

Dear Parents/Carers

We have planned for our Nursery farm visit to Hollow Trees Farm, Semer on **Thursday 7th May 2026 for both our Squirrel and Badger groups to go on the same day**. The children are to come to Nursery by 9.00am to enable us to register and toilet them before leaving at 9.30am. We will return to Nursery at approximately 3.00pm. Please collect your child at the normal pick up time of 3.20pm.

During the visit we will be taking part in activities led by the staff at Hollow Trees which include learning about what is grown on the farm, planting our own seeds to take home, helping to look after the crops, learning about all the different animals and feeding them. We will also have an exciting ride on the tractor and trailer as well as a biscuit snack from the farm café. We will have some time to explore the farm trail and play areas after lunch.

If you do not wish your child to visit the farm, please remember that there will be no normal Nursery that day. Nursery will be open as normal on Friday 8th May.

To comply with Health and Safety Policies we must make you aware of the school policy on farm visits and other relevant information which is available in full in the Nursery for you to read, so you can make your own decision about whether you want your child to go on the trip.

During this visit children might be allowed, under supervision, to handle the animals. Hands will be washed afterwards.

Your child will need to bring a packed lunch (please remember we are a nut-free school and this includes peanut butter). They will also need a drink in an unbreakable container – no cans please. Please also ensure your child has suitable clothing, wellingtons and a waterproof coat.

We would be grateful if you could contribute **£14.50** for the cost of the trip **by Monday 27th April please**. This covers the entrance fee for children, plus transport costs. If you wish to pay in 2 instalments of £7.25, this is available to you via your Arbor app. Unfortunately, due to a much tighter school budget, if we receive insufficient contributions to cover the cost of this visit, we may have to cancel. Thank you for your understanding.

Under new educational visits guidance issued to schools, we need to let you know that after the visit, should your child show any signs that necessitate a doctor's appointment, please mention that they have recently visited a farm. This is just precautionary.

Yours sincerely

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