

The Gilbert School

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March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 8 (X Pop) Educational Trip to Jimmy's Farm, Wherstead, Ipswich – Monday 29th June 2026

We are very excited to offer the opportunity of a trip to Jimmy's Farm on **Monday 29th June 2026**. Both Geography and Science teachers will be delivering sessions throughout the day at the farm, to enhance student's understanding in both subjects. This includes the topics of animal adaptations, biomes, conservation, small-scale ecosystems and environmental change.

Students will arrive at school and **attend registration as usual** in their tutor groups. Following registration, students will line up outside of the **Sports Hall** with their Geography and Science teachers by 9.00am. Students will then walk with their teacher to the coaches on **Brinkley Grove Road**.

The coaches will **leave school at 9.15am** and will **return at approximately 3.30pm**. Students are required to wear **school uniform**, but they may wish to pack suitable outer clothing for rain or sun (depending on the weather forecast). They also need to wear **suitable footwear** (trainers or walking shoes are acceptable) for walking around the farm.

The trip will also involve investigating different areas of the farm, including 'Lost Lands of the Tundra', and students will complete an activity booklet as they walk around in their groups. **Students will need to bring a pen to complete this.**

Students are welcome to bring mobile phones at their own risk, but they should only be used to take photos of learning activities during the farm visit.

There will be areas outside to eat lunch so students will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and plenty of drinks. Students in receipt of Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch to take with them.

If students wish to buy something, there will be the opportunity to do this too.

The trip will incur a voluntary contribution of **£20.00 per student**. Parents/Carers should complete a consent form by clicking on the following link by no later than **Friday 17th April 2026**: [Parental Consent Form](#).

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Once we have received your completed consent and confirmed your child's place on the trip, we will activate the trip on ParentPay with **payment due by no later than Friday 1st May 2026**. If you do not currently have a ParentPay account, arrangements can be made through PayPoint. Please contact the Finance Office on finance@gilberd.com.

Please note that should there be insufficient contributions towards the trip, it may need to be cancelled.

In the unlikely event that the trip is cancelled completely, please be aware that if we incur any non-recoverable charges, we may not be able to provide a full refund.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

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Mr C Barker
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