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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Farms for City Children Year 5 Residential Trip

I am pleased to inform you that a fantastic opportunity of a **Residential Trip** has been offered to our current Year 4 children for when they are in **Year 5**.

The trip will take place at **Wick Court Farm from Monday 19 to Friday 23 October 2026**. It will give the children the opportunity to be a **'Farmer for the Week'**!

The farm is part of the 'Farms for Children' Charity, it is a working farm purely for children and is based just outside of Gloucester. The charity has been awarded a substantial amount of funding for 3 local Primary Schools from Gloucester, of which we were chosen and thus we are able to offer this residential trip to **36 children at a massively reduced price of £105 for the complete trip**.

We believe that the learning opportunity and the new activities they will undertake will be like nothing they have ever experienced and most definitely will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

The children will stay in bright and cosy dormitory-style bedrooms with en-suite facilities, and there will always be a minimum of 4 members of staff on site plus staff from the charity.

The children will take part in a range of activities from feeding the animals, grooming the horses, herding sheep, visiting a local dairy farm, bee keeping, bird and bat watching and tending to the farm's gardens where they will pick fresh produce that will be used in the meals they eat and of course mucking and cleaning out all of the animal's enclosures!!

The children will have **3 homemade meals a day** using fresh produce either grown on the farm or purchased from local producers. Many of the meals will be cooked by the children themselves in special preparation sessions with the kitchen team.

The children will have some free time of which can be spent playing table tennis, basketball outside in a safe space, or in classrooms, library or craft room which are all full of books, games and fun activities.

I must say from my visit to the farm this is a fantastic learning opportunity and experience for your child. It will boost their confidence and self-esteem, raise their awareness of the importance of sustainability and give an insight into the vital role played by farmers, but most of all your child will have a great time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Gardiner
Headteacher

Please return the slip as soon as possible as places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis, even if your child went last year. We need the slip as well as payment via the portal.



RE: Farms for City Children Year 5 Residential Trip 2026

I would like my child _____ in Class _____
to go on the **Year 5 Residential trip to Wick Court Farm** from **Monday 19 to Friday 23 October 2026**.

I agree to pay the amount of £105 via Parent Portal ☐

I have paid a non-refundable £25 deposit to secure my child's place via Parent Portal ☐

Signed (Parent/Carer): _____

Parent/Carer's Name _____

Parent Emergency Contact number: _____

