

# NewsOfTheWeek:

(week commencing 1/1/24)

## Monday:

### Politics:

- Voices: The chances of a Labour Landslide are diminishing by the day (The Independent- [link](#))
- Michelle Mone's husband says family 'treated as punchbag' in row over PPE (Sky News- [link](#))
- Small boat crossings fall by a third as government clears asylum backlog in boost for Sunak (LBC- [link](#))
- Labour could back UK air strikes on Houthi rebels 'in the national interest' (The I- [link](#))
- Criminals who defraud taxpayer would face longer sentences under Labour legal overhaul (The Sun- [link](#))
- PM's ethics advisor faces pressure to probe secret Sunak-Cummings meetings (The I- [link](#))
- Iran rejects US and UK calls to end support for Houthi Red Sea attacks (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Red Sea: UK defence secretary says British forces will repel Houthi attacks (BBC News- [link](#))

### Energy:

- China's solar sector steams ahead of EU, US (DW- [link](#))
- Energy Bills in Great Britain rise by 5% as price cap increases (The Guardian- [link](#))

### Death:

- House minority leader Jeffries's father dies at 85 (The Hill- [link](#))

### Environmental/weather/space:

- Japan hit by more than 50 earthquakes triggering tsunami warnings (Sky News- [link](#))
- Japan braces for more earthquakes with victims still trapped under buildings (The I- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- NHS chiefs fear for patient safety during six-day junior doctor strike (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Irish police investigate fire at disused pub set to house homeless families (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Meghan and Harry showing no signs of apologising to heal royal rift, says expert (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Many Americans still 'wrongfully detained' in China, Russia (NewsNation- [link](#))
- Two top US Security Analysts label AUKUS timeline as crazy (Sky News- [link](#))
- Trump says Melania's mother is 'very ill' as he explains former first lady's absence from party (The Independent- [link](#))
- Russia will intensify attacks on Ukraine, Putin says (ITV News- [link](#))

## **Tuesday:**

### Politics:

- Barr says efforts to boot Trump from primary ballots 'doomed to legal failure' (The Hill- [link](#))
- Biden is reportedly pivoting away from expelling Russia from Ukraine (MSNBC- [link](#))
- Bernie Sanders calls on Congress to block funding to Israel (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Ministers accused of 'playing fast and loose' with migration backlog figures (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- No current plans to send more warships to patrol Red Sea, No 10 says (The Independent- [link](#))
- UK continues to 'stand steadfastly' by Ukraine's side in 2024, PM tells Zelensky (The Independent- [link](#))

### Energy:

- On offshore wind farms, seafood production may be a breeze (Horizon- [link](#))

### Environmental/weather/space:

- EPA gives Louisiana authority to approve projects storing carbon dioxide underground (The Hill- [link](#))

## **Wednesday:**

### Politics:

- Trump asks US supreme court to review Colorado ruling removing him from 2024 ballot (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Michelle Mone to sell houses, jet and yacht amid NCA inquiry (The Times- [link](#))
- Israel in talks to resettle Gazans in Africa (The Times- [link](#))
- Johnson condemns Met Police investigation into Israel 'war crimes' (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- Israeli hostage killed last month during failed rescue attempt; military says (Reuters- [link](#))
- Come back to save Britain, Reform UK leader begs Nigel Farage (The Times- [link](#))
- SNP has broken 'promise' to help children in care, admits Sturgeon (The Times- [link](#))
- EU's Borrell says world must impose solution to Gaza conflict (Reuters- [link](#))
- EU adds Russia's biggest diamond producer Alrosa to sanctions list (Reuters- [link](#))
- Nikki Haley attacks 'chaotic' Donald Trump as race heats up (The Times- [link](#))

### Death

- At Least 95 Dead in Blasts at Memorial for Iranian Commander Soleimani (The Wall Street Journal- [link](#))
- Man, 24, turned away by NHS dies of cancer after not paying for £65 private test (The Independent- [link](#))

### Environmental/weather/space:

- France and Germany seek EU assistance while battling against flooding (EuroNews- [link](#))
- Japan: Series of earthquakes continue causing extensive damage to roads (Sky News- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Rescuers race against time to find survivors of Japan Earthquake (Reuters- [link](#))
- Luke Humphries wins World Darts Championship as Luke Littler, 16, falls short (The I- [link](#))
- London Eye capsule 'blows open' with terrified family stuck inside (Metro- [link](#))
- Alex Batty 'doesn't want his mother to get in trouble' (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Trump, Michael Jackson and a 'well-known PM' named in Epstein court files (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- Mexican authorities free 31 kidnapped migrants (Reuters- [link](#))
- Ryanair lashes out at online 'pirates' after airline removed from booking sites including Booking.com and Kayak (Sky News- [link](#))
- Japan Airlines counts losses from wrecked Tokyo plane (Reuters- [link](#))
- US flight cancellations fall to lowest rate in at least decade (Reuters- [link](#))

