

CAFT Impact

January – June 2026

**Six months of fun, learning
and growth!**

9,841 children visited CAFT for either a residential break or day visit between January - June 2026.

The first six months of 2026 have been truly amazing! Thanks to our supporters, staff and volunteers we have been able to offer our Day visit programmes to even more children from our communities, spreading the CAFT joy even further! Children with multiple needs have been given the opportunity to enjoy the fun, freedom and fresh air of a visit to our countryside location. This includes children with complex, profound disabilities and medical needs, children classed as SEND (Special Education Needs & Disabilities), those with sensory impairments, children taking on caring roles and those living in areas of social deprivation.

Our supporters have made a huge difference in the lives of these wonderful children - giving them an opportunity to enjoy the freedoms of childhood they sadly cannot take for granted. Thank you so much for all you've done to make the world a brighter place for these wonderful children.

624 children enjoyed a three day residential break

222 children visited with their family for a residential break, with a further 402 attending as part of a school/charity/community group. They stayed in either our 17th Century Farmhouse or Accessible Apartments and were given the freedom of the Farm! They played, they laughed and they grew in confidence and independence. So much has been gained for each and every child, their siblings, parents and communities.

"I have 2 children with additional needs, my daughter is very medically complex and is in a wheelchair and my son has Autism, ADHD and sensory processing disorder. Its so hard as a family to go places that are suitable for both our children, but CAFT is perfect, it allows us to safely get our daughter around in her wheelchair. I love that she has access to this and can enjoy a playground experience same as other children her age."



Easter day visits for 3,081 children

Outdoor Easter fun including a traditional Easter Egg Hunt and themed activities. Due to this programme largely taking place during the school holidays, it mainly focussed on families who were in need for accessible, fun, affordable activities during the Easter break.

"We find CAFT a friendly and welcoming place to visit that isn't too busy for our children. Every experience we have had has been great even if the weather hasn't always been on our side. From egg hunting, marshmallow toasting to enjoying the park, and I think the best part for R is feeding the animals."



"CAFT always feels like home, it's a safe and happy place that will always hold wonderful memories for the boys and our family. Everyone needs space where they belong and where they can be their most glorious selves. CAFT is one of those places!"

Fun Days – day visits for 4,248 children

It's important to recognise the value of day visits for the families and groups we support. For many, this day at CAFT will be their only opportunity to enjoy family/group activities as mainstream venues often fail to cater for their physical, behavioural and social challenges. A visit to CAFT is a lifeline, an opportunity to simply be themselves, with no barriers to participation, no judgement and no charge for visiting. 3,067 children visited with their family, 1,181 visited as part of a group/school.



"We always have a fabulous time at CAFT - there is plenty to do for all the family and the time just flies! The most common question my daughter asks is "When are we going to CAFT?"

Forest School for 337 children

We have continued to provide our structured, multi-week Forest School programme. This provides children with an opportunity to learn about the natural environment, getting them outdoors in all weathers!

"The children have had the most amazing time and made the most amazing memories. It gave them a chance to be more independent and express themselves more."



CAFTfest for 1,551 children

1,551 children attended one of 6 accessible festivals over the weekend of Friday 19th - Sunday 21st June. They were able to enjoy the fun of a festival at their own pace, enjoying accessible, relaxed performances across our 10 acre site. Thanks to an army of 152 volunteers we provided a safe, exciting, relaxed environment for children and families who often find days out to be far too costly, stressful and frustrating as their child cannot participate, or they feel judged and unwelcome.

"We have been to CAFTfest every year and it never fails to be a brilliant day. Our daughter who has Down Syndrome loves everything about it and her favourite thing is the Goofus theatre. She was also very impressed with the new allotment area."



"We absolutely love coming to CAFT, we've been coming for 2 years now. It has a homely, belonging feel, the staff are amazing with SEN children and ourselves. We feel very happy, safe, and a sense of belonging at each visit. This is not felt at many places due to our children's Autism but CAFT is an absolutely amazing, fun, safe space which we adore."

But it doesn't end there, we still have 6 glorious months to go!

Between July - December we will provide the following opportunities for children from our region. We can only do this thanks to our amazing supporters who donate both their funds and time to make CAFT the magical place it is.



- ★ **Residential breaks for 576 children**
- ★ **Fun Days on the Farm for 5,902 children**
- ★ **343 children will benefit from Forest School sessions**
- ★ **Halloween Day visits for 2,258 children**
- ★ **and finally...3,700 children will enjoy festive magic during our Christmas Programme**



With the support of our many communities and partners, our aim is to provide 22,620 visits to CAFT in 2026. Every member of our team is invested in making a difference, we are committed to providing the best possible experience to as many children as we can.

None of this can ever happen without our wonderful supporters - donors, volunteers and staff who give tirelessly and generously to ensure that we can make a real difference to these fantastic children.

Thanks to you, children impacted by disability, illness and social disadvantage will be given the sort of opportunities they should be able to take for granted. They will learn new skills, communicate and make memories to last a lifetime.

On behalf of each and every child -
THANK YOU!

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERY DONOR, VOLUNTEER & SUPPORTER. THANKS TO YOU WE HAVE GIVEN THESE AMAZING CHILDREN MEMORIES THEY'LL TREASURE FOREVER.