



Welcome to our Autumn newsletter

Whether you have visited the school farm previously or whether this is your first time to visit us before a trip. Please do look at our newsletter below.

Mount Pleasant School Farm 2026

After a long summer break and plenty of hot weather. We are starting to move towards Autumn, with shorter days and longer nights.

The trees around the farm are starting Autumn early by shedding their leaves due to the incredibly hot temperatures we had throughout June, July and August, all without rain for a considerable number of weeks.

How did the animals cope in the heat?

The chickens kept cool under the huge trees by their pens, and their concrete brick buildings also by using the dust outside in their pens to have long dust baths.

Pigs and sheep were returned to their respective farms after our last school visitors in July.

This is done to keep cost down over the summer as we are a charity organisation, but we do know the pigs spent the summer in fields with big trees for shade and plenty of water and likewise for the sheep. However, by August and with no grass available as it had burnt off with the sun, farmers are starting to feed their winter stocks of silage/ hay to the animals outside. So, we do need some rain! for the grass to grow.

Moving forward into the new school term in September we will be replenishing our sheep and pigs and new point of lay chickens for our visitors this Autumn term 2026

We still have dates available for Autumn term 2026.

In 2025 Mr Charles moved from milking his cows twice a day to milking with robots 24 hours a day, this makes the milking process more comfortable for the cows. This operation now means the cows have the choice to be milked when they choose, eat when they choose, exercise and sleep when they choose.

Visitors to the farm can learn all about the milking process, herbivores and omnivores, sustainability, recycling, and the environment around the farm.

All done in a purpose-built classroom and outside with an experienced teacher.

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for all our risk assessments, booking forms, what we do, what to bring.

We look forward to seeing you soon.