupils and families, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you have a safe, enjoyable and well-deserved summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Friday 4 September.

On behalf of everyone at Market Field School, thank you for being part of such a positive and successful year.

Staff vs Student Rugby Match Report

It was a great day for our first MFS Rugby Match, the Battle of the Brave! There were banners and flags waving, cheering and clapping and an overwhelming sense of excitement and trepidation in the stands!!

The players from both teams faced each other with a mixed bag of emotions. The air was tense.....the nerves were quietly being managed and each team was hoping for a win! As the spectators scanned the proud faces of the players, it was clear to see the values of Respect, Excellence and Friendship shining bright and underpinning each individual's sporting attitude.

The match began with some fast moves from Mr Hayter and a weak defence from the MFS Rugby Team but as the game gathered some pace, the MFS Rugby Team improved their communication and tightened their line. A sneaky try from Jenson unsettled Nice Try.....the pressure began to work and cracks appeared in the resolve of some of the staff. Things began to fall apart with some unruly players attempting to argue with the ref, culminating with a Yellow Card for Mr Crees. The crowd went wild at his beginners mistake!

This was the opportunity the MFS Rugby Team needed!! Continuing with a player down was a tough call for Nice Try and Captain Kim did her best to rally the team. As the game entered the final quarter, the MFS Rugby Team had stepped up and were beginning to look stronger and with a possible chance of taking home the glory!! The crowd erupted in a final cheer when a questionable try was scored by Alfie. The Ref consulted with the touch ref and TMO system and the try was allowed due to the ball making contact with a blade of grass before leaving Alfie's hand. Some discontent erupted in the Nice Try players enclosure, but as play continued, the MFS Rugby Team kept their heads in the game and played to the whistle.

A final score of 4 - 2 to the MFS Rugby Team was announced by Ref Hester. Captain Kim graciously accepted the wooded spoon on behalf of Nice Try and led them through the players arch to a round of applause from the winners. The MFS Rugby Team were all awarded medals for their dedication to the match.

A special recognition goes to the MFS Team Captain Riley and Vice Captain Jack, and all Y11 players who are retiring from the team, making way for new players to join in September

~ Miss Rixon



Bawdsey Residential 2026

The children that attended Bawdsey were absolutely amazing and a real credit to their parents/carers. They represented the school amazingly.

They showed such resilience and determination in one of the coldest camps Mrs Whitehead has done in a long time-and they did it in tents!

Even though they had to tackle the weather challenges, the children were able to enjoy a range of activities from archery, basketball, fencing, quiz night and a campfire.

At the end of the camp, an award ceremony was held and we proudly awarded the below:

Resilience-Olivia
Have a go award- Charlie
Friendship-Madelyn
Leadership-Buster
On the water-Nethanyel
Camp comedian-Jack
Bravery-Lance
Problem solving-Isaiah
Excellence-Faith
Most adventurous-Ellie
Respect-Morgan









