



HAPPY NEWS

KIDS

Record-breaking teacher helps children for 61 years


USA

Glenda Akin from Tennessee, USA, has made history by winning a Guinness World Records title for working at the same school for an incredible 61 years! She taught students and shared her love of books first as a teacher, then as a librarian at Westmoreland High School. Glenda holds the record for the longest-serving female teacher at a single school and says she loved going to school every single day. Now happily retired, the school has named a library after her to celebrate her dedication to students!

Image Credit: Westmoreland High School/Facebook

Joke of the Week

What's a bee's favourite sport? *Rug-bee!*



Rare surprise: Kind polar bear mum adopts a cub

Researchers in Canada have spotted a mother polar bear doing something very rare - caring for a cub that isn't her own. She was seen during the polar bear migration near Churchill - a place famous for polar bears - walking proudly with two cubs by her side. Scientists from **Polar Bears International** say this kind of adoption almost never happens and has only been recorded a handful of times. Having a caring mother greatly helps cubs survive, especially as climate change makes life harder for polar bears.



Image Credit: Dave Sandford / Discover Churchill

Peru


Image Credit: Luis Garcia

Amazing bees get the right to 'bee'

A special kind of bee with no sting is getting extra help to stay safe in the Amazon rainforest. These stingless bees live in Peru and are very important because they help plants, fruits, and trees grow. People noticed the bees were disappearing as forests were cut down and other bees took their food. They are now the first insects ever to be protected by special rules that help keep their forest homes safe and give them a better chance to survive.

Waddle like a penguin to stay safe on the ice!

2026 has started with an icy chill, and if you've got snow or ice near you, experts have shared some rather peculiar advice: walk like a penguin!

With slippery pavements and playgrounds around, waddling with small steps and bent knees can help you keep your balance and avoid nasty slips. Safety experts say it might look silly, but it really works - penguins are pros at staying upright on ice!



Image Credit: Makerspace Penarth/Vale of Glamorgan Council

Bin-gle all the way!

Christmas might be over for another year, but we just had to share this feel-good story! Lenny Edwards, a bin crew member with Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service, delighted families over the festive period by turning himself into a "Walking Christmas Tree" for the 12th year in a row! Lenny added hundreds of twinkling lights, jingling bells, and even hand-knitted bears made by his wife to spread smiles on his rounds. Mission accomplished!


UK

Think Happy

New Year Smiles: Think of one thing you're excited to do this year and share it with someone.

