



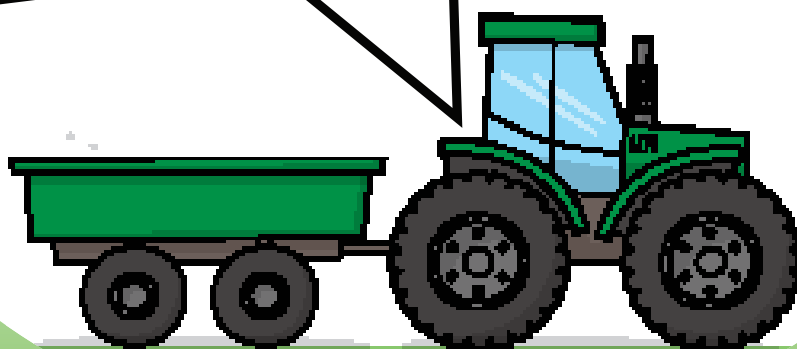
OPEN
ALL YEAR
Seasonal
Activities

The learning experience

Teacher Pack

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The Stockley Farm Park Team bring learning to life through a variety of fun, interactive activities.



Sophie Green
Learning Officer

Welcome to the Stockley Farm Park Teacher Pack!

As a former teacher, I understand the stresses that can sometimes accompany the booking of a school trip, so we have created this pack to give you a step-by-step guide to planning, booking and undertaking your visit to the farm to make your experience as easy and stress-free as possible!

This pack will give you an overview of all you need to know about your visit, but please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any further questions or queries – We are very happy to help and enjoy making your experience as personal as possible.

Stockley Farm Park provides endless “hands on” learning opportunities and we are always evolving and looking for new ways to inspire learners of all ages and abilities. Hopefully this pack will inspire you to make the most of what we offer and enable us to provide your pupils with a truly unforgettable learning experience.



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About Our Farm

Stockley Farm Park provides a wealth of learning experiences due to our diverse nature. We can accommodate all ages and abilities from early years, to additional needs groups right up to University level students. We pride ourselves on making your visit as enjoyable and stress free as possible, working with you to tailor-make your day, ensuring that it meets the needs of all of your pupils.

Background

Stockley Farm has been tenanted by the Walton family since 1983.

The farm is situated on the Arley Estate, nr Northwich, Cheshire, which is owned by Lord and Lady Ashbrook. The Estate is 2300 acres in total, of which Stockley farm approx 750 acres.

The Walton family manage and run the farm, which is a combination of both organic and conventional farm land and is used for both dairy (360 acres) and arable production (390 acres).

We milk around 200 Holstein Friesian and Holstein Friesian x Brown Swiss dairy cows which are kept on an Organic system. We also produce beef calves by crossing our cows with British Blue genetics. These calves are sold on to another farmer.

Our arable crops include wheat, oil seed rape, organic oats, plus organic fodder crops including whole crop (oats & beans), grass and clover. We also contract out some of our land to potato growers.

In 1987 the farm diversified to become a successful visitor attraction - 'Stockley Farm Park' - and we pride ourselves now, as we did back then, on fun, educational experiences being at the heart of our ethos. We aim to involve our visitors in the world of British farming, and stage interactive activities for people of all ages to get involved in.

Learning and development is a key part of what we do and extends to all of our staff, students and visitors. We aim to be the best in our field (excuse the pun!), combining excellent farming practice with an outstanding customer experience, and have won many awards along the way, the most recent being:

- **Shortlisted for Diversification Innovator of the Year British Farming Awards 2016**
- **Best farm over 500 Acres** Cheshire Farms Awards 2015
- **Best Diversification** Cheshire Farms Awards 2015 & 2016
- **Competent Young Person In Agriculture** Cheshire Farms Awards 2015
- **Customer Service Excellence** Marketing Cheshire Awards 2015
- **Shortlisted for Large Visitor Attraction of the Year** Marketing Cheshire Awards 2015
- **Highly Commended for Outstanding Customer Service** National Farm Attractions Network Awards 2015
- **Best Family Day Out** Raring2go!
- **TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence 2015 & 2016**





What We Offer

Early Years and Primary Packages

Our 'hands-on' activities provide the perfect opportunity for children to learn and discover all about our farm and the animals that we look after. They cover the statutory requirements within the Science Programmes of Study for KS1 and 2, and the EYFS Early Learning Goals within Understanding the World, alongside endless cross-curricular learning opportunities.

