

# King Athelstan Primary School

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Dear Families of Reception,

We will be taking a very exciting trip to **The Wetlands Centre on Thursday 26th March 2026**. During the visit, the children will explore different types of water creatures and their habitats and take part in a "pond safari". This trip links extremely well to our Spring term's topic, "Growing."

The children will take part in a teaching and learning session in the morning, followed by lunch and some time to explore and observe the beautiful Wetlands.

We will be leaving school immediately after registration and aim to return by **3:00pm**, for normal collection time. It is extremely important that your child is in school by **8:35am** on the morning of the visit to ensure we are able to leave on time. We will be travelling by coach.

All children will need a packed lunch. Please book on ParentPay in the usual way and a packed lunch will be provided on this day. Alternatively, you may supply a packed lunch from home in a named, disposable bag (and don't forget to cancel any hot meal booking already made). Please also provide a named, refillable water bottle. No fizzy drinks or sweets, please.

The cost of the trip is **£24.78**, which covers coach travel, entry to The Wetlands Centre, and a teaching and learning session including the pond safari. Although this is a voluntary contribution, if we do not receive sufficient payments to cover the cost of the trip, we may have to cancel the visit. Please make payment via ParentPay by 12th March 2026. You will also see an option on ParentPay to make an over payment for this trip to support other families who may struggle to pay - please feel free to contribute to this if you can.

We would welcome some volunteers to accompany us on this trip. All parent/carer volunteers need a DBS, a certificate from the Disclosure and Barring Service for safeguarding reasons. If you have a current DBS check through King Athelstan and would like to support us, please indicate this in ParentPay. If you would like to apply for a DBS, please see the volunteering section application form [here](#). If you apply now, the DBS should be through in time for this trip, and it lasts for three years so you will be able to accompany later trips, too. Each DBS check costs the school £20 so we ask families to contribute to the cost if possible. You will see this as an item on ParentPay. We are very grateful for assistance on school trips and will confirm helpers by email as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

  


Jade Gulliford and Sophie Jackson

Reception Team

