



Whirlow Hall Farm Trust
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A classroom in the countryside...



EDUCATION PROGRAMME

September 2017 to August 2018

For ages 3–18+

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We welcome schools and groups on pre-booked day and residential visits. Our programme offers curriculum links to science, literacy, maths, geography, history, art and design and PSHE, for all age groups from pre-school to A level.

We offer vocational skills programmes for 14+ years.

How to make a booking

Choose from our fabulous range of farm tours for a half-day visit. Match your tour with one of our fun and active sessions to make your visit a full day. Our sessions are designed by teachers to engage all children in quality learning. If there is something you are looking for which is not in our brochure, please get in touch. Our education team are always happy to design an experience tailored to your needs.

Contact **0114 2360096** or educationenquiries@whirlowhallfarm.org



“ Learning Outside the Classroom is an essential element of a broad and balanced curriculum. ”

OFSTED

| KEY STAGES | EY/FS | KS1 | KS2 | KS3 | KS4 | KS5 | SEN |
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| COLOUR CODE | | | | | | | |

EXPLORING THE FARM

“ The children found out about where our food comes from and can now link it to healthy eating and buying sustainably. ”

Swinton Queen School



Farm tour – half-day session

Our half-day tour helps pupils learn about where their food comes from and how farm animals are reared. We have sheep, pigs, cows, goats, ponies, hens, ducks, geese, quail, rabbits and guinea-pigs. From stroking spring lambs to picking autumn raspberries, pupils gain hands-on experience to help them understand about lifecycles, the relationship between farming, food and animal welfare, all led by our experienced education team.

Please select from the following tours:

Where Food Comes From

Lifecycles

Sensory

Animal Welfare

Plants and Growing

Maths on the Farm

Selective Breeding and Domestication of Animals

For more information about our farm tours please ring and speak to a member of the team on **0114 2360096**.



“ Most children need to experience to learn and Whirlow certainly provides top quality life experiences. ”

Walkley Primary School



“ The staff member was brilliant with the children and made each section of the tour fun with information delivered at just the right level for our children. ”

Brightside Nursery and Infant School



We are committed to help promote healthy eating and the well-being of all children and young people.

Hands-on Farming

Get active on the farm by helping with a range of real farm jobs; picking raspberries in the field; collecting potatoes fresh from the soil, pasture management and other seasonal activities.

Farm to Fork

Seasonal, practical sessions linked to our fruit and vegetable production. Build skills around the harvesting, preparation of food and healthy eating. Popular sessions include:

- Make bread or pizzas and collect tomato and herb toppings straight from the farm to cook in our outdoor clay oven
- Harvest summer fruits and make smoothies, fruit kebabs or a harvest crumble
- Cook and taste Whirlow sausages
- Make a seasonal soup using Whirlow vegetables
- Prepare and cook lamb koftas using Whirlow lamb
- Learn about how compost is made and used on the farm
- Feed the hens, collect the eggs and make pancakes.
- Learn all about the importance of bees for food production. Find out how a hive operates and sample the produce.

“The adult support was excellent and pitched exactly right. The children used the word ‘amazing’ throughout. They were thrilled to be trusted to create their own soup. It brought our discussions on food to life.”

St Mary’s Catholic School

Bring reading to life with our imaginative and fun story book sessions. Choose from a range of countryside tales and re-enact stories through read-along, role-play, puppets and creative hands-on activities. Choose from the following:

Green Eggs and Ham

Little Red Hen

Where the Wild Things Are

Who Dung it? – The Story of the Mole who knew it was none of his business

Farmer Duck

Rosie’s Walk

Gruffalo

We’re Going on a Bear Hunt

Stickman

Other storybooks available on request

“Wonderful Farmer Duck experience.”

Shortbrook Primary School



“So much more than I was expecting!!! Again well organised and age appropriate with exciting activities linked to the story.”

Whiston Junior and Infant School on Little Red Hen Day



💧 Great resources for explaining parts of the plant, lovely activities for children to understand how pollination works and what plants need. 💧

Canklow Woods Primary School

Our sessions enable pupils to work scientifically and to look more closely at the world around them.

Roots and Shoots

Investigate the journey from seed to plant, their basic needs and reproduction (Apr-Oct).

Habitats

Explore the habitats of birds, bees and badgers that live around our farm, find out what they eat and how they fit into the food chain.

Discovering Minibeasts

Investigate a range of habitats, collect and identify minibeasts using keys, view them on our video-microscope (Apr-Oct).

Pond Lifecycles

Explore pond ecosystems, learn to use keys, identify and classify pond creatures, identify food chains (Apr-Oct).

Clever Clods

Investigate different soils, make predictions, carry out fair tests and compare soils from different locations.

