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It was springtime. Amy and Tom were on holiday from school. Mum and Dad had taken some time off work.

"It's a sunny day today," said Dad.

"Why don't we go out for the day?"

"Great!" said the children. "That would be fun."

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They discussed where they would like to go.

"We could go for a farm visit," said Mum.

"My friend took her children to one. There was plenty to see. They all enjoyed going."

"That's a good idea," said Dad. "We could see the baby animals. Sometimes

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the farmer lets visitors feed them."

Tom and Amy helped Mum and Dad to make a picnic. They put sandwiches, crisps, pears and raisins into a bag.

In a short time they were ready to go.

One hour later, the car came to

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a stop. They were at Round House Farm.

Dad got the wellies out and they put them on.

The ground was muddy, with puddles all around.

"Now where shall we start?" said Mum.

"There's a list of the animals we can see. There are cows, sheep and goats,

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pigs, horses and hens. We could have a tractor ride this afternoon, it says here."

"The hens are nearest," said Amy. "Shall we start there? Come on."

At the hen house they met the farmer, Mrs Seddon. She looked at Tom

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and Amy, and smiled. "I was just going to collect the eggs. Would you like to help?"

"We'd love to," said Amy.

"You will have to look all around. Sometimes the eggs are well hidden, or in odd places!"

Amy found six in the hen house.

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Tom began to look in the long grass.

He found three and put them in the basket.

Then he saw one more and bent to pick it up.

**Suddenly he was butted in the bottom! He
fell to the ground and the eggs were scattered.**

Tom sat up with a surprised look on

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his face. Everyone laughed!

“I am sorry,” said Mrs Seddon.

“That goat is too bad. Last week

it ate all my washing. Now it has

scrambled my eggs! We will have to put a

stronger fence round his field.”

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They left the hen house and went to find the barn. Inside were some cows. Mr Seddon was milking the herd of Jersey cows by machine.

“I have to finish soon. The milk tanker comes early for our milk and we have to be ready. Have you seen our new lambs yet?”

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Six were born last week. You could have a go at feeding them, if you like.”

Mr Seddon pointed out the way to the lambs. Mrs Seddon had some bottles of milk. She gave Tom, Amy, Mum and Dad a bottle each, and kept two herself.

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“Sit down on the bales of hay and I will let the lambs out of the pen. They get so excited at feeding time, and all push and shove each other.” The bleating was getting very loud as Mrs Seddon opened the pen gate.

Six woolly little lambs rushed out,

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tumbling over each other to find some milk.

Soon all the lambs were feeding happily.

"They're so sweet," said mum. "Now
it's time to wash our hands and eat."

They found a picnic table. It was near a
large children's playground which looked exciting.

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“Can we go in there to play this afternoon?” asked Amy. “Please Mum, can we?”

“Yes,” said Mum, “but don’t forget there’s a tractor ride at three. It would be disappointing to miss that.”

Dad opened the bag to get out the food.

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He took out the sandwiches and put them on the table. He turned his back to get out more food and the drinks.

“Look out!” cried Tom, “We’re not alone!” As Dad turned, he saw a goat eating the sandwiches, including the paper bag!

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Mum laughed. "It's a good job I made plenty. There are some egg rolls too."

When they had eaten, Amy and Tom rushed to the play area. There were swings and a very long slide. Tom found a tall net to climb over, and a wobbly rope bridge to cross.

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Then it was time for the tractor ride.

**They got on the trailer and Mrs Seddon
drove round the farm. She pointed out the duck
pond and the orchard where three pigs were resting.**

“You will have to come again in the autumn.

You could help with picking the apples then.”

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The ride stopped at the farm shop.

They went in to buy some milk, cheese, eggs
and vegetables to take home.

“It’s been such a lovely day,” said

Amy. “Let's come again soon.”

They all agreed.

Fun Page

**Write a funny story about a visit to
a farm.**
