



GOODWOOD EDUCATION TRUST



WELCOME TO THE GOODWOOD EDUCATION TRUST.

We are the Goodwood Education Trust, an independent environmental education charity operating on the Goodwood Estate, near Chichester. For almost 50 years we've connected children with nature:

Farm Visits for schools, including free visits for disadvantaged schools.

Woodland learning, including weekly Forest School sessions for vulnerable students.

Children in the community, woodland activities, including partnerships with local charities and Forest Adventures through school holidays.

Open all year round, we'd love to discuss how we could work with your children.

You can contact us at get@goodwood.com or call us on 01243 755157



LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM QUALITY BADGE AWARD

The Trust has achieved national recognition for our educational visits and has been awarded the Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) Quality Badge.

Awarded by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, the LOtC Quality Badge offers teachers the reassurance that the venue is providing high quality educational experiences and have the appropriate risk management structures in place, meaning less paperwork for schools and peace of mind for teachers.

FARM VISITS

We welcome schools year-round for farm visits, to one of the country's largest organic farms. There's a lot of calves to meet, pigs to visit, milk to try and technology to see. Learning about where your food comes from, and meeting the people who put food on our table, fits in so many curriculum areas, as well as the Gatsby Benchmarks. For schools with high numbers of children eligible for means-tested Free School Meals, we continue to offer free trips (a class of 30) and support where possible with transport.

We're now taking bookings for Autumn 2025 and Spring 2026. With easy parking and accessible facilities, our stunning Education Centre caters for all. Our diary is filling up so don't miss your opportunity!



SPRING TERM 2025 INSIGHTS

835 children visited the farm

525 children were on a free trip

Of this, 49% were eligible for means-tested free school meals

We ran 65 weekly Forest School sessions

Feedback from a recent primary school visit:

“The children had an incredible day and such fantastic learning experiences. They have been talking about all the different things they saw and about all of the animals they got to see”



OPEN FARM SUNDAY

In conjunction with the Farm and the Farm Shop, we are hosting **Open Farm Sunday**. On Sunday 8th June, from 10am – 4pm, the farm will be open to show our local community how we grow food and care for the environment and animals. With free parking, and free to access, there'll be tractor rides, shearing demonstrations, woodland activities and walks, and food demonstrations. The Farm Shop will be open to stock up on our produce. Booking in advance is essential.



THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The South of England Agricultural Show, 6 – 8 June at Ardingly is a showcase and celebration of land-based industries and their produce and is an ideal learning opportunity for students of all ages. Suggested itineraries can be provided, tailored to your interests.

Schools are able to book tickets [here](#).

CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY

We've funded a variety of woodland activity sessions for different groups this year already. These include children with Down's Syndrome, Looked After Children and teenagers struggling with their mental health.

One group visiting recently said:

“The older boys loved the den building and all had fun in the hammock; this is something that one of them hasn't had much experience at all of”





FOREST ADVENTURES

We're open for summer holiday fun for primary children through the summer holidays!

Book your place [here](#).

HOLIDAY, ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

We've bid to be a HAF provider for the third year running, offering day-long woodland fun for primary children eligible for means-tested free school meals. With spaces fully booked in 2023 and 2024, we'll share information direct with schools as soon as it's available.

New for 2025 – we hope to offer sessions for secondary children.



FOREST SCHOOL

Those attending weekly for Forest School have been enjoying our incredible new shelter. Featuring a beautiful creative design, crafted with care to nestle into the environment, it provides shelter and inspiration for all the activities taking place. Thank you to Artizans of Wood for their careful construction.

We are fully booked for weekly sessions until 2026, although we may be able to accommodate one-off or occasional sessions.

To the children, Forest School is about play, about being outside, about trying things safely. To the adults, it's far more.

Feedback from Forest School tells us:

“She used to struggle in this type of environment but now seems to fully engage, highlights for her included the mud kitchen and den building”

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The Goodwood Education Trust is the working title of The West Sussex Countryside Studies Trust, registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation number 1198212.