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NATURE'S CLASSROOM

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A BIG HELLO

A natural place for kids to learn

A big hello from Ouseburn Farm. We're not your typical farm though – we're a 'working farm', as well as a training and education centre, right in the heart of Newcastle's inner city.

We offer a unique educational experience for children of all ages (from early years to 16+) in an environment where they can learn about farm animals, as well as the flora and fauna of the North East. This is a chance for them to learn about important things like recycling and sustainability – it's a great way to be introduced to the sights, sounds and smells of the countryside.

We've got loads of animals (big and small) that pupils can find out lots of fascinating facts about. There are grazing animals like sheep and cows in our meadows, and on our farmyard there's piggies, chickens, ducks and more. Inside, they can get up close and personal with small, furry animals and reptiles.

We have a well-stocked garden and orchard to explore. Plus, our shop sells trinkets and gifts (a great place to spend pocket money), as well as special animal food if you'd like to give our residents a treat.



Covering your curriculum

Our workshops cover the four pillars of the Ofsted inspection framework and can be adapted to fit in with your curriculum.

The benefits of outdoor learning:

- Children develop their curiosity, confidence and creativity
- Meets the Foundation Stage learning objectives and develops practical life skills
- Many children thrive in this kind of environment compared to traditional classroom learning
- Physical, social and health benefits for children who are increasingly leading 'indoor lives'

Our workshops

Our workshops last around an hour and you have a choice of two per visit. We can take up to **60 children** in total and split them into two workshops. Choose from either a morning (10am-12noon) or an afternoon session (1pm-3pm). We have a number of set workshops that have proven to be popular in the past, or we can be **flexible** and run a **bespoke** workshop to meet your needs.



Green fingers

- Make paper plant pots
- Sow seeds – to take back to school or home
- Composting
- The importance of water
- Polytunnels



Recycling in the garden

- Search for worms in the soil
- Hunt for recycled materials
- Examine our compost bins
- Find out why trees drop their leaves



Ouseburn nature trail (seasonal)

- Explore the flora and fauna of the Ouseburn valley and our orchard
- Wildflower hunt
- Spot butterflies in the valley
- Try pond-dipping – what living creatures can be found?



Farm animals

- Feed the chickens – check for eggs
- Tour the grazing fields
- Take the animals from the farm to the fields
- Find out about types of 'feed'
- Take a tour of the farmyard animals – feed them and learn more about them



Small petting animals

- Meet some of our more exotic animals such as geckos, giant snails, tree frogs, tortoises, ferrets and hamsters
- Have a petting session with our fluffy bunny rabbits and guinea pigs



Mini-beasts in the garden

- Hunt the mini-beasts
- Examine habitats
- Build your own 'bug hotel'



WWII – Dig for Victory! (2hr session)

- Recreate being evacuees to the countryside with responsibilities like tending to the animals
- Learn the importance of having your own allotment during wartime

It's so easy to book a workshop.
Just email Jade, our projects worker:
jade.currie@ouseburnfarm.org.uk



Feeding time

The children are welcome to bring their packed lunch and eat it in our **classroom**. Just email Jade, our project worker, to hire it out at jade.currie@ouseburnfarm.org.uk.

If you'd like to buy lunch, our friendly **café** serves all manner of homemade delights (including the best sausage rolls in the world – tasting is believing).



**KEEPING
IT LOCAL**

Charity begins at the farm

Ouseburn Farm is a local charity that's supported by generous donations from visitors and friends. We're run by dedicated staff and volunteers for the benefit of the community.

Whatever you need, we have a highly motivated team that has lots of experience in running educational workshops for school children, and whether you want a half or full day, we can tailor our packages to fit you and your budget. As a charity, it's really important we're accessible and affordable to all. Just contact Jade, our projects worker at jade.currie@ouseburnfarm.org.uk with any questions or for more information.

Remember, all money invested in the farm goes back into the farm to help our community.

Don't forget, it's so easy to book a trip to the farm and this is a great way to encourage your pupils to improve their knowledge of horticulture and learn about the circle of life. Our family's really welcoming and everyone here does their very best to make your visit fun, informative, safe and memorable.

Our gate's always open to everyone in the community (during opening hours of course). Come back as many times as you want and feel free to spread the word to all the parents, your colleagues and friends.

We're open:

Farm

9.30am-4.30pm Mon-Sun

Café

9.30am-3.30pm Mon-Fri

10.30am-3.30pm Sat-Sun

To book your trip today, please contact Jade, our projects worker at **jade.currie@ouseburnfarm.org.uk** and she can take you through it step by step.

You'll find lots more information on our website at **ouseburnfarm.org.uk**



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