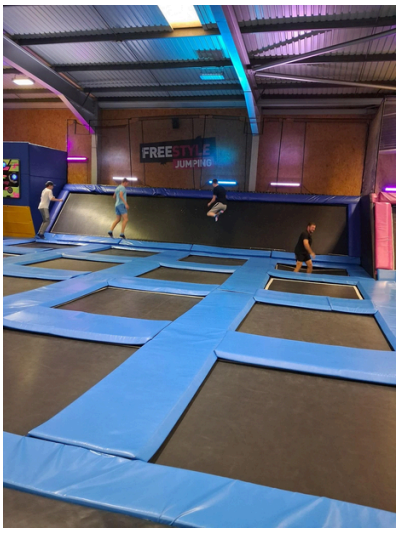


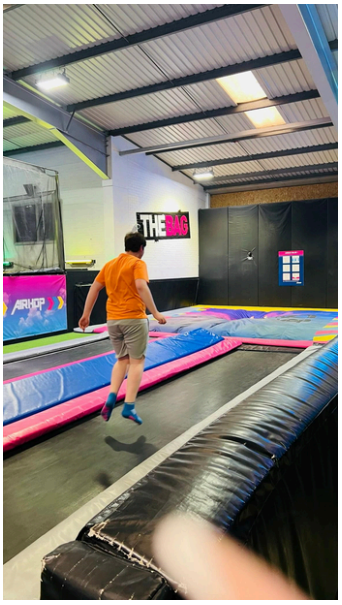
Year 9 Residential 2026

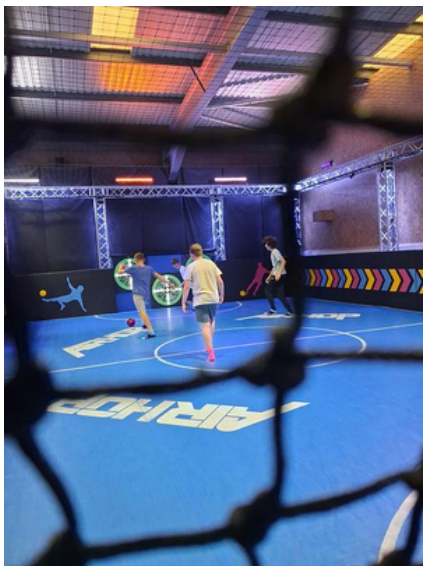
Weather did not stop play for our year 9s on their sleepover residential. Despite it being the hottest day of the year, they had a great time at Airhop in Colchester bouncing for nearly 90 minutes. It was really lovely to see children from different classes and pathways playing together and helping each other.

The football area was a firm favourite while we saw some amazing acrobatics on the trampolines and lots tried their hand at the obstacle course. All that bouncing built an appetite and they demolished a mammoth pile of pizzas and gallons of slushies.

Back at school, children settled into air-conditioned rooms to play board games or watch films or the football before getting a pretty good night's sleep. The next day, we made our way to Cineworld in Ipswich who gave us our own screen to watch Toy Story 5 in which was really good. To finish off our fun 24 hours, we had Greggs for a late lunch before heading home!







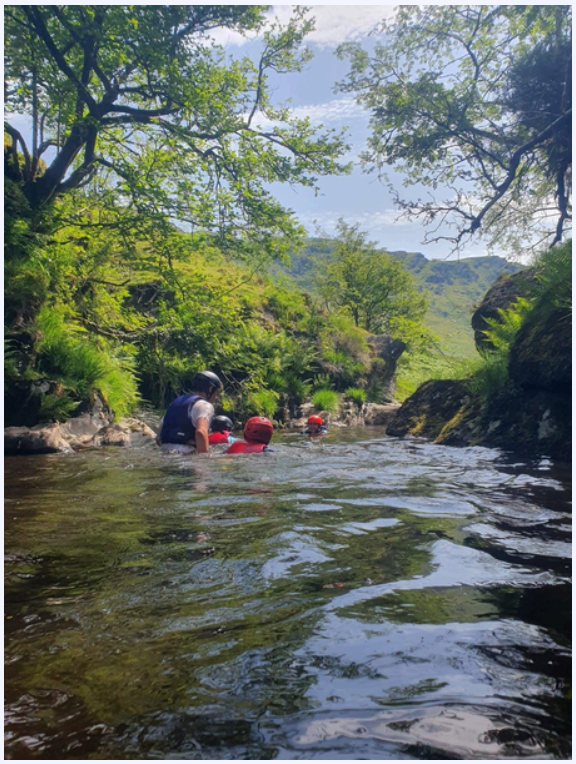








Wales Residential 2026



Our recent residential trip to ARC Adventures in Wales was a fantastic experience. We were fortunate to enjoy amazing weather throughout the week, with clear skies and warm temperatures allowing us to make the most of the beautiful Welsh scenery.
The trip was packed with exciting outdoor activities that challenged us, built our confidence, and encouraged teamwork. Students took part in stand-up paddleboarding (SUP boarding) and kayaking, developing their balance and water skills while enjoying the stunning surroundings.

Another amazing activity was the rock climbing, where students pushed themselves to reach new heights and overcome personal challenges. We also explored underground environments through cave exploring, which required courage and resilience.
The fun continued with an energetic laser tag competition that brought out everyone's competitive spirit. Students also experienced gorge walking, wading through rivers and navigating rocky terrain as they worked together to overcome natural obstacles.

