



8th May 2026

Year 2 Educational Visit, Lower Smite Farm

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Science this term, Year 2 are studying Animals Including Humans. We are learning about lifecycles and the needs of humans and animals to survive. To support this learning, we plan to take our Year 2 classes to Lower Smite Farm for the day on Friday 10th July 2026 and take part in a programme of activities observing animals, including minibeasts. The children will have the opportunity to find out more about animal habitats, go on a woodland minibeast hunt and explore a pond habitat using pond dipping equipment at Lower Smite Farm, Hindlip, Worcester (Worcestershire Wildlife Trust).

Children should arrive at school at the normal time, ready to depart after register. We will then return back to school for 3.15pm. All children in Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal, which on this day will be a packed lunch option.

Your child will be required to wear appropriate clothes, including a hat, long sleeve shirt, long trousers and trainers or wellies. Depending on the weather, a waterproof coat would also be useful and a water bottle for drinks throughout the day. We will provide a clear list of items needed closer to the date of the trip.

There will be a charge for this trip of £11.90 (payable via Arbor) to cover travel and all activities led by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust Leaders. We have made every effort to keep the cost of this trip as low as possible and we appreciate your understanding that if we cannot cover the costs of travel and workshops, we will reluctantly have to cancel the trip. Please complete the permission slip below with regards to photograph permissions, lunch requests and first aid and **return to your Year 2 class teacher by Friday 5th June 2026.**

The value of this trip on every child's learning is significant. *"Studies of adventure learning interventions consistently show positive benefits on academic learning. On average, pupils who participate in adventure learning interventions make approximately four additional months' progress. There is also evidence of an impact on non-cognitive outcomes such as self-confidence."*

If your child is unable to attend on the day, we will not be able to offer a refund.

Should you have any questions, please do speak to the class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

The Year 2 Team

PLEASE RETAIN THIS LETTER FOR YOUR FUTURE REFERENCE

RE: Year 2 Educational Visit, Lower Smite Farm
Please return to class teacher by Friday 5th June 2026

- I give permission for my child _____ to attend Lower Smite Farm on **Friday 10th July 2026**.
- I give permission for The Orchards School to take and post photos of my child participating on their website and social media pages.
- I have made payment of £11.90 via Arbor.
- I give permission for the school to perform any necessary First Aid on my child whilst on the educational visit.
- I would like my child to receive a lunch from school (free of charge). They would like a cheese/ham sandwich (please delete as appropriate).

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please give details of **TWO** contacts in case of emergency who are available on Friday 10th July 2026.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact 1 Name:	
Mobile No:	
Landline No:	
Relationship to the child:	
Contact 2 Name:	
Mobile No:	
Landline No:	
Relationship to the child:	

Medical conditions/allergies/medication needed: