



Residential 2025

Monday 7th July – Wednesday 9th July

Where Is the Residential Visit This Year?

The location: Magdalen Farm, Chard, TA20 4PA

The setting: Magdalen is an environmental education centre on an organic farm in beautiful West Country surroundings. At Magdalen, learning is an adventure and they pride themselves on their unique 'real life' educational approach. Children are inspired to learn in an exciting, safe environment, surrounded by nature and animals in peaceful countryside.



The Farm

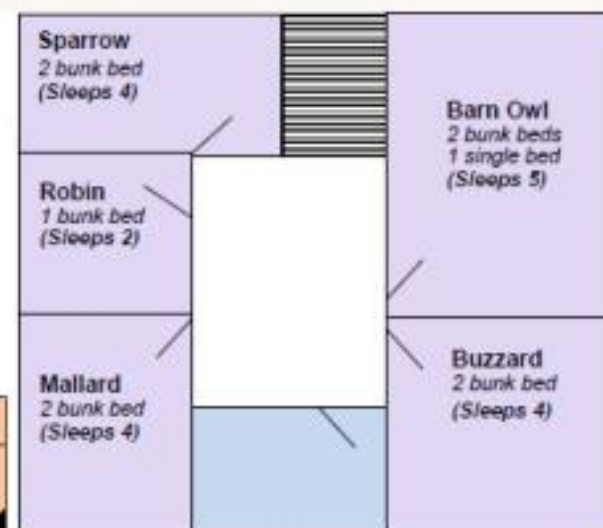
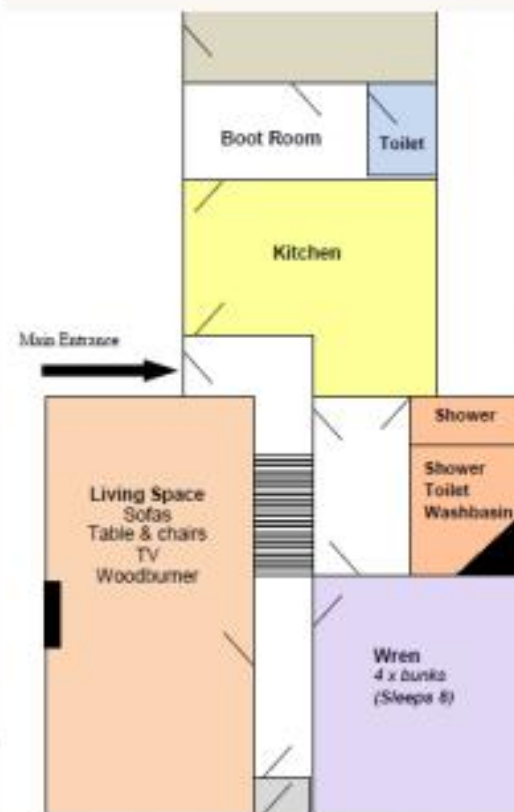
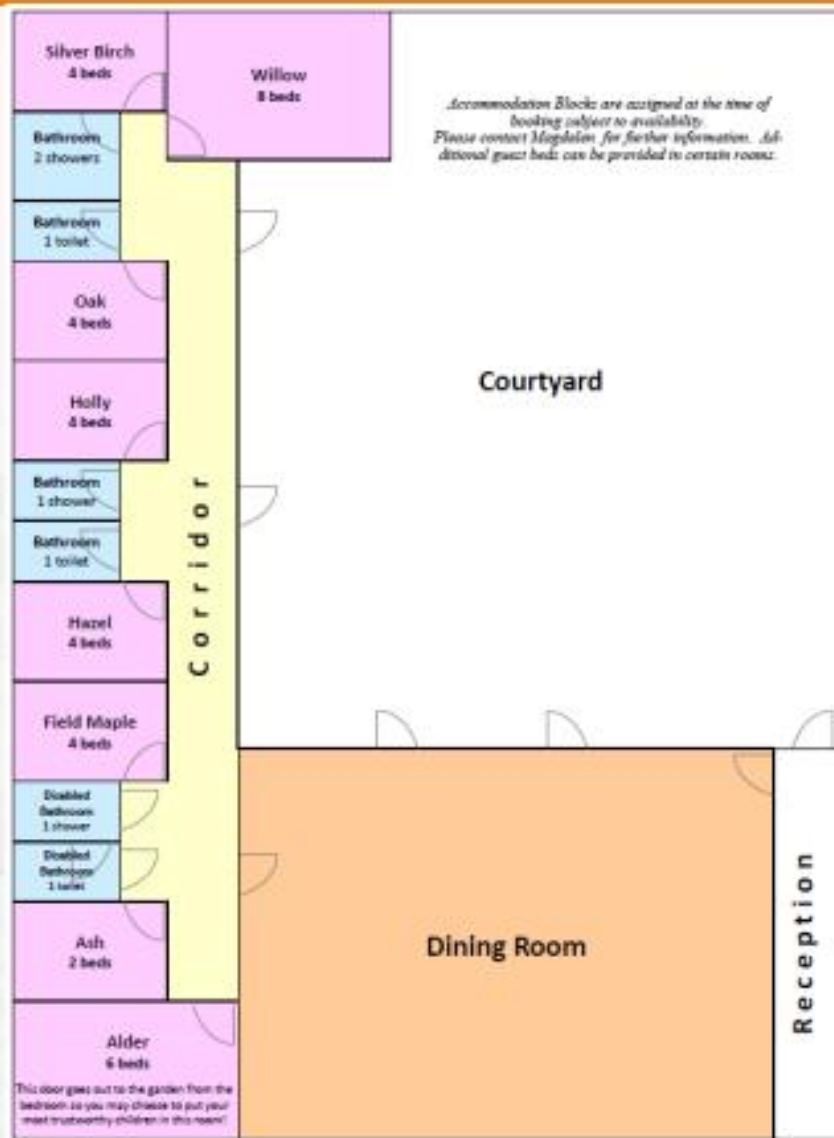


