

**Educational Visits
to
St Augustines Farm**

Excellent Facilities

Free School Visits

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Booking a visit.

We recommend you telephone or email us to arrange a free preliminary visit. We can suggest the structure of your day and include modules to fit in with the particular focus of your visit. A guided tour and planning session is offered with your free preliminary visit.

A number of free educational visits are available to schools. These visits are funded and provided through Natural England's Environmental Stewardship scheme, which aims to deliver widespread environmental benefits by working in cooperation with farmers and landowners. Remember, although the visit is free, you will need to organise and pay for transport. After the free visits are gone, the cost of educational visits is £3 per pupil.

Cancellation Arrangements

If you are unable to carry out your visit, please let us know as soon as possible

Facilities

Toilets with hot and cold water. Outside washing facilities with warm water, Good coach parking facilities. Comprehensive risk assessment on which you can base your own. A designated building for schools, suitable as meeting point and for packed lunches. Pupils may leave bags and coats here during the visit. Picnic area in field. Activities may be carried out undercover in Red Barn if wet. Access for those with disabilities to farmyard and some paddocks. Hot drinks available for staff. Gift Shop. Schoolroom is meeting point if children get lost. Go to shop or farmhouse in emergency.

How to find us

We are located between Bristol and Gloucester in the horseshoe bend of the River Severn, approximately 5 miles from Junction 13 of the M5 motorway. Just south of Whitminster on the A38, follow the brown signs to St Augustines down the B4071. Pass through the village of Frampton and after 2 miles cross the canal and keep left on the unclassified road to Arlingham. After 3 miles keep straight on through the village and carry on 100 yards until you turn right into our car park.

Dear Teacher

We invite you to spend an exclusive day for your school on a family farm with the farmer and the farmers wife, a former teacher. St Augustines can provide you with everything you need for your farm visit.

Hands on.

"From Grass to Glass". A working organic dairy farm where you and your class can get hands on experience of dairying - watching the milking right in the parlour and feeding the calves.

A living classroom.

A living resource for many areas of the curriculum including History, Geography, Science, English, Maths and Art well as a great opportunity to learn about food production;

Get to know the countryside.

Explore over 50 acres and discover fields, hedges, ponds and wildlife. Develop skills in movement and co-ordination on the adventure playground.

Tailor made visit.

A trip can be specifically topic based or can be open-ended where key skills can be developed through various activities. A school trip to a farm is not a day out where work stops but a world of opportunity for the teacher.

Yours sincerely

Robert and Elaine Jewell

A Typical School Visit.

- 10.15 Arrival by coach.
- 10.30 Introductory talk by farm staff.
- 10.45 Pupils feed calves under farm staff supervision.
- 11.45 Split into small groups to visit farm animals under teacher supervision.
- 12.00 Picnic lunch in field or school room.
- 12.30 Milking. Pupils go into milking parlour to see cows milked by farm staff.
- 1.00 School party walks farm trail,
- 1.30 Opportunity for play, revisit farm animals, visit shop or question farm staff.

St Augustines Farm and the National Curriculum.

Pupils can develop their knowledge and understanding during their visit. Key skills such as communication, application of number, working with others, problem solving and the thinking skills of information processing, reasoning, enquiry, creative thinking and evaluation can all be addressed by learning about and participating in everyday life on the farm.

Example: Science programme of study.

Key Stage 1 pupils can learn:

- 1a about things that are living and things that have never been living.
- 1b how animals move, feed, grow, use their senses and reproduce.
- 2b that animals need food and water to stay alive.
- 2e how to treat living things with care and sensitivity.
- 2f that animals produce offspring which grow to adults.
- 4b that living things can be grouped eg: mammals.

Key Stage 2 pupils can learn:

- 1a that there are life processes including nutrition, motion, growth, and reproduction.
- 2e that animals have skeletons and muscles to support and protect their bodies and help them move.
- 5a ways in which living things need protection.
- 5c that animals are suited to their environment.
- 5d how to use food chains to show feeding relationships in a habitat.
- 5e how nearly all food chains start with a green plant.