

12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Farm Festival – Mill Cottage Farm to Visit Reception!**

We are delighted to confirm that our littlest learners in Year R are going to receive a special visit from the Mill Cottage Farm! Mill Cottage Farm are an organisation who bring their young animals onto school sites for a whole day of fun and learning outdoors. This unique experience will enhance our exciting curriculum and leave the children with distinct memories that they can treasure forever.

Our visit will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026** and, as well as interactions with the animals, it will include a whole range of other thrilling farm-themed joy. Please can we ask you to click on the link [HERE](#) to complete the permissions form and make us aware of any allergies relating to this visit?

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March is also **World Book Day**. A letter will be sent out to the children at both the infant and junior schools about this, in the next couple of weeks. The theme will be Bedtime Stories. All of the children will be invited to dress in pyjamas or as their favourite book character for the day, including Year R. Year R children could dress as their favourite character from a farmyard story, a sleepy farmer in their pyjamas and wellies who is putting the animals to bed or simply their favourite book character. Please be mindful that the children will be participating in the feeding and caring of animals so practical outfits would be preferable!

Inevitably, there is a cost involved in this learning enhancement and we are asking for a contribution of **£6.50** from each child. Families already registered with Portsmouth City Council in relation to low income related free school meals are not expected to contribute (this does not include the Government Universal Free School meal entitlement). Payment can be made via the Arbor app.

We hope your children will enjoy this wonderful day.

Yours Sincerely

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