Activities include:

- A tractor and trailer ride around our farm
- Meeting all of our friendly farm animals including goats, cows, sheep, pigs and more!
- Bottle feeding our baby goats/lambs*
- Cuddling our small animals including rabbits & guinea pigs in Pets' Corner
- Feeding our chickens and collecting their eggs
- Meeting our friendly Shetland ponies and donkey
- Touring our Milking Parlour and learning about the 200 organic dairy cows that are milked there twice a day
- Learning about the birds of prey – NEW: Interactive bolt-on package available! (see page 4)
- Exploring our Polytunnel and learning all about the plants and crops that we grow there*
- Discovering the wonders of wildlife on our Nature Trail*

**Activities subject to season*

(Please note: We will prioritise those activities most relevant to you and your class, therefore you may not access all of the above)

If there is a specific topic that you would like to cover, we will work with you prior to your visit to ensure that your day is suitably tailored.

Popular topics include:

- Field to plate • Habitats • Caring for animals • Farms and the countryside • People who help us

We also offer magical **Christmas experiences** which include a visit to Father Christmas in his grotto, taking part in our nativity play (complete with animal actors) and making magic hay!

For more info please head to www.stockleyfarm.co.uk/educational-visits

Toddler and Tots Groups

If you wish to have a less structured approach to your day, then why not try one of our unguided visits? On selected days during the summer term will be operating as we do on a public day, allowing your group to drop in to our activities as and when it suits you. The farm will be open 10am - 2pm and there will be activities running every half an hour. From bottle feeding to pony pampering, there is lots to see and do!

We will allocate you a time and an area for lunch, but other than that, you will be free to explore the farm independently.

To enquire about dates, or for more information, please contact us on 01565 777 323.

Secondary and Tertiary Packages

The diversity of our business provides learning opportunities for Key Stage 3/4 and 'A' level students in subjects such as Geography, Leisure and Tourism, Business Studies, Food Technology, Environmental Science and Biological Science. We can adapt your day specifically to a subject area or topic of your choice, working with you to tailor-make your itinerary.

Recent topics include:

- Organic vs Conventional Farming
- Selective Breeding in Plants and Animals
- Business Development and Diversification
- The Geography of Food

Our knowledgeable staff will engage students in a variety of activities and discussions that allows them to explore our constantly evolving farming methods, encouraging them to draw their own conclusions regarding different farming approaches.

Students will be able to adopt a 'hands-on' approach to our interactive activities, which include the opportunity to:

- Explore the open farm and meet our animals
- Meet our herd of dairy cows and take a tour of the milking parlour
- Enjoy a tractor and trailer ride out to our fields to learn all about our arable crops and land management
- Plus they can help us to bottle feed our lambs and kids! (subject to season)

Additional Needs Groups

Stockley Farm Park provides the perfect hands-on, sensory experience for children and young adults with additional needs. We have a wealth of experience working with children and adults who have a range of needs and are happy to help you tailor your trip accordingly. We have a very flexible approach and can adapt your day on an ad-hoc basis, whilst still ensuring that your pupils explore all the farm has to offer.

NEW for 2016

Stockley Farm Birds of Prey Centre

Would your class like to get a closer look at some of our beautiful Birds of Prey?

This extra special bolt on package will give you and your class an exclusive 30 minute flying and handling session with our magnificent owls and falcons here at the farm. Learn all about what these birds need to thrive in captivity, how they survive out in the wild, meet some of our native species and marvel as they put on a fantastic show for you!

Add a bolt on Bird of Prey package to your visit to the farm from only £30.00.

Available on Tuesday's only (subject to availability).



