

EDUCATION VISITS 2025





FARM INFORMATION

Contact details

**Willow Tree Family Farm, Langwith
Road, Shirebrook NG208TF**

No: 01623748808

Booking a visit

In the first instance, please email
david.anthony@willowtree-farm.co.uk

How to get here

By Road: Shirebrook is 10 min from
M1 JUNCTION 29,

By Bus: Public bus services stop is
outside the attraction

**Bus Mansfield 23, 12
Chesterfield 81**

By Rail: Train we are on the East
Midlands train line worksop to
Nottingham and only a 5 min walk
from the train station.



Our Farm

We are situated in Shirebrook on the Darbyshire Nottinghamshire border.

A farm visit can offer your school a real **hands-on experience** of visiting a farm and getting the chance to get up close to the animals.

We can tailor your visit to fit any area on the National Curriculum such as **English, Maths and Science,**

Filled with educational activities and engaging tasks, perfect for the whole class!



If there is anything you would like to cover, our education rangers are waiting to take your calls on: **01623478808/07798895093.**

Please note

That where we refer to “a class” this is based upon a maximum of 40 children. For pre-booked groups of 15 or more children. We can accommodate 80 children per day we can split up into groups

OPTION ONE

TOURED Visit

Whether your visit is an end-of-term treat, or to cover part of the curriculum, we can take all the stress out of the day for you!

Learn about animals

You can decide which ones to see with your ranger or let us pick for you depending on your learning focus.



Choose from a range of activities from
ONLY £8.20
per child

What your day includes:

- ✓ **FREE** pre visit for 2 teachers (no children) to risk assess facilities
- ✓ **1 FREE** adult with every 5 paying children
- ✓ Use of designated area to store bags/ lunchboxes
- ✓ Animal food supplied
- ✓ Use of indoor and outdoor play areas
- ✓ Farm Ranger to accompany you until lunchtime, who will tell you all about our lovely animals, get some of our furry friends out for you to meet
- ✓ Afternoon for free time
- ✓ Complete access to everything on our daily itinerary
- ✓ chance to do the following activities:
 - Animal tour -meet and feed farm animals around the farm
 - meerkat Feed
 - Reptiles meet and great
 - Play areas including giant jumping pillows

OPTION TWO

FREE RANGE Visit

For pre-booked groups of 15 or more children

Willow Tree Farm is perfectly suited to your little lambs, and we believe our Free Range package is baa-rilant value for money!

Perfect for Pre-School and Nursery Visits.

We appreciate the young need to learn through play and hands on experience, and for many, this will be the first time they get to feed a goat.

Your Free-Range Visit:

- ✓ **FREE** pre visit for 2 teachers (no children) to risk assessing facilities
- ✓ **1 FREE** adult with every 5 paying children
- ✓ A designated lunch area
- ✓ Use of our indoor and outdoor play areas

AND...

- ✓ Complete access to everything on our daily itinerary!



Prices are only

£7.95 PER CHILD

With **1 FREE** adult per 5 paying children.

Any additional adults are

ONLY £3.50

1st FEB-30th April

£3.50 PER CHILD

ANIMALS YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE:

Pigs, goats, cows, reindeer, alpacas, poultry including chickens, ducks, ponies, wallabies, meerkats, cows, donkey and small furry critters in the small animal zone such as rabbits, guinea pigs, reptiles, tortoise.

FACILITIES:

- ✓ Ample free parking for coaches and cars
- ✓ Numerous hand washing facilities
- ✓ Conveniently located lavatories
- ✓ Dedicated disabled changing rooms suitable for adult or child
- ✓ Wheelchair access to MOST areas
- ✓ A covered area suitable as a meeting point, for packed lunches or for wet weather activities

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING ALONG:

- Sturdy sensible shoes (wellington boots in wet weather as we do get very muddy on the farm!)
- Our site is very exposed and lots of The animals are outside, coats and appropriate clothing for the time of year please
- In the summer, suncream, hats and extra drinks are a must!
- Packed lunch and water bottle
- If you wish to play on bouncy pillows, socks must be worn
- Optional, spending money for an ice cream £2 or key ring £3.50



DONT FORGET
Dress for the
correct weather



HEALTH AND SAFETY

You are no doubt aware that visits to a farm do carry a very small but real risk of infections to humans. By following simple hygiene procedures, as you would with your own pet, teachers and parents should have, however, no reason to worry. We believe the benefits of such a visit far outweigh any reason to stay away.