Back on dry land, we tested our accuracy and concentration through archery, axe throwing, and air rifle shooting. These activities allowed students to develop focus, patience, and self-discipline while learning new skills in a safe and controlled environment.

Throughout the residential, students demonstrated excellent teamwork, perseverance, and positive attitudes. They supported one another during challenges, stepped outside their comfort zones, and created lasting memories with their peers.

The combination of glorious weather, breathtaking Welsh landscapes, and a wide range of adventurous activities made this residential trip a huge success. It was a valuable opportunity for personal growth, friendship building, and outdoor learning that will be remembered for years to come.

We would like to thank the staff at ARC Adventures as well as all the staff and students who helped make the trip such a success.











As always, a massive thank you to the staff for attending the our Residentials again this year. It is wonderful to hear all the stories and memories made during these trips. We are now working on the residentials for 2027 and more information will follow shortly.

School Dinner Arrears

Please can we kindly remind you that all outstanding dinner money arrears needs to be cleared before close of business on Friday 17th July.

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact Carol on Carol@marketfield.essex.sch.uk.

School Transport

If you would like to apply for school transport, please note you are 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.

Year 11 Prom 2026

Our Year 11 Leavers' Prom was a truly unforgettable evening and a fantastic celebration of our amazing students. Everyone looked incredible, with some very memorable arrivals—including students who came on the back of a motorbike, in a limousine and even on horseback!

The school hall was transformed thanks to the beautiful decorations and table centrepieces. Students tucked in to an ice cream and toppings bar, pizza, a buffet and drinks from the bar and enjoyed making the most of all the entertainment on offer. The bouncy castle, glitter face painter and Magic Mirror photo booth were a huge hit, while the fantastic live music from We Are Music and brilliant DJ set from Miss Dani kept the dance floor busy all night.

A huge thank you to all the staff and who helped make the evening such a success. Most importantly, thank you to our wonderful Year 11 students for making it such a fun, joyful and memorable celebration. We are incredibly proud of you all and wish you every success and happiness for the future.

Year 11 Team
















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Roof Works Completed – Thank You for Your Patience

We are delighted to confirm that the roof replacement works have now been successfully completed. This marks the end of a significant project that has spanned much of the past year, and we would like to sincerely thank all parents, carers, pupils and staff for their patience, understanding and support throughout the process.

As part of the arrangements during the building work, we introduced a staggered start and end to the school day. Having reviewed our data and observations over the past year, we have found that this approach has led to calmer transitions, reduced congestion and a more positive start and finish to the day for many of our pupils. As a result, we will be continuing with the staggered start and finish times moving forward.

Thank you once again for your continued support as we strive to provide the best possible environment for our children and young people.

Sports Day Update

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your patience and understanding regarding Sports Day this year. We know how much our pupils and families look forward to this special event, and we were disappointed not to be able to hold it as originally planned.

We are currently working on arrangements for a rescheduled Sports Day and are aiming for the week commencing 21 September. We will confirm the date and details as soon as possible once all arrangements have been finalised.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to welcoming families to celebrate our pupils' achievements and participation when the event takes place.

Farewell and Best Wishes

As we come to the end of another successful year, we would like to say farewell and thank several valued members of our school community.

After joining Market Field School as our day cleaner during the Covid pandemic, Miss Jaq went on to become one of our Learning Support Assistants, a role she has held for the past four years. Miss Jaq is now retiring, and we would like to thank her for her dedication, kindness and commitment to our pupils. We wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