## Thursday:

### Politics:

- Humza Yousaf 'tries to woo Sir Brian Souter into funding SNP' (The Times- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak suggests general election in second half of year (BBC News- [link](#))
- UK isn't cooperating with bid to stop English Channel small boats, says France (Sky News- [link](#))
- NHS 'doesn't just belong to junior doctors', says health secretary as strikes continue (Sky News- [link](#))
- Nottingham council leader hits back at Sunak for 'wasting public money' (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Sir Keir Starmer says he will take on Rishi Sunak in general election TV debates (Sky News- [link](#))
- 'Hormonal' voters could land hard-right victory, EU chief fears (The Times- [link](#))
- Rebound in UK growth opens up gulf with Europe (The Times- [link](#))
- Nigel Farage 'assessing' return to politics amid warning Reform UK could pick off Tories – live (Independent- [link](#))

### Energy:

- 'Saboteurs' drill through German gas pipeline on North Sea coast (The Times- [link](#))

### Death

- IS claims responsibility for deadly Iran bombings that killed 84 (Sky News- [link](#))
- Storm Henk claims second victim after woman dies in fallen tree crash – as force refers itself to watchdog (LBC- [link](#))
- Glynis Johns, Who Played Mrs. Banks in 'Mary Poppins,' Dies at 100 (Variety- [link](#))
- 1 victim dead, 5 injured after Iowa school shooting (The Hill- [link](#))

### Environmental/weather/space:

- London party boat sinks in Thames after heavy rainfall from Storm Henk (The Telegraph- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Luke Littler fast-tracked into darts' Premier League after record TV figures (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Scout association apologises for death of teenager in 200ft fall, inquest told (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Al Jazeera journalist arrested in Tunisia amid crackdown on freedom of press (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Aerial shots show mother elephant cuddling her missing calf days after reunion (ITV News- [link](#))
- Sunderland apologises for 'serious error in judgement' after decorating bar in Newcastle colours (The Athletic- [link](#))
- Billionaire who ousted Harvard's head is taking on diversity too (The Times- [link](#))
- Devastating Epstein files is 'final nail in the coffin' for problem Prince Andrew, experts warn (LBC- [link](#))
- Japan jet crash: Airline pilots unaware of cabin fire until crew told them (BBC News- [link](#))
- Ukraine war: US says Russia using North Korea ballistic missiles (BBC News- [link](#))

## **Friday:**

### Politics:

- Tory high command will be furious as ‘rebel with cause’ Skidmore quits early (Sky News- [link](#))
- Rachel Reeves ‘misspoke’ in tax rises claim (BBC News- [link](#))
- Post office misled me about scandal, insists Ed Davey (BBC News- [link](#))
- UK preparing secret dossier on Trump 2,0 amid security fears (The I- [link](#))
- Vaughan Gething says he would be dead without NHS (BBC News- [link](#))
- NHS pay rise to end strikes can be funded without tax increase, says Wes Streeting (The I- [link](#))
- Alliance Party calls for UK Government to step in over Stormont paralysis (The Independent- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak reckons ‘levelling up’ is working – we asked voters in a Tory constituency... some just laughed (Manchester Evening News- [link](#))
- Keir Starmer says current assisted dying laws ‘don’t really work’ as he calls to change the rules (LBC- [link](#))
- American satisfaction with democracy at record low: Gallup (The Hill- [link](#))
- DeSantis suggests Biden could be removed from Florida ballot (CNN- [link](#))

### Death:

- Kate Garraway announces death of ‘darling husband’ Derek Draper aged 56 (The Independent- [link](#))

### Environment/weather/space:

- Flooded areas should be ‘reassured’ at response, says Sunak (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- African elephant populations stabilise in southern heartlands (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Massive dumping ground of WW2-era munitions discovered off Los Angeles coast (Los Angeles Times- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- New Food packaging rules make it mandatory to have EU logos on ‘protected’ goods like Comber potatoes whilst goods in GB must bear UK logos – the latest case of ‘regulatory divergence’ stemming from Brexit (NewsLetter- [link](#))
- US cop jailed for 14 months over death of Black man (AFP- [link](#))
- Hundreds of fish wash up in China lake in unexplained mass death (The Independent- [link](#))
- Court clears Maradona of tax evasion years after his death (ESPN- [link](#))
- China suggests giant pandas could return to US by end of 2024 (The Hill- [link](#))

