

# Forge Mill Farm 2026

On Thursday 26th February 2026, the children visited Forge Mill Farm. The children and parents had a wonderful day exploring the farm and learning about different animals.

Before feeding the animals, we discussed how to keep ourselves safe. We talked about where our hands should be when feeding the animals and reminded the children not to touch their faces, mouths, or clothes afterwards. We sang our handwashing song and discussed using an "inside voice" and making safe choices.

The children showed great bravery when feeding the sheep, lambs, and goats. They also saw lambs, ponies, and hens, and some children were excited to spot an egg in the coop where the hens lived.

As we walked around the farm trails, we saw pigs, donkeys, and a ram (male sheep). Some children commented that the ram looked like the character from *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. The children also observed different birds, including magpies, seagulls, and crows.

We sang familiar songs such as *Old MacDonald Had a Farm* and *Baa Baa Black Sheep* during the visit. The children enjoyed playing in the barns with the hay bales. Some climbed onto the hay, pretending to be Jack from *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and they played hide and seek together.

It was a fantastic day, full of learning, confidence-building, and shared experiences.



## Children's Comments

Mahmoud said, "A baby sheep is called a lamb!"

Hunter said, "Look Sana, I am feeding the sheep."

Somtochukwu said, "I can see an egg, look!"

Makhissa said, "Look, it's a pony!"

Esme said, "I saw a donkey — ee-aw!"



## Parents' Comments – Forge Mill Farm

Somtochukwu's mum said, "I had a great time. It was really nice to see how Somtochukwu knows the animals' names and interacts with his friends."

Vihaan's mum said, "It was a good trip. I am happy that Vihaan was brave when feeding the animals and that he knows the name of the sheep and its baby. He also enjoyed playing with his friends."

Bitanya's mum said, "Bitanya and I had a great time. It was lovely to see her singing and speaking with her friends."

Nazarawri's dad said, "Nazarawri really enjoyed feeding the animals."