There is further information about our seasonal educational packages online at www.stockleyfarm.co.uk/educational-visits. However, if there is a particular topic or theme you would like to base your day around, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



The National Association of Farms for Schools

Stockley Farm Park is accredited to The National Association of Farms for Schools and abides by its code of practice and charter as detailed below. For more information, please visit www.farmsforschools.org.uk

Farms for Schools Facilities Charter:

- Sufficient car / coach parking facilities
- Undercover facilities for wet weather
- Spot inspections
- Charter on public display

Farms for Schools – Codes of Practice:

- Registered with local Health and Safety Executive and Environmental Health Office.
- Possess Public Liability and appropriate Employers Liability Insurance.
- Toilet and Hand Washing facilities in accordance with The Industry Code of Practice.
- Regular attention to animals by Veterinary Surgeon

Health and Safety during your visit

Here at Stockley Farm Park, we take health and safety very seriously, so that you can relax and enjoy your visit with us.

You can download our Risk Assessment and up-to-date advice on Health and Safety, including The Code of Practice - Advice for Teachers from our website: www.stockleyfarm.co.uk/online-docs

We also invite you to undertake your own risk assessment prior to your visit and you will receive two free passes with your booking confirmation pack to enable you to do so.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01565 777 323.





Booking Your Trip

Here at Stockley, we pride ourselves on making your visit to our farm as smooth and stress free as possible. By helping you to pre-plan your day either over the phone or via e-mail, we ensure that your day is tailored to your requirements. Alongside planning the specific topics or activities that you are interested in, you can also pre-book extras such as ice creams, hot chocolates, lunch boxes, souvenir bags or request that we open the Gift Shop for you.

NB: It is essential that these are pre-booked to ensure sufficient stock and staff are available.

To confirm your booking we require you to pay a £50.00 deposit per group. This can be done by cheque, cash, credit card or BACS. Please note – the deposit includes VAT.

Once we have received your deposit we will send you your confirmation letter, invoice detailing the remaining balance, and a pre-visit ticket, which admits 2 x people to the farm so that you can complete any further risk assessments and have a chat with us prior to your day here.

Final numbers should be confirmed and the remaining balance paid 2 weeks prior to your visit date – No refunds will be given after this date and late payment may result in an 8% interest charge being applied.

N.B.: Should any child not be able to make the visit due to sickness or unforeseen circumstances then a ticket will be issued for them to visit at a later date (up to five paid places).

If you need to make any amendments or additions to your visit, please contact us as soon as possible to ensure we can tailor your day accordingly.

Prices and Ratios

	Number of Children	Number of Free Adults
Children 5 yrs and under	6	1
Children 6 yrs +	10	1

Please note: We cater for a minimum of 10 children per group booking.

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Child:	£7.95
Child Under 2yrs:	£3.75
Adult:	£7.95
Carers/support workers:	FREE

(must prove statement of needs)

CHRISTMAS 2016/2017

Child:	£9.25
Child Under 2yrs:	£5.25
Adult:	£8.25
Carers/support workers:	FREE

(must prove statement of needs)

(Prices include a visit to Father Christmas and a gift for each child)

Please note all prices are inclusive of VAT.



The day of your visit

Our Location

Stockley Farm Park
Arley
Northwich
Cheshire
CW9 6LZ

Directions

We ask that all those attending educational visits drive straight to the farm itself, NOT the general car park (unless otherwise arranged).

M6 (from North)

(Preston, Warrington etc)

Exit at J20 turn right at the roundabout heading for Warrington.
Follow signs for Stockley Farm Park and Arley Hall and Gardens.

M6 (from South)

(Birmingham, Stoke etc)

Exit at J19 and take the first left onto the dual carriageway then turn immediately right next to The Windmill Pub. Follow the road for approx $\frac{3}{4}$ mile then take the right fork.
Follow signs for Stockley Farm Park and Arley Hall and Gardens.

M56 (from West)

(Chester, Frodsham and Runcorn etc.)

Exit at J10 turn left for Warrington. After approx $\frac{1}{2}$ mile turn right at traffic lights.
Follow signs for Stockley Farm Park and Arley Hall and Gardens.