## **Saturday:**

### Politics:

- Labour says Rishi Sunak should admit Rwanda plan doubts after leaks suggests he thought deterrent 'won't work' (Sky News- [link](#))
- National insurance cut is a tax rise in disguise, warn experts (The Times- [link](#))
- EU's Michel to run in election, will leave post mid-july, de Standard reports (Reuters- [link](#))
- No need to ban XL bully in Scotland, says Humza Yousaf (The Times- [link](#))
- Trump faces backlash for saying American Civil War 'could've been negotiated' (Independent- [link](#))
- Pentagon reveals that defense secretary has been hospitalized since Monday (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Trump and his MAGA allies turn their fire on Haley (Politico- [link](#))

### Energy:

- BP investors want oil behemoth to target BAE chief as CEO (Sky News- [link](#))

### Death:

- Brazilian football legend Mario Zagallo dies at 92 (The Athletic- [link](#))
- Japan earthquake death toll exceeds 100, with hundreds still missing (Reuters- [link](#))
- Settle NHS dispute or thousands with cancer could die early, say health chiefs (The Guardian- [link](#))

### Environment/weather/space:

- Britain hit by flooding after heavy rain swells major rivers (Reuters- [link](#))
- Fears of natural disaster after fishermen catch a rare doomsday harbinger oarfish (The Mirror- [link](#))
- It Turns Out Paper Straws Might Pose a Serious Problem Too (Science Alert- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Hamas command in north Gaza destroyed, Israel says (BBC News- [link](#))
- Vets refuse to euthanise XL Bully dogs after threats and abuse (The I- [link](#))
- Jordan Henderson wants to leave Saudi Arabia after only six months (The Times- [link](#))
- Pro- Palestinian protestors block bridge outside UK Parliament (Reuters- [link](#))
- Bank worker wins £490,000 payout after being sacked for using N-word in training session (LBC- [link](#))
- Israel, Hezbollah trade fire across Lebanon border amid alarm over Gaza war spillover (Reuters- [link](#))
- Illegal immigrants seen pouring into US through breach in border wall in Arizona (Fox News- [link](#))
- Sharron Davies: mediocre trans athletes steal from women (The Times- [link](#))

## **Sunday:**

*Sunday's news will does not include stories released after 5pm*

### Politics:

- Wellingborough Tories select recalled MP Peter Bone's partner to fight by-election (The I- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak attempts to deny his doubts on Rwanda plan after leaked No10 documents (Independent- [link](#))
- Italian foreign minister calls for formation of EU army (Reuters- [link](#))
- Sunak pledges to cut taxes by curbing welfare spending (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- Post Office Scandal: pressure grows to exonerate hundreds of victims (The Times- [link](#))
- Parents who take children out of school for holidays damage life chances, labour says (The I- [link](#))
- Debate on Independence stops if SNP loses next election, says party MP (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak says he will reward tightening benefits by cutting taxes (Sky News- [link](#))
- Calls for pensions minister to be suspended while office expenses reviewed (The Independent- [link](#))
- Lib Dem candidate sorry for calling village 'inbred' as she claims she was trying to be edgy (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Parliament after next election will be most diverse ever, analysis shows (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Independence would raise living standards, Yousaf to say in first economy speech (ITV News- [link](#))
- House Republicans plot swift impeachment of Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas as moderates signal support (CNN- [link](#))
- DeSantis, Haley step up direct attacks on Trump (The Hill- [link](#))

### Energy:

- Nuclear fuel gets £300m boost as ministers say Putin will not hold UK to ransom (The Independent- [link](#))

### Environment/weather/space:

- Jeremy Hunt's Net zero target claims criticised by climate advisers (The Guardian- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Russians abandoned in -30°C without heating while Putin spends billions on war (Metro- [link](#))
- Hezbollah Fires Rocket Barrage Into Israel as Blinken Mounts New De-Escalation Push (The Wall Street Journal- [link](#))
- Adam Boulton: NHS pessimism creeping up as striking doctors push on 35% pay demand (Sky News- [link](#))
- Number of rough sleepers in Bury rises by 1,400 per cent in five years (Manchester Evening News- [link](#))
- Poll: Many Americans expect election-related violence over future losses (Axios- [link](#))