



# GOODWOOD EDUCATION TRUST

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## WELCOME TO THE GOODWOOD EDUCATION TRUST.

We are delighted to welcome schools all year round for farm visits, weekly Forest School sessions for more vulnerable student groups, and offer woodland experiences through the holidays and weekends.

Our programmes are:

Farm Visits for Schools, including free visits for disadvantaged schools

Woodland learning, including weekly Forest School for vulnerable students in Alternative Provision or Special Schools.

Children in the Community, including partnerships with local charities and Forest Adventures through school holidays, particularly for those on low incomes.

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For primary and secondary students, our farm visits are adaptable to suit all areas of the curriculum. They feature a tour of the Dairy, time with the calves, learning about milk processing, trying samples of our own organic milk, making butter from cream (and tasting it), include a nature walk to discover environmental farming practices, the chance to meet the pigs and the sheep (seasons depending) and a visit to the Farm Shop to learn about butchery and retail.

From 2025, students will be able to see our new milking robots (yes!) and compare and contrast different techniques for milking, and how technology helps farmers.



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The farm visits are a great opportunity for students to learn about different careers and training opportunities, in line with the new Gatsby benchmark #5 – Encounters with employers and employees.

## FREE FARM VISITS

We offer free trips to state schools with high numbers of children eligible for Free School Meals or those with Special Educational Needs. We can offer a free class Farm Trip (30 students), and significant subsidy for coach travel. We're now taking bookings for academic year 2025/2026.

A Primary School teacher said:

“Thank you so much for the amazing trip we had with you today. The children had a lovely time and the staff said it was a beautiful trip. Thank you for all the planning, resourcing and effort that was made throughout the process, it has been super!”



## FOREST SCHOOL

We now have five weekly Forest School groups, for children who need additional support. We are full for regular groups, do contact us for future availability into 2025/26 or for a one-off woodland session.

A Secondary School attending weekly for Forest School said:

“Forest School creates opportunities to be successful whilst building teamwork, self-esteem and confidence. One of our pupils has not received a suspension for over a term and a half. This remarkable progress reflects the shift in persistent disruptive behaviours. The number of lesson removals has dropped dramatically, and he has improved his engagement in lessons.”

## CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY

Through the autumn we've welcomed children who are Young Carers, those supported by the Snowdrop Trust with life-limiting or terminal conditions, and a group recently diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes, made possible with NHS staff attending.

The NHS group, who brought an incredible nursing team with them to make the day possible said:

“The Forest day was brilliant! It was great to see the young people enjoying themselves and there were some lovely moments with big smiles from a couple of the young people when they suddenly noticed that they weren't the only one with T1D!”





## DISCOVER THE DOWNS

Funded by the **Access Unlimited** partnership, we've been hosting schools with more than 30% Pupil Premium for Farm Visits. Schools across the South Downs National Park have benefitted from a free Farm trip and support with transport costs.

Stanmore Primary School from Winchester said:

“The children had a tour of the dairy farm and process as well as looking at the machinery used throughout. Both classes got to try some organic milk, grind flour and churn their own butter”.

## TERRIFIC TREES

We offer a workshop for primary children to learn all about trees! Based in our 20 acres of semi-ancient woodland, children learn about trees, through a forest walk, identifying deciduous and non-deciduous trees, trying leaf-printing, and of course a campfire.

## SCHOOL TRANSPORT

We know that the cost and availability of coach travel is a real barrier to getting children outside.

Sources of assistance include:

The South of England's Agricultural Society **transport funding** offers schools up to £250.

The South Downs National Park Authority 'Discover the Downs' **outdoor learning grant**.

The National Express **Middle of the Day** offer.

### 2024

We ran 155 Forest school sessions  
1959 children visited the farm  
32% of children on a free farm visit were eligible for Free School Meals



## DISCOVER A PATH IN STEM

The FOS TECH Stem Programme is now in its third year with plans for its biggest presence yet at Festival of Speed. The programme is designed to ignite the fascination and support the aspirations of 11-16 year-olds. Young minds can attend the festival and get up close with racing teams and engineers, plus get hands-on with the latest in motorsport technology and beyond in our dedicated tech exhibition Future Lab.

As well as attend expertly curated STEM Seminars from industry leaders at the Goodwood Education Trust.

Register your interest for the FOS Tech STEM Programme [here](#).

## STEM SEMINARS AT FESTIVAL OF SPEED 2025

Our free-to-access STEM seminars for secondary schools are running again on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th July. Bring your students to hear from industry-leading experts working in creative and product design, and free tickets to the Festival of Speed.

Email us now at [get@goodwood.com](mailto:get@goodwood.com)

You can watch the seminars from 2024 [here](#).

Book your STEM Seminar by contacting the Goodwood Education Trust.

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