



# WICK COURT

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Merton Abbey Primary School





- Children's author [Michael Morpurgo](#) and his wife [Clare](#) founded Farms for City Children at [Nethercott House](#) in Devon in 1976. The charity offers urban children from all over the country a unique opportunity to live and work together for a week at a time on a real farm in the heart of the countryside.
- It is an intense, 'learning through doing' experience of a different life – for children who may not know where their food comes from.
- They have three working [farms](#), where they welcome around 3,000 children and 400 teachers a year.





# Wick Court, Gloucestershire



The farm is on a bend of the River Sever in Gloucestershire. The house, is a Grade II\* listed manor house with an intact, square-shaped moat.



# Accommodation



# Farm activities



# Other activities



Feeding poultry and collecting eggs • grooming and mucking out horses, ponies and donkeys • feeding cattle • herding sheep • feeding pigs and weighing piglets • beekeeping • walking through the fields to check the health of livestock • working in the kitchen garden to sow, grow and tend the fruits and vegetables • harvesting fresh produce and packing produce boxes • cooking nutritious meals from the produce harvested in the kitchen gardens • lighting fires and making dens in the forest, woodland or beach.



# Farm food



# A typical day

- Days start early on the farms, with children taking responsibility for feeding and watering the animals each morning before returning to the farmhouse for a hearty breakfast.
- The mid-morning countryside, food and farming session is followed by a healthy homecooked lunch and free time for playing in the fields, lawns and orchards that surround the farmhouses.
- A pause in farming activities at this time allows teachers to deliver their own curriculum-focused sessions in the farmhouse classrooms or parlours, and to allow the children to indulge in creative activities.
- By mid-afternoon the farming sessions start again with jobs around the farm or perhaps a long walk through the fields to check on the health of the livestock with the chance to spot king fishers by the river (at Nethercott House), seals on the beach (at Lower Treginnis), or bats returning to roost (at Wick Court), before heading back to base for tea.
- After tea, some groups head to the showers and enjoy free time with teachers, whilst others go back out onto the farm to put the animals to bed, repeating the morning routines with feed, water, and fresh bedding.
- At 7pm our staff team heads home, leaving you to enjoy a peaceful evening.

**Any questions?**