

Moscow swelters in record heat

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A caretaker in a T-shirt sweeps the playground at a Moscow school this week. Moscow sweltered in unseasonable heat on Sunday, with temperatures of nearly 29 degrees Celsius (84.2 Fahrenheit), a record for April since data collection began 130 years ago, authorities said.

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"At 4:00 p.m. (1200 GMT), the temperature reached 28.6 degrees Celsius, an absolute record for the month of April," an official from the Russian capital's [weather service](#) told the Interfax news agency.

"The previous record for the month goes back to April 24, 1950, with 28 degrees," he added.

The mercury had already climbed to 26.3 degrees on Saturday.

Several central and eastern European countries recorded unseasonably [high temperatures](#) on Saturday, with a record 32 degrees recorded in northern Austria.

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