

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMME

SANDWELL FOOD & ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION AND OUTDOOR LEARNING
AT FORGE MILL FARM AND SANDWELL'S
GREEN SPACES



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WHAT WE DO

We are proud to provide engaging and educational visits, opportunities and experiences for schools and community groups across Sandwell that are unique to Forge Mill Farm, Sandwell Valley Country Park, and Sandwell parks and green spaces.

Our team of experienced educators, farmers, rangers and chefs will bring the curriculum to life through our bespoke programmes, hands on practical experiences and 'Fresh Air' learning techniques.



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OUR LOCATIONS

Sandwell Green Spaces

Explore our well-loved parks, nature reserves and other green spaces and get involved with exciting community and environmental projects and activities. We offer learning opportunities from habitats to land use, and everything in between.



Sandwell Valley Country Park

Make the most of our nature trails, lakes and heritage sites including the Old Priory, ice pools and the 'Sand well' which gives Sandwell its name! Visit Rabbit Village to learn about caring for small animals and get stuck in at the Kitchen Garden to put your horticulture skills to the test.



Forge Mill Farm

Meet the animals, explore the farm and learn about the journey of food from 'Welly to Belly'. Take part in 'Make Your Own' butter, pizza and pancake activities then get stuck in on the farm to apply learning in a practical way. Find out more about animal welfare, the environment and even put your maths, english and science skills to the test.



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Read more about our exciting new programmes



WELLY TO BELLY



Curriculum Check...

KS1 & KS2

Holistic curriculum day -
D&T, healthy eating, cooking,
literacy, numeracy

KS3, KS4 & KS5

Food Technology, Food Prep and
Nutrition, Food and Beverages
BTEC, Horticulture BTEC

Join us at Forge Mill Farm to investigate the journey of food from Welly to Belly. Explore the farm, meet the animals and see food production first-hand. Then apply learning through practical activities and experiences led by our awesome team of educators, farmers and chefs!

Topics covered on the day include:

- Food production and provenance
- Nutrition and healthy eating
- Types of food processing
- Product creation and tasting
- Food standards and labelling
- Seasonality, sustainability and food



Finish your day at the farm by making your own butter to take home as part of our 'Grass to Milk' activity! OR check out our 'Add On' activities for more 'Make your own' options including pancakes and pizza!

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THE GREAT OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

An engaging 'challenge based' curriculum day, focused on different areas of your chosen subject. On this day your class will be immersed into the world of investigation, data collection, hypothesis testing, and storytelling.

It's more than just a one off-visit. Our team of experienced qualified educators will provide pre and post visit lesson plans and advice to expand the learning across the whole term. Ask about booking a return visit to apply what you have learnt!

Build your own challenge or choose one of ours:

- Habitat and environment
- People and place
- Phonics on the farm
- Product design
- Storytelling
- Hands-on maths
- Life cycles and food chains
- Movie maker

Get in touch to tailor your visit!



Curriculum Check...

KS1 & KS2

Holistic curriculum day -
Science/investigation, life cycles, storytelling,
literacy, numeracy and more!

KS3, KS4 & KS5

Biology- habitat, environment and
classification. Geography - People
and Place, diversity, land use.
Business and enterprise - Product
development and pitching.

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FARMER OR RANGER FOR THE DAY

Get your wellies on and get stuck in! Learn and work with our farmers or rangers for the day. We can tailor your visit to the needs of your group. From mucking out to fencing and horse grooming to lambing, follow the seasons and see what it's like to work in the Green Sector.

This is an exciting opportunity for schools wanting to offer AQA Unit Award Scheme, Horticulture and Animal Care BTECs and the new Agriculture Land Management and Production T-Levels. Ask about weekly/ bi-weekly visits to build on practical learning each week and contribute to work experience requirements. We can even help with assessments, technical knowledge and teaching.

Curriculum Check...

KS3, KS4 & KS5
AQA Unit Award Scheme,
Horticulture, School-based
Animal Care BTECs, Agriculture
Land Management and
production T-Levels.

**SEND Groups, Learn to Work
Groups, Alternative
provision groups**



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COMMUNITY GROUPS

Our Education and Outreach programmes create opportunities for groups to engage with food, the outdoors, animals and farming throughout the year. Our exciting programmes are available for both community, non-school groups and private event hire to make a day of fun.

In the past we have welcomed:

- ☀ Nurseries and Toddler Groups
- ☀ Scout, Guide and Cadet Groups
- ☀ Home Education Groups
- ☀ Church & Other Religious Groups
- ☀ Youth Groups
- ☀ Work Colleagues & Corporate Teams
- ☀ Adult and Children Special Education needs and Disability Groups



VISIT ADD ONS...

You can choose additional extras to add to your visit across all our programs to suit your budget, program and curriculum needs.

Choose from:

- ☀ Pancake or pizza making
- ☀ Tractor tour around the farm
- ☀ Animal feeding
- ☀ Butter making
- ☀ Farm-themed Goody Bag



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GET IN TOUCH

To find out more, book and tailor your visit, get in touch by heading to our website forgemillfarm.com or by emailing our team of experienced educators at learn_well@sandwell.gov.uk

Interested in a FREE Visit?

We are proud to provide a limited number of FREE Sandwell school visits through the Countryside Stewardship Educational Access grant.

Get in touch to see if your school is eligible for a free visit!



We operate across the whole of Sandwell in our well-loved parks and green spaces.

OUR MAIN CENTRES ARE:

Forge Mill Farm, West Bromwich, B71 3SZ

Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre,
West Bromwich, B71 4BG

West Smethwick Pavilion,
Smethwick, B67 7JJ

Lightwoods Park and House,
Bearwood, B67 5DP

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