



FUTURE ROOTS

NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2025



Hello and welcome to our latest newsletter! The delightful warm summer seems so far away and as we approach winter, we are feeling its chill making a sudden entrance, why don't you take a cosy moment to catch up on all the happenings at the farm.....

Happy Christmas from all of us here at Future Roots, we wish you all a very happy and healthy 2026...

Ambassador's Group Update

Since the start of the new term our Ambassadors have been extremely busy and we cannot thank them enough for their help, below are details of the events they have been kind enough to support us with:

25th September, they helped with interviews for a new learning mentor

30th September, helping with interviews for our new Farmer

Saturday 4th October, During the Kings Command Performance at Milborne Port, some of our Ambassadors spoke to the audience about Future Roots

Wednesday 8th October, The ambassadors spent time making Christmas Tree decorations for an event in December

Thursday 23rd October, Careers evening at Gillingham School, our ambassadors represented Future Roots and gave advice to young people about careers in Agriculture

Wednesday 12th November, Our ambassadors talked to our board of trustee's about the possibilities and opportunities for young people if we were to have a cafe at the farm

Friday 5th December, We decorated a Future Roots Christmas Tree, to be displayed in the Chapel, Cheap Street Sherborne

Wednesday 10th December, All ambassadors were invited to a Christmas Celebration

Quotes from our Ambassadors

"It's the most magical place on earth to me"
"Future Roots Feels like family"
"It's a safe place to have opinions"

Primary Base Update

Since the primary base welcomed the first young people at the start of term in September we have welcomed over five primary schools. It has been a fun time of exploration, discovery and...being stuck in the mud!

There has been fantastic communication and collaboration during each teamwork challenge. This could be completing farm animal tasks as a group, such as cleaning out and feeding the pygmy goats, or a team challenge, such as egg challenges and 'floor is lava'.

Each young person has identified their own target to work towards during their farm visits.

Interacting with every farm animal supports each young person to build their self-esteem and develop social interactions.

Cuddles with guinea pigs and rabbits are a firm favourite for many of the young people.

We are looking forward to our next term of adventures and working together as a group to plan future sessions, we have extended our sessions as from January 2026.

Quotes from our younger Children

'It's nice, respectful and kind, I like coming lots'

'I am proud of touching the wet clay, I have never done it in my life and I will never do it again'

'I like holding the rabbits'

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Thank you for your donations and continued support

Classic cars, Sherborne

Supercars Sherborne

Cerne Abbas Church

Member of the Kings Command - Milborne Port
Charminster Village Stores

Sherborne Churches together - Christmas Tree Festival

FIAC
Sherborne Country Fair

Dorset Council Commissioning Team

Wessex Water Apprenticeship Team

Sherborne Churches Together



We are thrilled to introduce two new members to our team:

Darren, our Office Manager
Marc, our Farmer

Welcome to you both from all of us here
at Future Roots



Short Breaks Holiday Clubs

Nestling in a lovely rural setting in West Dorset, Rylands Farm offers the perfect environment for The Future Roots Short Break Holiday Club.

We provide farm-based activities using our farm site and are outside for most of the day. Our children and young people have opportunities to learn about the outdoors, undertake animal and farm tasks, meet other young people, have fun and play games.

All of our sessions are facilitated by our skilled Learning Mentors and structured in a way that is safe, fun and experimental.

Our Short Break Holiday Clubs are open to young people aged 8 -17 who are resident in the Dorset Council area, have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or have a diagnosed condition that impacts upon their wellbeing.

Children and young people work together in a group not on a 1:1 basis.

Unfortunately, at this time we cannot offer spaces for young people who need personal care.

We do require all participants to have a farm visit before booking onto our sessions.

For all enquiries please contact Future Roots
by phone: 01963 210703
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To see the whole range of what we do at Future Roots please visit our website: www.futereroots.net



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Amazon Wish List

As you know, the increasing costs of living affect everyone, including us here on the farm. To help improve conditions for the animals and the young people who visit, we have created an Amazon Wish List. We hope that you or someone you know might be able to contribute by purchasing an item from it.



New Animals on the farm

Over the past few months we have welcomed some new animals to the farm, we have had 3 new calves, all born here on the farm, Dolly, Stardust Dave - who was named by David Essex himself and our youngest calf Bon-Jovi, all are doing well.

Most recently we have welcomed two guinea fowl, it's early days but they seem to be settling in really well.

Stardust Dave



Dolly



Bon Jovi



Shrek and Donkey



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