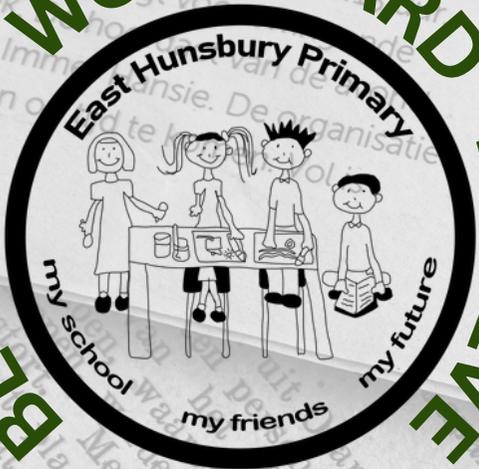


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A Purr–fect Helper!

Meet Cilla, a very special cat, who lives at a primary school in Warwickshire! Cilla first showed up as a stray seven years ago, visiting the school every day. The students and staff loved her so much that they made her part of the school family! Cilla spends her time comforting students, especially those feeling nervous before big tests. She loves wandering into classrooms and sitting with children who need a cuddle. ‘She just seems to know when a child needs her,’ said headteacher Ms Taylor. Cilla’s kindness hasn’t gone unnoticed—she recently won the *Connected Cat* award at the Cat of the Year Awards! She’s



Pictured: Cilla relaxing in the library.
Source: @OutwoodsCat on X.

also famous online, with 26,000 followers on X (formerly Twitter). Plus, she helped raise £5,000 for the school’s library! With six cozy beds around the school, including two in the library, Cilla lives a life of luxury while doing her important job of comforting students.

Pumpkin Power

Aleksandr Chusov has grown a record-breaking pumpkin in Russia, weighing an enormous 817kg! The giant pumpkin was crowned the largest in Russian history after a special weigh-in at the Moscow State University Botanical Garden. Aleksandr, who is 28 years old, won the top prize at the Autumn Festival of Vegetables. He explained how he grew the pumpkin saying, ‘You select the biggest pumpkins and cross them with other giant pumpkins. Then, with the right care, like proper watering, fertilising, and planting at the

right time, they just get bigger and bigger!’ The massive pumpkin is now famous, and Aleksandr is proud of his amazing gardening skills. What a pumpkin!

Have you spotted any pumpkins? Were they giant?



Pictured: Giant pumpkins.
Source: Canva.

Will classrooms of the future be teacherless?



New technology is being invented all the time, I don't think we can rule out teacherless classrooms. Betsy, 10

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Disney Decoration!

A uniquely decorated home has gone viral after it was put up for sale by its Disney superfan owner! The estate agents in charge of selling the home posted that their advertisement had gone global: 'Our property listing has captured the world's attention, and we couldn't be more thrilled! 🇬🇧' The Disney-themed home features huge murals of famous characters, such as Aladdin, Mary Poppins and Peter Pan. The property is in the Welsh seaside



Pictured: The interior of the Disney themed house.

Source: Elwy Estate Agents on Facebook.

town of Rhyl, in Denbighshire. Marti Anderson-Bryan from Elwy Estates explained, 'The current homeowner, she's a real massive Disney fan. She's been to Disney over twenty times, and she's actually lived in that house her whole life. Lots of people are just obviously really curious just to see the artwork because obviously, people have just never seen anything like it before!'

Do you think you would like to live in this house?

Can you think of a theme you would like in your home?

Hunt for Happiness

Michael Zervos has announced that he has reached the halfway mark on his mission to travel to every country in the world. He is aiming to do this in the shortest number of days possible. There are 195 countries to go to and he has visited almost 100 so far! He is calling his world-record-breaking attempt, Project Kosmos! He describes his adventure as 'a record-breaking journey of happiness.' As he travels, he is asking the residents of each country the same question: What is the happiest moment of your life? The Greek-American filmmaker is collecting and then publishing the answers and stories that go with them online. He hopes by doing this he will spread happiness and the belief that everyone can be happy, wherever they live in the world, and whoever they are!



Pictured: Teacher and students with a globe.
Source: Canva.

'I'm amazed I'm on schedule,' Michael admitted, 'Occasionally it means maybe spending a day less in a certain place, but I've tried to make the most out of those situations.' Describing the experience so far, he added, 'It's changed me in ways that I can't really articulate!'

Are there any countries that you would like to travel to?

What is the happiest moment of your life?

Will classrooms of the future be teacherless?



I think that we will always need human teachers as they will always be better at understanding their class.

Hamsa