M56 (from East)

(Manchester, Stockport etc)

Exit J7 onto A556 towards Northwich. Continue over the M6 then turn immediately right next to The Windmill Pub. Follow the road for approx $\frac{3}{4}$ mile then take the right fork.
Follow signs for Stockley Farm Park and Arley Hall and Gardens.

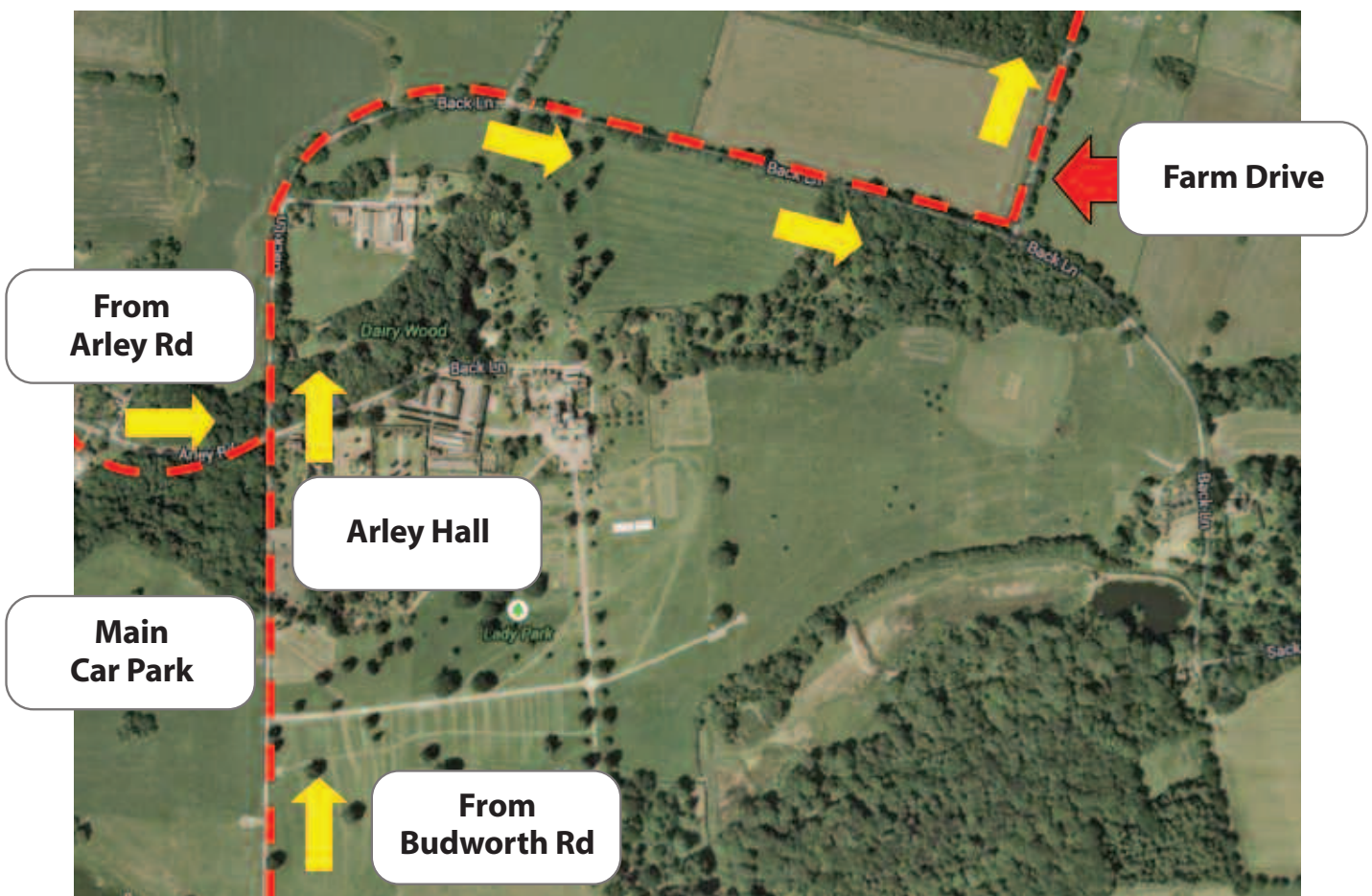
On arrival at the Arley Estate

From Budworth Road

Head straight down the Arley Hall drive and you will see our main car park on the left.
Drive straight past and when you get to the crossroads, continue straight ahead (sign says private bridgeway).
Follow the road around and take the second turning on your left, signposted 'Coaches to Stockley Farm'.

