



THE AUTUMN TERM 2011



British Food Fortnight: An annual campaign to help children find out more about the countryside and where their food comes from. Visit the website and get access to a wide range of exciting resources and inspiring competitions, all designed to help children understand where their food really comes from.

Take part in a 'Countryside Day for Schools' and see first hand where food come from through memorable, first-hand learning experiences!

www.britishfoodfortnight.co.uk

Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd September tbc

During the day you will have the chance to explore the Fruit Farm and understand the production of apples as well as learning how the farm produces 23 tonnes of mushrooms each week. You will also visit the new dairy and learn how milk is produced from the estate's Ayrshire and Holstein cows.

Leckford Estate, Stockbridge, SO20 6JF

www.waitrose.com



Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 29th September tbc

An organic farm comprising dairy, beef, sheep, pig and arable enterprises. See how a modern organic farm avoids the use of pesticides and fertilisers through crop rotation, good husbandry and by encouraging natural predators through habitat creation and conservation. Learn about bees and explore the woodland.

Home Farm, Goodwood, Chichester, PO18 0QF



Thursday 6th October tbc

Explore the 2,500 acre estate and see how the beef and game are managed. There will be an opportunity to learn about crop production and the machinery used, and explore the walled vegetable garden. Whilst the river activity offers hands on exploration of other countryside habitats.

Bereleigh Estate, East Meon, Petersfield GU32 1PH



Thursday 13th October tbc

The farms boasts 160 dairy cows, 550 sheep and 1200 acres of crops. The farm attempts to balance the commercial imperative with sympathetic management for wildlife. Explore the countryside see the dairy cows and learn about milking, investigate crops and understand how they turn into the everyday products we have in our cupboards.

Northington Farm, Overton, RG25 3DJ



Hampshire Country Learning
in association with The Country Trust

Countryside Days for Schools 2011

Learning through first hand experiences

Hampshire Country Learning has been providing healthy, safe and well supported learning experiences for the last ten years. As a charitable organisation we organise countryside education days for **key stage two** children throughout the year. Each visit provides an opportunity for all pupils to explore, enjoy and learn about the countryside whilst delivering various core elements of the **national curriculum**.



Support materials for teachers are available prior to the visit to allow for preparation and follow up work. A **twilight teacher briefing session** takes place before all countryside days as a pre-requisite to the visit and we strongly advise that teachers attend this in order to receive vital information and undertake their own risk assessments.

Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm

Age: Key Stage 2

Facilities: Toilets and picnic area available

Cost: No charge although a donation of £1 per child is gratefully received

Please ensure you complete and return your booking form as soon as possible as spaces are limited.

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Choose your venue



www.thinkfoodandfarming.org.uk



Thursday 31st March

Spend the day exploring the arable crops at Northington Farm. With over 150 dairy cows and 500 breeding ewes there is plenty to see (maybe even a lamb being born). Learn about milk production and how the calves and lambs are cared for.

**Northington Farm,
Overton,
RG25 3DJ**

Thursday 28th April

Visit Home Farm and learn all about milk production, exploring the milking parlour and studying the herd. Investigate crop production and find out what the crops turn into, learn about the machinery required to grow the crops. Woodsmen and gamekeepers will share their skills and all will learn about the history of the estate and house. **Farleigh Wallop, Basingstoke, RG25 2HT**



Thursday 6th May

Experience the milking parlour and learn about how the cows are milked and cared for. Explore the beautiful bluebell woodland, learning about the role of the gamekeeper and coppicer. Learn about crops and machinery from the Farmer,

**Meyrick Estate,
Christchurch,
BH23 7EB**



Thursday 9th June

The estate has a large dairy herd, beef animals, sheep and cereal production.



With beautiful woodland and a range of farm machinery there is plenty to explore whilst you get close to the animals and learn how commercial farming can go hand in hand with nature and wildlife conservation.