Woodland Study

Focus on the interaction of plants, animals and environmental conditions. Field studies can include techniques such as quadrat sampling and identification.

A-Level Biology:

Energy and Food Production

Observe biological pest control and hydroponics in our polytunnel. Compare use of natural and artificial fertilisers and pesticides, crop rotation and modes of egg production. Enhances biology A-Level syllabus.



Meet our costumed historical characters from Whirlow's past and engage in practical role play to meet your curriculum needs and period of study.

Early Farming

From spinning with drop spindles to planting with wiggle sticks, this fun and interactive session offers children the opportunity to experience how early farmers lived on the land. Full day with our history of farming farm tour.

Roman and Tudor sessions coming soon. Please enquire for more information

Victorian Life on the Farm

Experience farm life for the Victorian child. Milk the sheep, churn and pat the butter, wash the clothes in the dolly tub, collect eggs and groom a pony. Play with toys of the time and compare and contrast to life today.

Victorian Christmas

Help prepare the Victorian farm for Christmas – decorate the Christmas tree, make the Christmas pudding, discover the origins of the Christmas cracker and other seasonal family traditions.

World War II on the Farm

Experience life as an evacuee during World War II in this whole day session – learn about rationing, prepare for the Blitz, sound the air raid siren and extinguish an 'incendiary bomb'. Tour the farm with our 'Land Girl' and help with war-time farm jobs.

Christmas at War

Get the wartime farm ready for Christmas and find out about what life was really like in the war for those at home on the farm. Tour the farm with our 'Land Girl' to see how a war-time Christmas dinner is grown on this full day visit.

Local History Study

Become a historian for the day. Take part in a local history study, looking for clues in and around our historical buildings and landscape. Explore continuity and change on the farm through the ages.

💧 The Early Farming session was very practical and moved at just the right pace, the resources were good quality and realistic to reflect the nature of early farming. 💧

SESSION CROSS-CURRICULAR LINKS

Use this guide to help you identify the curriculum links for your chosen session.

| Areas of the Curriculum | Sessions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Farm Tour | Where Food Comes From Farm Tour | Lifecycles Farm Tour | Sensory Farm Tour | Animal Welfare Farm Tour | Plants and Growing Farm Tour | Maths on the Farm Tour | Selective Breeding and Domestication of Animals Farm Tour | Hands-on Farming | Field to Fork | Green Eggs and Ham | Little Red Hen | Where the Wild Things are | The mole who knew it was none of this business | Farmer Duck | Rosie's Walk | Gruffalo | We're Going on a Bear Hunt | Stickman | Roots and Shoots | Habitats | Discovering Minibeasts | Pond Lifecycles | Rocks and Soils | Woodland Study | A-Level Biology: Energy and Food Production | Early Farming | Victorian Life on the Farm and Victorian Christmas | World War II on the Farm and Christmas at War | Local History Study | Whirlow Through the Farmer's Eyes | Star Orienteering | Food Production at Whirlow | Business Enterprise | Woodland Adventure | Farm Art | Den Building and Bush Craft | Earth Walk | From Sheep to Wool | | | | | | | | | |
| Science | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | ● | ● | | | | | |
| Mathematics | ● | | ● | | | | ● | ● | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | ● | ● | | | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| English | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| Geography | ● | ● | | | | ● | | ● | | | | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | ● | ● | | | | | | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | | |
| History | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | | |
| Healthy Eating | ● | ● | | | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | ● | ● | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PSHE | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | | | ● | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Art & Design | | | | | | | | | ● | ● | ● | | ● | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| Design and Technology | | | | | | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |



GEOGRAPHY AND BUSINESS



Inspire young people's curiosity and fascination about the world.

Whirlow Through the Farmer's Eyes

Explore diversification and land use around the farm in order to understand the challenges of modern farming. Follow the map around the farm identifying land use and topographical features. In our high-welfare pig unit explore inputs, outputs, processes and feedback loops.

Star Orienteering

Navigate the wider farm on our orienteering trails. Students work in small teams developing map-reading skills to collect letters on their journey around the farm. Develops teamwork, communication and independence skills.

Food Production at Whirlow

Compare intensive large-scale farming with organic farming and free-range farming, looking at both plants and animals. Investigate the conditions of caged and free-range hens and compare strawberries grown out in the open with those in a polytunnel.

Business Enterprise

Calling all budding entrepreneurs! Come and participate in hands-on agriculture and see what is involved in large-scale fruit and veg production. Develop a business idea for selling our soft fruits, eggs, vegetables or sausages. Suitable for Y6/7 transitions, GCSE Business Studies or new-to-sixth-form team-building exercise.

ART, CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION

Woodland Adventure

Take a journey of make-believe and imagination! Collect beautiful colours from nature and find treasures on the journey to our enchanted woods. In the woodland hear fairy stories, build fairy homes from natural objects and make wishes with fairy dust.

