

NewsOfTheWeek- Roundup:

(week commencing 1/4/24)

Monday:

Politics:

- Get tough on immigration to tempt Reform voters back, Tories told (The Times- [link](#))
- 20 Labour councillors in Pendle quit en masse as antisemitism row rumbles on (The i- [link](#))
- Trump attacks resigning GOP reps as 'cowards and weaklings' as majority thins (The Hill- [link](#))
- Mike Johnson hints vote on Ukraine aid is up next despite threat to speakership (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Biden to travel to Baltimore on Friday to survey Key Bridge damage (CNN- [link](#))
- Tory faction plots 'Truss-style' leader if party loses general election (The Times- [link](#))
- Labour could axe all hereditary peers from House Of Lords, reports suggest (The Independent- [link](#))
- Latest UK politics as Gove says general election likely to take place in November (The i- [link](#))
- Tory plans to abolish non-dom status riddled with loopholes, Labour says (The Guardian- [link](#))

Environmental/weather/space:

- UK faces prospect of hosepipe ban despite wettest winter on record (The Times- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Hundreds of repeat knife offenders spared jail despite 'two strikes' crackdown (The Independent- [link](#))
- 'Artificial sun' sets record for time at 100 million degrees Celsius in latest advance for nuclear fusion (CNN- [link](#))
- Shares in Donald Trump's Truth Social plunge as \$58m losses revealed (The Times- [link](#))
- Celebrity antiques expert Ian Towner reveals injuries after hammer attack during robbery (Sky News- [link](#))
- Celebrated Ukrainian poet Serhiy Zhadan to join war effort (The Times- [link](#))
- EU pumps four times more money into farming animals than growing plants (The Guardian- [link](#))
- JK Rowling in 'arrest me' challenge over hate crime law (BBC News- [link](#))

Global:

- Israel Blamed for Attack Killing Iranian General In Damascus (The Wall Street Journal- [link](#))
- U.S. Guns Flow Into Haiti as Gangs Push to Take Control (The Wall Street Journal- [link](#))
- Russian sanctions boost US oil supply as India looks for new suppliers (Business Insider- [link](#))
- French police overwhelmed by channel crossing gangs – despite aggressive tactics (The i- [link](#))

Tuesday:

Politics:

- Labour commits to keeping Tories' free childcare expansion plans (Sky News- [link](#))
- Winning over the Times and the Sun won't decide the next election – but Starmer's Labour can't kick the habit (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Four in five Labour members back Keir Starmer's leadership amidst councillor turmoil (The Independent- [link](#))
- Abolish NHS England and empower local leaders, says think tank (The Times- [link](#))
- UK and US must 'stop backsliding' on support for Israel, Suella Braverman claims (ITV News- [link](#))
- Penny Mordaunt's SNP jibes show a 'dislike of Scotland', Deidre Brock claims (The Scotsman- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak wants general election when people 'feel things are improving' (The Times- [link](#))
- Democratic senator eyeing bill to repeal Comstock Act (The Hill- [link](#))
- Top Trump pollster moves from super PAC to the campaign (Politico- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Billionaire Trump Fan Helped Ex-President With \$175 Million Bond (Huffpost- [link](#))

Global:

- Britain urged Israel to investigate death of aid workers in Gaza (Reuters- [link](#))
- At UN, US warns Iran not to target it over Syria strike (Reuters- [link](#))

Wednesday:

Politics:

- Nicola Sturgeon 'veering against' vote for assisted dying bill (The Times- [link](#))
- Reform UK drops two more candidates over racist comments (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Post Office: 'People are furious in the House of Commons that parliament has been misled', Labour MP says (4 News- [link](#))
- Sunak under pressure to act as he gives Israel time to explain 'awful tragedy' (The Times- [link](#))
- Teachers could strike in September, union says (BBC News- [link](#))
- PM has 'bottled' general election, says Sir Ed Davey (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Sadiq Khan aiming to create 150,000 'high-quality, well-paid jobs' by 2028 (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Tories facing general election defeat worse than 1997 wipeout, major poll finds (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- Childcare shortage fuelled by migrant crackdown as nursery bosses can't find staff (The i-[link](#))
- Labour commits to keeping Tories' free childcare expansion plans (Sky News- [link](#))
- Trump campaign, RNC triple fundraising in March to \$65.6 million (Reuters- [link](#))
- Donald Trump LOSES immunity bid delay Stormy Daniels hush money criminal trial (The Mirror- [link](#))