Dining Room

Indoor Facilities



Where Will the Children Sleep?



Indoor Facilities



Indoor Facilities



Bedrooms



Indoor Facilities

The Farmhouse



Bedrooms

Indoor Facilities



Living Room

Indoor Facilities



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Activities

- We will do a range of activities – low ropes, pond dipping, survival in the wild, looking after the chickens/animals, firelighting.
 - In the evenings we will have a campfire and an activity lead by school staff the second night.
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Playing Field



Activities



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Food and Mealtimes



Your exact menu won't be decided until shortly before your visit, and it will depend on the dietary requirements of your group, and what ingredients are in season on the farm.

Most dietary requirements can be catered for with notice.

There is usually 2 choices for each main meal – one meat and one vegetarian.

We also understand that some children just won't eat some things – and that's ok. We really encourage everyone to give things a try ... but we also have a well-stocked store cupboard, just in case.

So please trust us ... your children will not go hungry. They will eat lots of delicious, home cooked food that is good for them, and good for the planet.

What Clothing Will My Child Need to Bring?

Kit List

All Magdalen activities are all outside so the following six items are compulsory.

- ☐ A good waterproof jacket – large enough to fit over several layers of clothing
- ☐ Waterproof over trousers
- ☐ Wellington boots or walking boots with thick socks
- ☐ Water bottle labelled with child's name
- ☐ Warm hat e.g. woolly hat
- ☐ Outdoor shoes such as trainers or walking boots (designated to only be worn outside the building)

Plenty of **layers** of warm, comfortable old clothing (jeans are not good for outdoor activities as they do not dry quickly), non-cotton tracksuit type clothing is best. Clothing that can be worn in many layers is much more flexible, and allows adjustment to the weather and conditions.

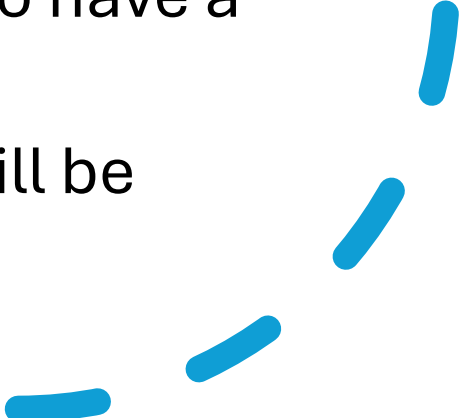
- ☐ Thick socks (including long thick pairs to wear with Wellingtons)
- ☐ Hat, scarf and gloves
- ☐ Underwear – enough for five days
- ☐ Pyjamas
- ☐ Tracksuits x 3
- ☐ Hoodies/sweaters/jumpers x 3
- ☐ Backpack (for packed lunch, clip boards etc)
- ☐ Indoor shoes such as slippers or trainers (designated to only be worn inside the building)
- ☐ Trainers or shoes to wear on the coach
- ☐ Warm coat (If waterproof jacket is a thin material)
- ☐ Towel and wash kit
- ☐ Torch and spare batteries
- ☐ A game or book for quiet time e.g. top trumps (**not electronic**)
- ☐ Three spare plastic bags to take home dirty laundry, muddy waterproofs and muddy wellies
- ☐ Teddy bear!

Label Everything!

- Food and drink is NOT allowed in bedrooms.
- Packed lunch for arrival day.

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Safety + Behaviour

- Full risk assessments have been carried out and safety is very important.
 - Activities are aimed at challenging children in a supportive environment.
 - Staffing ratios will meet or exceed the national guidelines. This way, good working relationships are formed to push children to reach their potential.
 - Our residential visit is about making happy memories and we want children to have a positive experience.
 - High expectations of behaviour will be insisted upon.
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Electronics

- Any electronic device is not allowed on residential.
- Please do not bring them.



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Souvenir Shop

- There is a small shop at Magdalen Farm selling small souvenirs, such as pencils, rubbers, mugs, etc.
 - Your child is permitted to bring a maximum of £5.00.
 - Please send your child's money in a named envelope/purse and hand it in to the designated adult on departure in the hall on Monday 7th July.
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Forms



You need to
complete:



EV5 form



Photo permissions
form

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Medication

- All medications needed for the residential should be brought in on Monday 7th July.
 - We will get you to complete and sign a form before departure.
 - Please label the medication with your child's name.
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Any Questions?



Looking forward to seeing you!

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