

Our Special Relationships With Local Farmers – Learning From Our Community

We are incredibly fortunate to have strong, supportive relationships with several local farmers who generously share their time, expertise and animals with our children. These visits enrich our Science, Geography, and PSHE curriculum, while also deepening pupils' understanding of food, farming, animal care and the natural world. They strengthen our identity as an Eco School, helping children appreciate where food comes from and how people care for living things responsibly.

Mr Saw – Local Farmer & Farm Educator

One of our closest community links is with Mr Saw, a local farmer who kindly shares his experience to help bring learning to life. His warm, engaging manner and wealth of real-world experience make him a firm favourite with the children.

A Pregnant Sheep Comes to School

This year, the children had the extraordinary opportunity to meet one of Mr Saw's pregnant sheep when he brought her into school. The children observed her calmly and respectfully, learning about:

- the sheep's life cycle
- pregnancy and development in mammals
- how farmers care for their animals
- how to keep animals safe and comfortable

This visit alone gave pupils an unforgettable, first-hand experience of animal biology and life cycles.

Mrs Saw – Local Vet and Animal Expert

We are equally privileged to work with Mrs Saw, a practising vet who supports her husband on the farm and brings expert knowledge of animal health and care.

A Live Ultrasound Demonstration

During the visit, Mrs Saw performed a real ultrasound scan, allowing the children to see the unborn lamb moving inside the mother's womb. The fascination and awe on their faces said it all.

The children learned about:

- how vets use medical technology
- how unborn animals develop
- how farmers and vets work together to ensure animal wellbeing

This was an exceptional example of science brought to life - far beyond what can be achieved in the classroom alone.

Mrs Smith – Farmer & Friend of the School

Another treasured member of our farming community is Mrs Smith (Neave's mum), who regularly visits with her beautiful lambs. Her visits are gentle, joyful and incredibly nurturing for the children.

Up-Close Encounters With Lambs

The children were able to pet, stroke and feed the lambs, learning how to handle animals carefully and respectfully.

They discussed:

- how lambs grow and change
- their needs for food, warmth and safety
- how farmers bottle-feed lambs when needed
- the importance of kindness and responsibility when caring for animals

These interactions help build empathy, confidence and respect for living creatures - invaluable skills for young learners.

Why These Visits Matter

Our relationships with local farmers offer powerful benefits to our pupils:

- Hands-on Science learning about life cycles, growth and animal care
- Real-world understanding of farming and food production
- Strengthened Eco-School values such as sustainability and respect for nature
- Personal development, including empathy, confidence and responsibility
- Cultural capital, giving children experiences many may not otherwise have

These visits help children make meaningful connections between their learning and the world around them, inspiring curiosity and building a deeper appreciation of rural life and animal welfare.

A Community Partnership We Cherish

We are incredibly grateful to Mr and Mrs Saw and Mrs Smith for their generosity, enthusiasm and dedication to educating our children. Their visits enrich our curriculum, create unforgettable experiences, and help shape pupils who understand, value and care for the world around them.

Our partnerships with local farmers are a true highlight of school life - and something we feel immensely proud of.

