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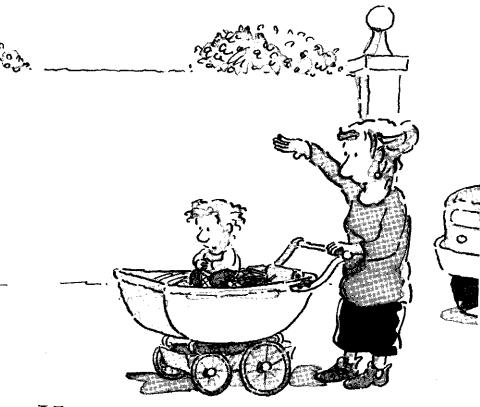
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School's Out







"Happy Birthday, Jack!" his mum called. Jack was embarrassed by his mum – specially wheeling that old pram, with Madam Brown the guinea pig inside and his little brother Duggie perched on top.

Jack's mum was not like the other mums. "Hi, Jack!" she called.





He made a neat little sidestep around Mum's kiss and turned it into a game of football with his friend Sam. Sam was coming home with Jack this afternoon for Jack's birthday tea.



Just the two of them (not counting Duggie and Madam Brown).

"Mum, why did you have to bring that old pram? Why not the low racy one with three wheels?" Jack asked.

"Because Madam Brown's cage won't fit. And you know Duggie won't come without her," replied Mum.

Jack did know really.



