

# Talk to a farmer 2024

18th - 22nd March

Join us for a week of talks and question and answer sessions from a variety of farmers across Scotland.

You can register your class to join us by [clicking here](#) and use this timetable to plan which sessions you would like to attend.

All sessions come with further activities and resources to support learning in the classroom.

## Monday 18th March

### 9.45 - 10.15 Sheep farming and diversification in the National Park (3rd level)

Join Sally her Sister Rebecca on the family farm in the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park. They have mainly sheep some of which run on Ben Vorlich and will tell us the story of growing up on a farm.

### 10.45 - 11.15 Crofting in the Highlands (2nd level)

Join Siobhan Macdonald on a croft in the Highlands of Scotland and discover what a croft is the benefits of having one.

### 11.45 - 12.15 An introduction to sheep shearing (2nd level)

Join Kieran for an insight into why we need to shear sheep and the skills involved.

### 1.45 - 2.15 Sheep milk and cheese (2nd level)

Discover more about milking sheep and making cheese!

## Tuesday 19th March

### 9.45 - 10.15 Down on the farm with Angela (Early level)

Join Angela as she talks to us about her family farm and lets us meet some of the animals.

### 10.45 - 11.15 Farm animals (1st/2nd level)

Discover some of the more unusual animals you might find on a farm including alpacas, riass, goats and different sheep breeds.

### 11.45 - 12.15 Crofting and biodiversity (3rd level)

Join Aoife to find out more about crofting, grazing by Hebridean sheep, biodiversity and the fleece products from the croft..

### 1.45 - 2.15 Sheep and grassland management (3rd level)

Join Emily to find out more about what it takes to produce high quality rams and grow the best grass mixtures for grazing.



## Wednesday 20th March

### 9.45 - 10.15 Meet Lucky and Charms (1st level)

Meet Claire and two of her very special sheep, Lucky and Charms who were bottle fed and are now ready to have lambs of their own.

### 10.45 - 11.15 Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (2nd level)

Discover how to look after the countryside and help support farmers.

### 11.45 - 12.15 Find out more about sheep scanning (2nd level)

Join Rory to find out more about what is involved in scanning sheep.

### 1.45 - 2.15 Diversification with wool (2nd level)

Join Julie to discover some of the amazing items she produces from the sheep wool from her own sheep.

## Thursday 21st March

### 9.45 - 10.15 Low input sheep farming (3rd level)

Join Cora and David to find out more about land restoration and low input sheep grazing systems.

### 10.45 - 11.15 Visit the British Wool depot in Selkirk (2nd level)

See what happens to the sheep fleeces as they arrive from the farm to be sorted and graded.

### 11.45 - 12.15 Meet a vet (2nd level)

Meet Eilidh a Veterinary Surgeon at Strathspey Vets in Grantown and discover the important role a vet has in caring for livestock

### 1.45 - 2.15 Technology on the farm (2nd level)

Join Kay an eleventh generation tenant farmer, to find out about some of the new technology used on the farm!

## Friday 22nd March

### 9.45 - 10.15 Farm diversification (2nd level)

Find out how one small farm juggles family life with growing pumpkins, lambing sheep, looking after a swimming pool and holiday pods.

### 10.45 - 11.15 Producing quality Scotch Beef (3rd level)

Join Ben to find out more about the process of producing Scotch Beef.

### 11.45 - 12.15 Down on the farm with Stuart and Angie (1st level)

Join Stuart and Angie and meet cows, sheep and some of the other creatures living on their farm.

