



A message from the Principal, Jason Marantz

Dear Parents and Carers,

Support your school

I hope you are enjoying the new format of our newsletter. It is a real pleasure to bring you information as well as news and reports from school events and outings.

Please ensure that you read our newsletter every week, as well as letters and notices that come out during the week. Information about Swift can also be found on twitter, facebook and on our website: www.arkswift.org

Later this term I will be sending out a short survey in order to get your views. Our school community is a partnership and your thoughts about what we are doing are very important. They help us make sure we are supporting your children the best way we can.

Thank you for your support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Marantz
Principal



The deadline to order school photos via the school is 19 May.

Attendance News – 2nd May to 21 5th May 2017

Winners of this week's attendance awards are:

1st place:	Bristol	99.5%
2nd place:	Trinity	98.9%
3rd place:	Cambridge	97.6%

Our whole school attendance for this week was: **94.6%**.

Our attendance for the year to date is **95.01%**.

Our target for this year is **96%**, so we need to keep working towards this. Please send your children to school, every day and on time.

Remember, good attendance is linked to good progress in school.

Year 6 take SATS this week



Well done to our Year 6 children who sat the SATs National Curriculum tests this week. They sat tests in reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar, arithmetic and mathematical reasoning. They will continue to work on their writing.

Year 2 children have started their tests and we wish them lots of luck.

Reception class visit the Wetlands Centre

This week the Reception class went on a trip to the Wetlands centre.

When the children arrived they were told all about the different animals they might find in the Wetlands centre. Whilst exploring the centre the children went bird watching. They learnt that they needed to stay so quiet so they did not scare away the birds.

One child said, *“I can see lots of birds. Look, there’s a duck and a swan. They are my favourites.”*

After lunch the children became scientists! For the pond dipping activity they used fishing nets to fish out different creatures from the pond. Once they found the creatures they placed them carefully into a bowl to examine them.

The guide from the Wetlands Centre taught the class names of the different creatures and gave them some interesting facts.

One child said, *“I learnt about the hog-louse. It has so many legs!” “The water-boatman uses its arms to swim. Just like me.”*

Miss Millar said, *“The children had such a fantastic day. It was lovely to see them exploring and getting stuck in to all of the activities. At school, we had learnt a story about a tadpole so this really brought their learning to life! The whole day was engaging and full of new experiences for everyone.”*



Reception Children at the Wetlands Centre

Nursery’s new arrivals!

Chicks

Children in the Early Years have had some very special visitors this week. On Monday we received our special delivery - living eggs!

We learnt about ways to keep them safe and warm.

On Wednesday, the children were delighted to observe the eggs hatching and the baby chicks learning to walk. On Thursday we moved the chicks into their homes and gave them food and water. We are looking forward to spending more time with the chicks over the next week.



Dates for your diary

29th May - 2nd June	Half Term
12 -16 th June	Year 1 Phonics Check week
26 th June	Reception class assembly
3 rd July	Cambridge class assembly
7 July	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
13 July	EYFS and KS1 Classroom Visits
13 July	Year 6 Performance
17 July	Year 6 Leavers’ Ceremony
14 July	KS2 Classroom Visits
21 st July	Last Day of Term

All class assemblies start at 3:05pm.