

# NETHERCOTT FARM TRIP

February 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> 2026



Mrs Heron-Njie has lead 14 trips to Nethercott Farm over her years at Kelvin Grove. This year there will be one trip exclusively for Year 5 children during the Spring Term.

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The trip is Monday - Friday, with children experiencing life on a working farm and truly immersing themselves in the experience. Hosted and organised by the charity Farms For City Children.

# F FARMS FOR CITY CHILDREN



Clare and Michael Morpurgo established FFCC in 1974 and the founding farm, Nethercott House in Devon, opened in 1976, held by FFCC on a long peppercorn lease. In 2001, the Charity purchased the house outright and began a programme of much-needed refurbishment.



# FFCC

The charity offers city children from all over the country a unique opportunity to live and work together for a week at a time on a real farm in the heart of the countryside.



# THE HOUSE



While at Nethercott Farm we stay in a manor house with Nethercott Farm staff providing and preparing all meals. The house offers up spacious rooms for meal times, relaxing and games. In the evenings when the Nethercott team leave it is just Kelvin Grove staff and the children in the house.



Nethercott House sits overlooking the Dartmoor National Park in a stunning rural location. It is a grand but homely Victorian manor house with sweeping lawns that lead down to the serene River Torridge. It provides an oasis of peace and calm for our visiting farmers.

The Charity has established a long standing relationship with the Ward family which allows the children to experience life on a real farm.

The children travel to Bridgetown farm via a trailer.



The children, alongside the KG Staff, will live in the house for the entire week.

The children will sleep in dorms, which all have bunkbeds.

Boys will reside at one end of the house and the girls at the other end. KG adults have their rooms in between.



There are many rooms  
in the house where  
children can relax,  
spend time with friends  
and engage in various  
activities.





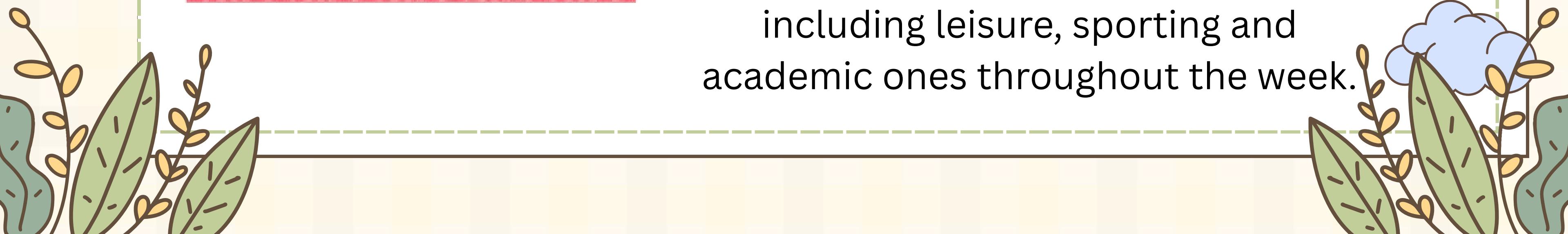
**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**



The children will be organised into 3 groups led by a member of staff. They will stay in this group the entire week.

Each day is organised so that farm jobs are completed before breakfast, during the day and in the early evening.

There will be time for other activities including leisure, sporting and academic ones throughout the week.

# SAMPLE TIMETABLE

Farm days typically start at 7.30 and end at 7pm.  
Here's an idea of what you might get up to during your visit.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Sheep	Partner farm	Goats	Packing
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Horses	Gardening	Nature walk	Farewells!
	Break	Break	Break	
Welcome	Pig weighing	Bird watching	Farm tasks	
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Induction	Farm task	Free time	Reflections	
Farm walk	Crafts	Farm task	Woodland	
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
Pigs & Poultry	Free time	Pigs & Poultry	Story telling	





Highlights, of course, include caring for the various animals. We always try to book a visit near lambing season, to see newborns. Children are especially taken with the baby chicks.

We rotate in 3 different groups throughout the week, taking on different tasks, chores and activities. Everyday one group takes on the task of preparing a hearty lunch, cooking in the kitchen with our chef.



# FOOD AT NETHERCOTT



## SAMPLE MENU

### Monday

**Lunch**  
Pasta with tomato sauce and garlic bread  
Devon cream tea

**Dinner**  
Homemade beef burgers served with  
potato wedges and peas  
Flapjack

### Tuesday

**Breakfast**  
Porridge, cereals, toast, bacon, eggy bread,  
roasted tomatoes

**Lunch**  
Homemade pizza served with apple  
slaw and salad  
Chocolate fudge cake

**Dinner**  
Lamb curry served with rice and  
naan bread  
Blondie

### Wednesday

**Breakfast**  
Pancakes, porridge, cereals, toast

**Lunch**  
Quorn fajitas  
Apple crumble and custard

**Dinner**  
Roast Pork served with stuffing, apple  
sauce, roast potatoes, parsnips,  
carrots, red cabbage and gravy

### Thursday

**Breakfast**  
Scrambled eggs and baked beans,  
porridge, cereals, toast

**Lunch**  
Toad in the hole served with  
cauliflower cheese  
Raspberry cheesecake

**Dinner**  
Shepherds pie served with green beans  
and sweetcorn  
Blueberry muffin



### Friday

**Breakfast**  
Crumpets, croissants, porridge,  
cereals, toast

**To take home**  
Packed lunch

# BENEFITS OF A VISIT

Our aim is to grow children and young people during their week's residential on one of our farms.

It truly is a special trip that makes life long memories for the children.

- ✓ Enhanced physical activity.
- ✓ Improved social interactions.
- ✓ Reduced reliance on technology.
- ✓ Increased awareness of nature.
- ✓ Practical experience of farm to fork.
- ✓ Enhanced noticing skills and empathy.
- ✓ Improved grit and growth mindset.
- ✓ Increased service and citizenship.



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ALL FOR  
COMING