Willow Tree Farm prides itself on its cleanliness and its excellent hand washing facilities located in every animal area. It is advisable to bring a spare pair of shoes, allowing for dirty footwear to be taken home in a disposable plastic bag.

USE YOUR FREE ADMISSION

Before your visit to help you plan and complete a health and safety risk assessment.



BEFORE YOUR VISIT:

Parents and pupils will benefit from being notified in advance of the following:

- Advice on what the children should wear. We have little shade in the summer, and can get very muddy in the winter.
- A spare pair of shoes and a plastic bag.
- A reminder that all existing cuts and abrasions should be covered before the visit with something like a plaster.

DURING YOUR VISIT:

- ✓ Food **cannot** be eaten in the animal enclosure areas. Food can only be eaten in designated picnic areas, the restaurant or your school meeting area.
- ✓ After contact with animals (and before children eat their lunch), please ensure that their hands are washed with soap and dried properly.
- ✓ Young children should have adult supervision to ensure that hands are washed properly.
- ✓ When children are petting or feeding the animals, please warn them not to place their face or mouth against the animal's or put their hands in the animal's mouth.
- ✓ Before you depart, please ensure all children wash their hands thoroughly one last time.

SPECIAL NEEDS FACILITIES

We pride ourselves on being an accessible site. From extra wide paths to a changing places toilet with hoist system in place, getting round shouldn't be a problem.

Our changing places offer we have a purpose-built disabled toilet and changing area, with a bed and lift mechanism suitable for adults, and a height adjustable sink, perfect for wheelchair users.

Our helpful staff are
on hand to discuss
any special
requirements you
may have!

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WILLOW TREE FARM PARK

SCHOOL GROUP BOOKINGS

Terms and Conditions

Payment and Booking:

- School Group visits are only available Monday-Friday, term times as per NCC, DCC education time table.
- A non-refundable deposit is required to secure the booking and will be deducted from the final cost of your visit. For groups / schools must buy their tickets online.
- Changes to the date of your visit will be accommodated as far as possible but cannot be guaranteed.
- The group booking rate of £8.20 per child is for groups of 15 or more children that have booked in advance. You will be entitled to 1 adult free for every 5 children that you pay for. This will not be rounded up e.g. if you bring 34 children you will be entitled to 6 free adults and not 7. Additional adults will be charged £3.50. Disabled groups get 1 complementary adult carer per paying qualifying child.
- **Full payment for your visit is due before the visit starts, either on or before the date of your visit.** Payment can be made on our website when booking your tickets

On the day:

- Please arrive 15 minutes before your allocated arrival time and report to the cafe to pay the balance if still outstanding, and to receive wristbands for your free adults. Your guide (if you have one booked in advance) will meet you and talk to your group about health and safety.
- Please do not leave valuables here as Willow Tree Farm cannot be held responsible for your property as the lunch area will not be locked.
- You will be allocated 30 minutes for using the lunch area. Please be aware that another group may be using this space immediately before or after your group, so please leave the room as you would wish to find it and place all rubbish in the bins provided. Please keep to your allocated times. If the weather is fine, you are welcome to use the outside picnic area for lunch instead.
- Willow tree farm reserves the right to make last-minute changes to your itinerary, but wherever possible will endeavour not to change this without informing you beforehand. Please ensure that all the adults in your group have a copy of your itinerary and a map of the farm. Please turn up to your activity at the correct time and try not to disturb other groups who may have an activity booked before you.
- Your visit will go ahead whatever the weather, but please come dressed according to the weather conditions as although part of the attraction is under cover, many of the animals will be in paddocks outside.
- The adults will be responsible for the supervision of children and for ensuring that the children wash their hands thoroughly with soap and warm water after touching the animals. They should also ensure that they do not put their hands in their mouths and only eat and drink in the designated areas.

Cancellations and changes to the Group Booking:

- The deposit paid at the time of booking is non refundable if the visit is cancelled, irrespective of the notice given.
- In the event of there being a reduction in the number of children visiting, the farm must be notified as soon as possible so that places on the booked activities can be offered to other groups.
- In the event of there being an increase in the number of children visiting, the farm must be notified as soon as possible.
- In the event of Willow Tree Farm having to cancel your visit due to unforeseen circumstances, an alternative date will be offered. This only happens in instances beyond our control – e.g. Closure of the farm due to adverse weather or animal health etc.

A close-up photograph of two young meerkats standing on a reddish-brown, sandy surface. The meerkats have greyish-brown fur with darker stripes and are looking towards the left. The background is blurred, showing more of the same terrain.

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