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Bright Nights in Sight!

It's the last week of February, have you noticed how the evenings are getting a little brighter?

From now until June, it will continue to stay lighter for longer in the UK, with the Sun setting later and later into the evening.

'At the end of February, the Sun will set around 17:45. At the end of March, things change slightly as we will move the clocks forward by one hour for Daylight's Saving so it will set even later, around 19:45,' says scientist, Dr Meg Green. 'By the end of April, it will set around 20:40, at 21:30 in May and at the end of June, it will be the latest time of setting around



Pictured: A light spring evening.
Source: Canva.

21:45. June is my favourite; I just love a long summer's evening!' adds Dr Green. Later sunsets happen in the spring and summer months because the Earth is tilted more towards the Sun at this time. In the winter, it is further away so is exposed to less sunlight. **Which do you prefer? Light, sunny nights or dark, cosy evenings?**

Friends for the fish – that's fin-tastic!

Have you ever felt lonely? It's not always a very nice feeling. Apparently, even sunfish get lonely sometimes too! The sunfish's home, The Kaikyokan Aquarium in Southern Japan, is closed to visitors in December to undergo repairs, and the sunfish has started to behave differently. It suddenly stopped eating its jellyfish meals and started to rub its lumpy, narrow body along the glass of the tank. Staff tried a few things, which didn't seem to help. One thought that it might be missing the visitors; 'we



Pictured: The sunfish and its cardboard cutout friends! **Source:** @shimonoseki_aq on X.

attached the uniforms [and photos] of the staff members (to the tank). Then ... the next day, it was in good health again!' Some friendly, familiar faces have brought this sunfish back to normal – how lovely! **What is your favourite sea creature?**

Should we be allowed to travel anywhere we like?



I think that wherever you go, it should be treated with responsibility and thoughtfulness.
Mikhail M

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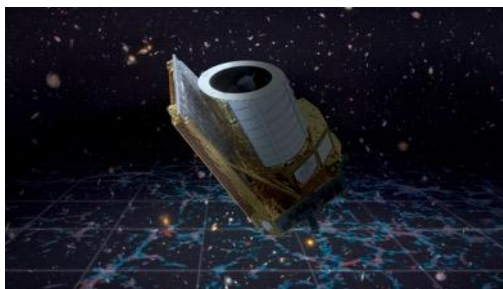
Ring of Light

The European Space Agency (ESA) says it has spotted a rare circle of light in space, called an Einstein ring. The agency says it has come from a galaxy 4.42 billion light-years away, which has never been observed before and hasn't been named yet. The image was captured by ESA's Euclid telescope, launched in July 2023, with the mission to create a 3D map of the



Pictured: Einstein ring captured by ESA's Euclid telescope.

Source: ESA Science on X.



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universe! Described as the dark universe detective, the space telescope aims to accomplish this by observing two billion galaxies. Scientists believe the images returned to Earth will help them unravel the universe's cosmic history. Conor O'Riordan, from the Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics in Germany, said, 'An Einstein ring is an example of strong gravitational lensing. All strong lenses are special, because they're so rare, and they're incredibly useful scientifically. This one is particularly special, because it's so close to Earth and the alignment makes it very beautiful.'

Have you ever heard about the Euclid telescope previously?

What do you think this galaxy could be called?

Stradivarius Violin Funds Scholarships

\$11.25 million (£8.8M) has been raised by the sale of a very special violin by the New England Conservatory (NEC), in Boston, USA. The Stradivarius violin, handcrafted in 1714 by Antonio Stradivari, has been sold at a Sotheby's auction house in New York. The violin was expected to sell for a lot of money, as it is widely considered to be one of the greatest violins ever made or heard! The massive amount of money raised from the sale will be used to fund student scholarships. 'After years of individual use by our students, now, we can establish the largest named student scholarship programme in the history of NEC, honouring our



Pictured: New England Conservatory Symphony.
Source: New England Conservatory on Facebook.

mission to educate and train the next generation of musicians,' says Andrea Kalyn, President of the New England Conservatory. 'While it has been a privilege to have one of the world's finest violins, this sale will be transformational for our students.' She also said, 'It has been an honour to have the Joachim-Ma Stradivari on campus, and we are eager to watch its legacy continue on the world stage.'

Do you know how to play a musical instrument?

Did you know how much a Stradivarius could be worth?

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We can travel wherever we want but we have to remember to clean up after ourselves and not harm the area with rubbish.

Ella-May

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