



HAPPY NEWS



Have you 'herd'? A baby elephant has arrived!

Exciting news from Blackpool Zoo - a baby elephant named Zaiya has been born! She's the first girl elephant ever born at the zoo, and her name means 'strength.' At first she needed a little help drinking her mum's milk, but now she's growing stronger every day. Her arrival is extra special because Asian elephants are endangered, so Zaiya is a wonderful new addition to the herd! Visitors to the zoo will be able to see her from this week.



KIDS



SOUTH AFRICA

'Mice' to meet you! Songs help mice spot friends

In the deserts of Africa, some very clever striped mice have been discovered singing special songs! These aren't tunes we can hear with our ears - they're super high-pitched squeaks called ultrasonic songs. The mice use them to figure out who's a friend and who's a stranger. Each little mouse family has its own special song, almost like a secret code, so they know when they've met a neighbour or when an outsider is nearby!



USA

Totally bananas!

Steve Braithwaite, known as the 'Banana Car Man,' built the world's longest banana car - a bright yellow vehicle stretching nearly 23 feet, about the same length as a prehistoric mega-shark! Made from a Ford truck, this bonkers ride can zoom up to 85mph and has already toured more than 42 US states.



Wow!



'Tree-mendous' ash tree named Tree of the Year

An incredible ash tree in Scotland, has been crowned the Woodland Trust's Tree of the Year 2025, beating entireties from all over the UK. The ash tree stands all by itself on one of Glasgow's busiest streets, right in the middle of the city. People love it because, even though it's surrounded by shops, cars, and people, it has kept growing strong. The tree is now famous for showing how nature can survive and thrive, even in the busiest of places!



What kind of key opens a banana?
A monkey!



UK

New headset helps children with sight loss enjoy football

Sophia, a young Crystal Palace fan with a rare eye condition, can now enjoy watching football matches thanks to a special headset. The device, made by GiveVision, lets her zoom in on the action and even watch live TV coverage of the game in real time. Before using it, Sophia said she felt "disconnected," but now she feels like part of the crowd. The headsets are free to use at Crystal Palace, and the club hopes more teams will start offering them too!