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They're STILL eating when I cross the bridge to go to school.

I look down and see them swimming about, dabbling at the surface ...

"Dabbling" is when ducks nibble at the surface of the water with their beaks to get tiny bits of food – small insects and seeds.

and upending to reach food that's under water. Brrrr, it looks so cold!

"Upending" is when ducks push their heads right under the surface to eat water plants and creatures like snails.

We visit the ducks on the way
home from school in the afternoon.
When the weather's very cold,
they're still hungry!

I go down to the water and
even though they're wild birds,
they come close, just to see
if I've got any food for them!

Although ducks can't live
on bread alone, it can help to keep
their tummies full when times
are tough.

Ducks need more food when it's cold,
and in some places people feed ducks
on bread in harsh weather.