



Pirbright Nurture Farm

Summer Round-Up

July 2026



Wow! What a scorcher! It's been a hot few weeks for the animals at the Nurture Farm so shade, shelter, fans and hose-downs have become routine! We continue to run sessions each week for vulnerable children from all across north Surrey and Hampshire. We've run over 100 sessions this term alone!

In addition to providing these tailored sessions, we have been increasing the time that our own children from Pirbright Village Primary School have at the Nurture Farm. This year, all our Year 1 and Year 2 children have participated in a session at the farm when they have accompanied Mrs Lynch on Tuesday afternoons, interacting with the animals, learning about them, and carrying out a variety of jobs.



Our Reception children had sessions a couple of weeks ago, being introduced to the animals and learning all about them. This was to support their learning and to familiarise them with the residents of the farm so they know about the animals before their sessions in Year 1 next year.

We are often asked about children from Pirbright attending the farm for more regular sessions. The aim of the Nurture Farm is to provide 'Alternative Provision' - therapeutic sessions for children that struggle to access their school's curriculum. As the Nurture Farm is predominantly self-funding (i.e. it relies on external funding rather than our school to fund it), we rely on custom from external sources. The result is that we only have a limited number of sessions available for our pupils, and those we do have are usually targeted at specific individuals with the most need.



Fundraising

In order to provide increasing opportunities for our children, and to rely less on external funding, we are always looking to fund-raise or to tap into funding initiatives that may exist. If you happen to know of any local funding opportunities that we can apply for, (or have inherited a large sum of money and just want a great cause to support!) please do let us know.



Currently, we have an online fund-raiser in place so please follow this link or the QR code if you feel able to contribute! This is to pay for animal food and bedding over the summer holidays. Thank you!

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/pirbrightnurturefarmsummer2026>



Have a great summer everyone! Helen Sibley-Smith (Nurture Farm Lead)