**West Tisted, Alresford,
SO24 0HL**

Tuesday 14th June tbc

Located within beautiful woodland, grassland and arable land. Discover how the river is maintained and enjoyed, learn about crops and get close to the suckler cows. Enjoy the wonders of the vegetable garden and learn about the history of this beautiful estate.

**Middleton Estate,
Longparish, SP11 6PL**

Thursday 16th & Tuesday 21st June

Learn about eggs from the organic chickens, pork from the pigs, milk from the water buffalo, fruit and vegetables from the traditional walled garden. Laverstoke is an organic farm believing healthy soil and animals means healthy people.

**Laverstoke Park,
Overton, RG28 7NT
www.laverstokepark.co.uk**

Tuesday ? May tbc

See the milking parlour, meet the herdsman and learn about how the cows are milked and how they and their calves are cared for. Learn about farm crops, farm machinery. Meet the gamekeeper and find out about gamekeeping and wildlife management. Discover how honey is produced on the farm..

**Lodge Farm, Southwick,
PO17 6DH**

Tuesday 17th May tbc

Explore the 2,500 acre estate and see how the beef and game are managed. There will be an opportunity to learn about crop production and the machinery used, and explore the walled vegetable garden. Whilst the pond dipping offers hands on exploration of other countryside habitats.

**Bereleigh Estate,
East Meon,
GU32 1PH**

Thursday 19th May

Visit Manydown to experience how farming and the countryside have been managed to maintain jobs, produce food and enhance our countryside. Also see spinning and shearing, learn about crops and deer management.

**The Manydown
Company,
St Lawrence, RG23 8PE
www.manydown.co.uk**

Tuesday 21st June

Learn about sheep production from the shepherd, how crops including wheat and barley are grown, how the gamekeepers help manage the estate and explore the secret gardens with Lord Canarvon.

**Highclere Estate,
Highclere, RG20 9RN**



Tuesday 5th July

The 2500 acre farm attempts to balance the commercial imperative with sympathetic management for wildlife. Explore the farm, see sheep, crops and visit Coombe Gibbet aboard tractor and trailer. Discover the walled vegetable garden and find out about the history of the house.

**West Woodhay,
Newbury, RG20 0BS**



Throughout the year

Hampshire Country Learning also coordinates smaller unique school visits to a variety of individual farms throughout the year. These trips can meet the specific needs of the teacher and we are lucky to be able to offer a wide range of locations. These visits can be designed to suit each Key Stage.



Monday 6th June

Learn about life and work in the forest both past and present. Meet the gamekeeper and foresters to learn about woodland management and go back in time at Cob Cottage. Meet and learn about the animals that help to conserve the New Forest.

**Beaulieu Estate,
Beaulieu, SO42 7ZN
www.cet.org.uk**

Tuesday 13th July

Spend a day at Rotherfield Park to explore the farm, see the dairy cows and crops. Discover the wonders of the woodland and gardens. Learn about how the 2500 acre farm attempts to balance the commercial operations with sympathetic management for wildlife.

**Rotherfield Park,
East Tisted,
GU34 3QN**



Thursday 9th June

Learn about rearing sheep, crop production and farm machinery from the experts who work on the estate. Groups visit the woodland and explore the skills of the gamekeepers and foresters, before taking a tractor & trailer ride up to the estate wind turbine.

**Facombe Manor Estate,
Andover, SP11 0DS**

We are very grateful to the generous individuals and organisations who allow us to use their staff and property each year so that we are able to provide such unique and educational opportunities for so many school children. Each Countryside Day for Schools is unique as it reflects the day-to-day activities that are taking place on each estate, ensuring that we are able to make each day special. These are only very brief summaries of what is involved during each of the days that we are able to offer. More detailed information for each Countryside Day for Schools is available upon request. If you would like to know more about any of our Countryside Days for Schools or need some help deciding which is the right day for your pupils then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please note that a representative from each school is required to attend an after school briefing approx. two weeks prior to the actual day to receive preparatory information, ensure that the risk assessments are accurate and that the day runs smoothly.