

Lambing day at Amners Farm

Every year Amners Farm have two lambing weekends, where it opens up to the public for visitors to come and see the lambs and get close to lots of animals. My friend has told me about it several times, so this year, we thought we'd take a look.

There was a very long queue to get in, but that didn't matter, there was plenty of space for the kids to run around while we were waiting. First up, we took a look at the miniature railway, which was quite cool. Next we went to see some puppies. They were very cute and the children got to hold them, which is a first for my kids. They loved them (as all kids do!).



There were a couple of falconry birds just outside the puppy area and the children stopped to see

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Next stop were the gorgeous little chicks. The children sat down and we brought one over for them to hold. They were really brave and absolutely loved it. At first, they were a bit nervous, but that didn't last long. They gently stroked it, talked to it and held it. It was such a lovely experience for everyone. BB wasn't so sure, but he did stroke them, until it poohed on Pinky, then it had to go back!



Of course a farm visit would not be complete without taking a look at a tractor, sitting in its huge wheel and



going on a tractor-trailer ride. As you can probably guess, that was BB's favourite part of the day! *

We had a lovely picnic with friends before heading into the lambing barn. There were lots of sheep in pens with their newborn lambs. It was lovely to see all the new tiny lambs, some sitting on their mothers, some feeding, some learning to walk (or wobble should I say) and others being cleaned by

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The children were really fascinated by all these sheep and lambs. Boo kept asking “why have they got red bottoms?” (from the blood after giving birth). That was a tricky question to answer, I just told her it was because they have only just given birth to their babies. Luckily, she didn’t question that further!

I think the children would have stayed there watching them all day, but it was quite crowded so we moved on. There was an area in the barn which had bales of hay staked up for children to climb and jump on and tunnel through etc. The kids loved it, but it was extremely busy with lots of children of all ages. Boo was pleased with herself for climbing to the top, until an older girl randomly just pushed her off! Of course there were many tears, mostly from shock rather than hurt. Once the tears stopped, she got back on there, but didn’t go back up to the top though. BB enjoyed jumping off,

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bs. Whilst waiting, we watched the Pigs being fed and a sheep being sheared. BB loved watching that. It taught the children about where our woolly jumpers come from.

Then came the cute cuddly little lambs. They were so soft to stroke and very cuddly. We stayed quite

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BB even managed to have a chick on his lap this time (even if he does look a little unsure).

We had such a great day together as a family with friends, surrounded by lots of lovely cute animals. It was very busy, but that didn't stop us having a great time. The children experienced lots of things they had not done or seen before, so was a fantastic learning experience too. They couldn't tell me what the best part of the day was, because they loved it all so much!



