

We work with the Country Trust who since 1978 have been delivering food, farming and countryside experiences to children whose potential is only limited by their access to opportunities. They provide meaningful learning experiences that will help build the link between food, health and the health of our planet. As part of our educational work, in 2024 and 2025 we provided them with a grant towards their Farm Discovery programme in Hampshire, Kent, Surrey and Sussex which enables children to find out first-hand how their lives are connected to farms and farming by discovering how farms are an integral part of the journey of food and where it comes from.

"We talked about the importance of pollinators. We looked at ducklings on the pond, we looked at wheat in the field and thought about what a plant needs to grow, we milled the wheat and climbed up on the tractors"

Visit from Year 1, William Davis School visit to **Orchard Place Farm** 

"This has been a truly magnificent experience for all our children, informative, interesting and lots of fun"

Teacher, Year 1 & 2, Temple Grove Academy visit to Orchard Place Farm

"94% of children said they had done something for the first time during their visit"

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Our grant enabled the Country Trust to run 10 Farm Discovery days for 212 disadvantaged children in Hampshire, Kent, Surrey and Sussex in 2024 and 2025

"Lots of firsts for many of these children. First coach ride, first time in a field, looked for mini beasts in the wildflower edges, met the cows, met the chickens, tasted produce in the kitchen garden"

Visit Co-ordinator, Year 4, Tidewell Academy visit to Torry Hill Farm

"92% of children said that they would like to find out more about farming"

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