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Thursday, 5th February 2026

**Year 1 Elm Class Trip to Hartwell Stables – 11 Before 11 – Riding a Large Animal
Wednesday, 11th March 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our 11 Before 11 experiences at Green Ridge, we are going to take the children horse riding at Hartwell Stables in Stone. During our visit, there will be a full itinerary of how to care for horses. This will include mucking out, field maintenance, grooming, tacking up, and preparing hay and feeds. The riding session will be a full gymkhana which involves team games on ponies. All the children will be on a lead rein for safety. A drink, snack and Hartwell rosette will also be included.

The visit will take place on **Wednesday, 11th March 2026**, and we will be travelling by coach so the children will need to be at school at **8.35am** on this date as the coach is due to depart promptly at 9.00am. We are due to return to school at around 1.00pm. If your child normally has school lunches, we are able to provide a packed lunch for them at school albeit a slightly later time, on this day. Please therefore order your child a school packed lunch via this [form](#) or provide a packed lunch as you usually would.

The children will need to wear comfortable, old clothes such as tracksuit bottoms, boots and a long-sleeved top and will need to bring their school uniform to get changed into once we return to school. Please also ensure that they are provided with an appropriate coat dependent on the weather on the day.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the trip, which will be £20.00. This includes the session at Hartwell and covers the cost of transport. Payment is to be made via Arbor. Please be aware that insufficient contributions may mean that we need to cancel this trip. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, the school will fund the cost of the trip for your child. If you are experiencing difficulties meeting this payment, then please contact Mrs. Curtis-Cross via [email](#) to discuss.

Please make payment via Arbor by **Sunday 1st March 2026**. We will also require parent/carer helpers on the day, so please kindly complete this [form](#) if you are available and willing to assist.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any further questions about the trip, please do come and speak to us.

Yours faithfully,

Miss. Lauren Gornall
Elm Class Teacher