Energy:

- Humza Yousaf under fire for meeting with oil and gas giant during COP28 (The Scotsman- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Israeli drone used in Gaza aid strike powered by British-made engine; activists claim (The Independent- [link](#))
- Tory demands police apology as police say Rowling comments 'not a hate incident' (The Evening Standard- [link](#))

Global:

- West must win argument for NATO again, says Cameron (The Independent- [link](#))

Thursday:

Politics:

- Sir Alan Duncan: Former Tory minister under investigation criticised for latest Israel comments (Sky News- [link](#))
- Israel is 'absolutely not' in breach of international law, Suella Braverman says (The Independent- [link](#))
- UK teachers defy minister to back pro-Palestine motion (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Labour to attack 'tax double whammy' on campaign trip to Blackpool (The Independent- [link](#))
- Joe Biden calls for immediate ceasefire in Gaza to protect innocent civilians (The Times- [link](#))
- Civil servants request to stop work over arms to Israel (Sky News- [link](#))
- Yousaf vows 'no interference' as police probe into SNP finances continues (The Independent- [link](#))
- Donald Trump delivers a message at Nigel Farage's birthday party (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Former Supreme Court President among 600 lawyers to sign letter calling on UK to stop arms to Israel (The Independent- [link](#))

Environment/weather:

- People are 'frustrated' with govt's environmental law reform process: Sarah Hanson- Young (Sky News- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Pupils wearing pro- Palestinian badges referred to counter-terror scheme – union (The Independent- [link](#))
- Let British Students back into free movement scheme, EU committee says (The Independent- [link](#))
- Liz Truss among Tory MPs at Nigel Farage's birthday party (BBC News- [link](#))
- Millions of workers to enjoy national insurance cut as new tax year starts (The Independent- [link](#))

Global:

- DeSantis signs bill that directs gambling revenues to fund environmental projects (Florida Phoenix- [link](#))

Friday:

Politics:

- Voters sick of Humza Yousaf's virtue signalling, says Joanna Cherry (The Times- [link](#))
- Michael Gove admits to 'moral cowardice' during Brexit campaign (Sky News- [link](#))
- Boris Johnson urges UK to keep arming Israel and makes swipe at David Cameron (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Alan Duncan hits over potential expulsion from Tory party for attacking 'pro-Israel extremist' Conservatives (The Independent- [link](#))
- Susan Hall 'pay-per-mile' social media image slammed by Labour as 'fake news' (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Robert F Kennedy Jr vows to investigate January 6 prosecutions for political bias (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Republican Party pushing mail-in voting despite Trump's opposition (ABC News- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Woman in court charged with Terrorism Act offences over 'support for Hamas' (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Businessman behind Trump's NY bond says he charged him a 'low fee' (Reuters- [link](#))
- Norwegian cruise passenger stranded in Africa after stroke, family says (Business Insider- [link](#))
- Police 'overwhelmed' by thousands of hate crime complaints under new Scottish law (The i- [link](#))

Global:

- US talks with Russia to discourage space anti-satellite nuclear weapons ongoing (Politico- [link](#))

Saturday:

Politics:

- Trump suffers blows in two criminal cases as New York attorney general questions fraud bond: live (The Independent- [link](#))
- United Ireland ‘a legitimate aspiration’ but not priority’, says incoming Taoiseach Simon Harris (Sky News- [link](#))
- Keir Starmer vows to turn page on Tory decline, build homes and rescue NHS (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Only four in ten Tory voters from 2019 back Sunak – poll (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Only one in five voters want to retain hate crime act (The Times- [link](#))
- West Midlands mayor distances himself from Tories, urging voters to ‘distinguish between party and me’ (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Joe Biden steps up pressure to agree ceasefire deal ahead of weekend talks (LBC- [link](#))
- Banning arms sales to Israel would be ‘insane’, says Boris Johnson (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Brexit rivals Cameron and Farage outshine Sunak and expose Tory party splits (The I- [link](#))
- Reform UK hits polling high as right-wing voters desert Conservatives (The i-[link](#))
- MP investigated by Police Scotland under new hate crime law (The Times- [link](#))
- Defence chiefs splashed out over £1bn of taxpayer cash on external consultants since 2010 (The Sun- [link](#))
- Labour’s Rachel Reeves accuses Rishi Sunak of treating public like ‘fools’ with Tory ‘tax con’ (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Tory support in ‘Blue Wall’ falls to new low (The Telegraph- [link](#))

Environment/weather/space:

- Earthquake hits US east coast – shaking buildings in New York (Sky News- [link](#))
- Scientists confirm record highs for three most important heat- trapping gases (The Guardian- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Greta Thunberg: Activist arrested at Hague climate protest (BBC News- [link](#))
- Critical incident remains in place at hospital (BBC News- [link](#))
- Meghan Markle ‘prepared to pull plug on UK trip with Prince Harry, expert says (The Mirror- [link](#))
- British man, 25, ‘fighting for life’ after falling from third floor balcony in Majorca (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Majority of women in states that banned abortion want legal access (Business insider- [link](#))

Global:

- Russia accused of using chemical gas attacks against Ukrainian soldiers (The Guardian- [link](#))
- EU official sparks anger by saying Gibraltar is Spanish in Brexit talks (The Independent- [link](#))

Sunday:

Politics:

- Adam Boulton: Keir Starmer should expect to come under vicious assault from day one if Labour wins landslide (Sky News- [link](#))
- Angela Rayner 'played by the rules' over tax affairs, claims Labour's David Lammy (Sky News- [link](#))
- January 2025 election has not been ruled out, Dowden hints (The Independent- [link](#))
- David Lammy says he has 'serious concerns' about Israel's actions in Gaza (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Minister refuses to say if Israel has broken international law in Gaza (The i- [link](#))
- Brexit has relegated Britain to 'middle power' status, says ex-foreign secretary (The Independent- [link](#))
- SNP treats councils worse than Thatcher did, says former Scottish Labour leader (The Scotsman- [link](#))
- Biden could be left off general election ballot in Ohio, Republican official warns (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Hillary Clinton met with student protests during visit to alma mater Wellesley College: 'Blood on her hands' (Fox News- [link](#))
- Top GOP lawmaker believes he can 'fix' Social Security (Fox News- [link](#))
- Deaths of humanitarian aid workers in Gaza 'unacceptable': Rep. Dean (MSNBC- [link](#))

Death:

- Lord Hoyle, father of Commons speaker, Lindsay, dies aged 98 (The Guardian- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Police issue pictures of man wanted for murder after stabbing mum with pram in Bradford (ITV News- [link](#))
- Trains delayed due to 'police incident' between Huyton and Wigan (Echo- [link](#))
- Heathrow: British Airways and Virgin Atlantic planes in minor collision (BBC News- [link](#))
- Baltimore's port could be fully functional by end of May, Maryland's governor says (Politico- [link](#))

Global:

- Israeli military says it has withdrawn forces from Khan Younis after months of fighting (CNN- [link](#))
- Russian nuclear company says three hurt in Ukrainian attack on Zaporizhzia plant (Reuters- [link](#))
- Iran's foreign minister visits Oman on regional tour (Reuters- [link](#))
- Israel withdraws almost all troops from Southern Gaza – as 'desperate' Netanyahu wants ceasefire deal with Hamas (Sky News- [link](#))
- Mexico gives Ecuadoran ex-VP asylum amid diplomatic row (AFP- [link](#))
- U.S. scrambles to finalize Gaza pier plans as famine looms (The Washington Post- [link](#))