Farm Art

Explore and create sculpture looking at colour and form. Collect natural materials from around the farm and be inspired by the works of Andy Goldsworthy to create an outdoor sculpture.

Den Building and Forest Schools

Develop confidence and group cohesion in this challenging and exciting woodland session. Activities include den building, bushcraft, fire making and cooking outdoors. Can be linked to the literacy session 'Where the Wild Things Are'

Earth Walk

A sensory exploration of the countryside around the farm using a range of hands-on activities including 'nature's palettes', 'eye in the sky', 'meet a tree' and 'smelly cocktails'.

From Sheep to Wool

Meet our sheep and explore the properties of wool from fleece to felt. Make and take a crafted item home with you.



“ Students from urban areas generally have a real disconnect from the countryside... without Whirlow there would be a big gap in their knowledge and appreciation. ”

“ The Den building and Bush craft activities were the part I enjoyed the most. The children loved the link with the story 'Where the Wild Things Are' and they haven't stopped talking about how much they loved roasting marshmallows by the fire. Truly a once in a lifetime experience for some of my children. ”

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

A life-changing experience for pupils of all ages! Our two-night stay and package of exciting farm activities gives pupils the space to develop confidence, build new relationships and spend quality time outdoors. Available all year, each building sleeps 12 and 2 staff and is fully equipped for self-catering.



The Hall

Located in the heart of the farm, this traditional stone building has a kitchen, dining room and sitting room. Upstairs, two dormitories sleep 6 on bunk beds with separate staff bedrooms close by. The attractive walled garden provides a place to play and relax.



The Westfield Barn

Set amongst farm fields, the barn offers a real countryside experience. Popular with special needs groups, the building is fully accessible with lift, hoist and modern disabled-access toilet and shower facilities. Enjoy stunning views of the farm and the surrounding countryside.



“ Our first ever residential, and it was fantastic! Brilliant children, great activities and lots of excitement! Thanks Whirlow Hall Farm!!! ”

Oasis Fir Vale

“ This is a dream come true. ”

Child on residential from Brightside Nursery and Infant School

Your stay will include the following led activities:

Farm jobs: Experience farm life by feeding the goats, rabbits and guinea-pigs, grooming a pony and collecting freshly laid eggs.

Farm tour: Meet our animals and discover the wider farm setting.

Pony riding: Ride one of our gentle ponies in our all-weather arena with our trained instructor.

To add more to your timetable, choose from our full range of sessions, for a small additional charge.

Whirlow Hamper

A stay at Whirlow is all about discovering the food we eat and where it comes from. What better way to get this message across to children than by helping to harvest, prepare and eat our fantastic, fresh farm produce. Please enquire for more details.



Self-led opportunities

- Explore our farm trails with our trail pack
- Borrow our equipment and go pond dipping
- Explore the Peak district, Forge Dam and Mayfield Valley
- Visit our farm shop and use fresh produce to prepare your meals (open Wed – Sun)

“ The Whirlow residential is the best visit I have ever taken a group of children on. It was my first time at Whirlow and I enjoyed every minute of it. To see how much the children benefited from these experiences blew me away. ”

Mansel Primary





Primary Inclusion groups

In partnership with Sheffield Primary Inclusion Panel we offer a nurturing curriculum-linked programme of therapeutic farm based activities to help children better understand themselves and provide schools with valuable insights into each child's learning needs.

Secondary Qualifications and Vocational Skills Program

We offer hands-on vocational experiences and/or qualifications on our working farm, with a focus on developing employability and life skills.

- AQA Unit Award Scheme
Entry Level and Level 1
- City and Guilds Extended Diploma in
Animal Care
Level 1 and 2

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Bespoke courses are available for students within mainstream settings who have special educational needs and disabilities to attend 1 day a week. Numeracy and literacy skills are taught through farm-based activities designed to develop life skills. With a strong emphasis on art and creativity, our program gives students the opportunity to learn at their own pace in a nurturing environment.

Post-16 Qualifications

We offer a range of BTEC qualifications in partnership with Sheffield College. For more information on our post-16 programmes or any aspects of our Alternative Provision, please check out our new website or ring our education team on (0114) 2360096.

“ A highly supportive environment for some of the city's most vulnerable young people. ”

Sheffield City Council



Charges

Please see our website for all our charges. We may be able to offer financial assistance to schools who meet specific criteria.

Familiarisation

Book a pre-visit session to orientate yourself with the farm and discuss the details of your visit. Alternatively, visit the farm at the weekend and join a tour of the farm led by one of our friendly volunteers.

How to find us

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Minibuses are available. Please enquire about availability when booking.

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