



# Lower Smite Farm's Marvellous Minibeasts Early Years Foundation Stage Visit



20<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents,

As part of our 'minibeasts' theme, the Foundation Stage children will be visiting Worcestershire Wildlife Trust - Lower Smite Farm on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**. They will be taking part in numerous minibeast activities including pond dipping, woodland minibeast hunt, minibeast identification and finding out about different minibeast habitats.

The coach will leave school at 9.30am and return by 3.00pm for a normal end of day pick up. School uniform will **NOT** be necessary but please dress the children in appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather, including long trousers (no skirts or shorts), long sleeved top, waterproof trousers, waterproof coat, a sun hat and clean wellies. We will need to take some footwear for the children to change into for the homeward journey; please send the named footwear in a named carrier bag so we can change before we get on the coach. Long sleeves **MUST** be worn to protect the children's arms from stings or scratches. Clothes are likely to get dirty so please only send children in things that you do not mind getting wet or muddy. Please ensure sun cream is already applied before coming to school as we are unable to apply sun cream to children.

The cost of this visit will be £16.00 per child. This includes entrance and qualified members of staff from Lower Smite Farm leading activities for the day, and coach transport to and from Lower Smite Farm. This is a fantastic learning opportunity for the children. The visit is to be paid for online via Arbor online payment. Please make your payment no later than **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026**. Whilst the cost of the trip is a voluntary contribution, the trip may have to be cancelled if insufficient contributions are received. If you have any problems with payments\*, please make an appointment to see either Mrs Thorp or Mr Groves as soon as possible.

Children who have ordered a school lunch on the day of the visit will need to cancel their online booking but will still need to bring a drink in a backpack. If your child usually brings a packed lunch on this day, they will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink in a backpack.

Please [click here](#) to complete the attached form regarding medication requirements and ordering a school packed lunch. You will need to complete this form by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.

\*Please note your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding if you or your partner claim certain benefits such as Income Support/Job Seekers (Income based) etc. This means there may be funding available to pay for your child to go on school visits and they would also be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). If you think you may qualify please speak with a member of the office staff (you will need to give the office your National Insurance Number(s) and a telephone call to the Local Authority will easily establish eligibility) or go to <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/childrens-services/schools-education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

NB This is not to be confused with Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) which is provided for all EYFS/KS1 children, or Pupil Premium Plus Funding which is provided for all Looked After Children.

With thanks,  
The EYFS Team