From Arley Road

Head through the gate way and turn left at the crossroads. Follow the road around and take the second turning on your left, signposted 'Coaches to Stockley Farm'.





Your Day

Visits start between 10-10.30am and finish between 2-2.30pm (unless otherwise arranged).

Arrival

Once you arrive at the farm you will be met by one of our Learning Assistants who will be your guide for the day. Your Learning Assistant will confirm the topics to be covered with you, discuss lunchtime arrangements, welcome the children and give a brief talk on health and safety at the farm. They will then take you around a variety of activities, stopping for breaks and toileting as necessary.

Our activities are generally visited on a carousel basis and due to the flexible nature of our visits, we cannot always specify which will take place when. During quieter periods we can offer a more time-tabled approach to your day, but no matter what we will always do our best to ensure that you visit all the areas that are of specific interest to you group.

Lunchtime

We offer 40 minute slots for lunchtime, which take place between 11.30am – 1pm dependant on the age of the children and their usual routine. Lunches are generally left on the coaches until your allotted time, at which point we will help you to carry them to your eating area. If your coach is not staying, we can store your lunches for you – please note: please carry valuables with you at all times.

If you have pre-booked packed lunches for your group, these will be available for collection in the tearoom at your allocated lunch time.

Food and drinks should only be consumed at break or lunchtimes once children have thoroughly washed their hands.

Either before or after lunch, we will also make sure that the children have time to let off some steam in either our indoor or outdoor play areas (children must be supervised at all times).

Optional Extras

If you have requested to have ice creams or hot chocolates, we will work with you to accommodate them into your day at a suitable juncture.

If any of your party would like to order food for lunchtime, this must be done on arrival at the farm. We run a limited menu during term time, but can offer sandwiches, snacks, hot and cold drinks.

If you have requested the Gift Shop to be opened, we will do this toward the end of your day and any souvenir bags ordered will be given to you just prior to departure from the farm.



Important Information

Teachers are responsible for the children in their group at ALL times. Our Learning Assistants will be on hand to guide you around the farm, lead the educational sessions and answer any questions or queries you have about your visit.

Clothing

We recommend that visitors come prepared according to the weather conditions. Sturdy shoes or wellington boots with thick socks are advised (especially if walking along our Nature Trail) and waterproof jackets are a must when dealing with the unpredictable British weather!

General Points

- Encourage children to wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after touching the animals, especially before eating.
- Children should be supervised at all times when using the play areas and the 'Rules of Play' must be adhered to.
- Please take note of any safety signs.
- The Fire Assembly Point is the Outdoor Play Area situated at the rear of the farm.
- Pregnant ladies should avoid lambing areas and contact with Ewes or lambs (during lambing time Feb/March).
- No eating or drinking in animal contact areas.
- Smoking is permitted in the smoking shelter ONLY.
- The First Aid point is located in the Willow Barn Tea Room.
- We ask groups to stay together during their time on the farm and follow the instructions given by their Learning Assistant. If anyone needs to leave the group at any time, they must notify their Learning Assistant.
- If a large number of party are traveling by car, please do let us know so that we can arrange suitable parking arrangements.

Useful websites

These websites offer lots of helpful advice and resources when planning, preparing and undertaking your farm visit:

www.farmsforschools.org.uk/ Farms for Schools

www.lotc.org.uk/ The Council for Learning outside the Classroom

www.foodforlife.org.uk/ Food for life Partnership

www.face-online.org.uk/teachers Farming and Countryside Education

www.organicmilk.co.uk/ The Organic Milk Suppliers Co-operative

www.teach-organic.org.uk/ Teachers pages for The Organic Milk Suppliers Co-operative

www.farmattractions.net/ The National Farm Attractions Network

Contact Us

If you need any further help or advice about your visit, please contact us!

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