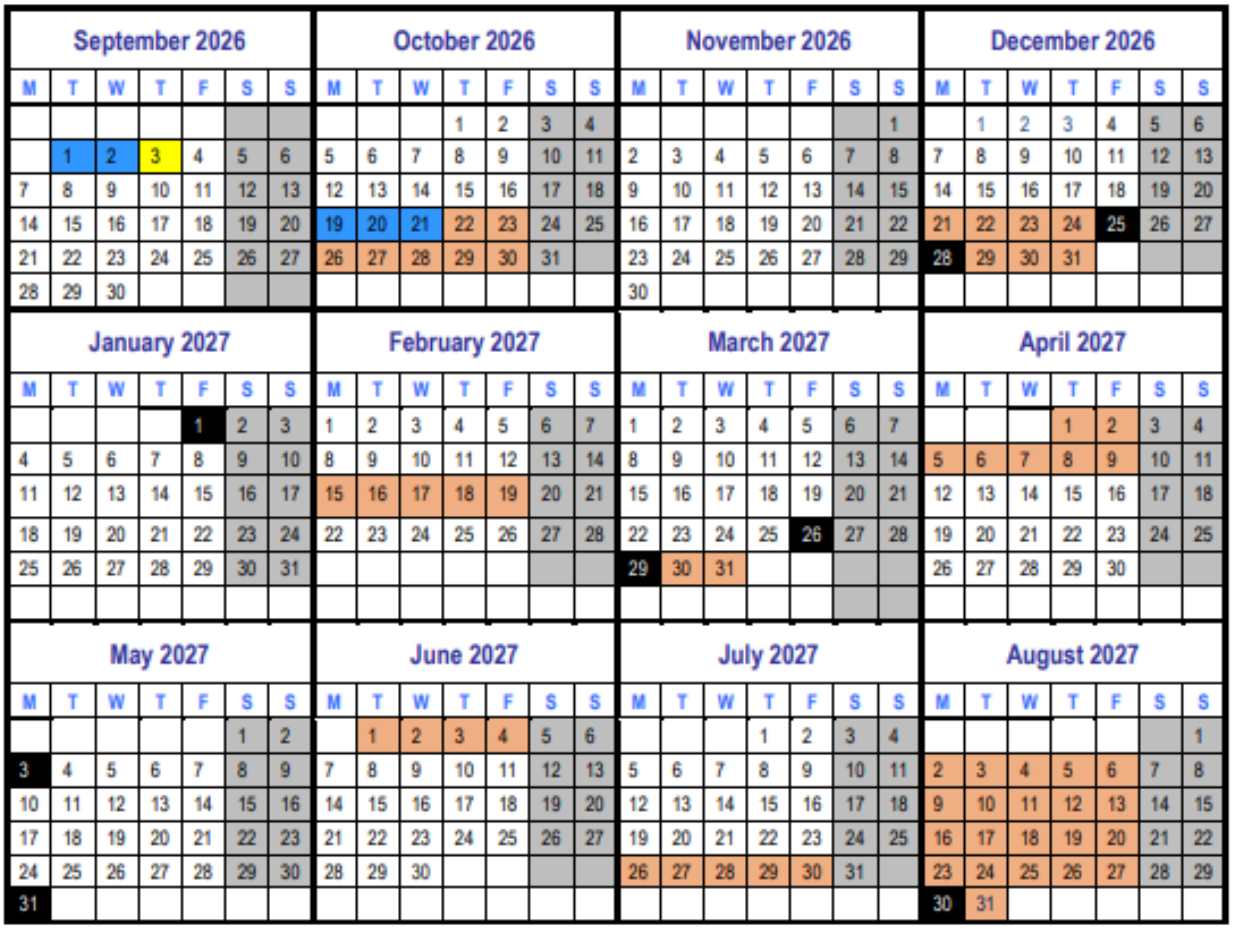
We also say goodbye to Mrs Button (Mrs Shelley), who is moving to a new school closer to home. We thank her for all she has contributed during her time at Market Field and wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

From our Speech and Language Therapy team, we say farewell to Bea and Lexy, who are moving on to new settings. Their expertise and support have made a real difference to many of our pupils, and they will be greatly missed.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge our HR team, who will be moving to the Trust Headquarters as part of the Trust's centralisation process. We thank them for their support, professionalism and valued contribution to the school over the years.

To everyone leaving us this summer, thank you for being part of the Market Field family. We wish you all the very best for the future and every success in your next chapter.

MARKET FIELD SCHOOL - Academic Year 2026-2027



= 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.

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

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 September2026. All students are expected in school on 22 & 23 July 2027.