

NewsOfTheWeek- Roundup:

(week commencing 11/3/24)

Monday:

Politics:

- Gordon Brown likens Starmer's plans for slimmed down cabinet to rule under Chairman Mao (Sky News- [link](#))
- Keir Starmer backs ban on transgender athletes in female events (The Times- [link](#))
- Boris Johnson to make a general election comeback for the Tories (The Times- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak will call snap election if 10 Conservative MPs defect to Reform UK, top Tory claims (Sky News- [link](#))
- Labour Party opposes Telegraph takeover (The Times- [link](#))
- Keir Starmer must adopt 'war footing' to tackle economy, says Gordon Brown (The Times- [link](#))
- Safety fears prompt Gove to reconsider naming and shaming 'extremist' groups (The i- [link](#))
- Tories delay British ISA £5k tax-free savings until after election (The i- [link](#))
- Covid bereaved accuse former Welsh Health minister of incompetence (The Guardian- [link](#))
- 'We're going to replace the Tories in the red wall,' says Reform UK leader Richard Tice (Sky News- [link](#))
- Donald Trump tries to delay Stormy Daniels hush money trial (The Times- [link](#))
- Florida 'Don't Say Gay' law upheld after settlement in federal court (The Hill- [link](#))
- Court upholds town bylaw banning anyone born in 21st century from buying tobacco (The Independent- [link](#))
- Biden says US needs fair tax code to 'make this country great' in speech on \$7.3tn budget plan- as it happened (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Biden 'did not apologise' for using term 'an illegal' during State of the Union: WH (ABC News- [link](#))

Energy:

- UK carbon emissions fall to lowest level since 1879 (The Times- [link](#))

Environmental/weather/space:

- Greenpeace calls for high seas protected area in Galapagos (AFP- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- More SEND pupils and lack of resources 'systemic problem' in lack of schools, MPs told (The Independent- [link](#))
- Asian Elephants Bury Their Dead New Research Suggests (Smithsonian- [link](#))
- South Georgia: Bird flu infects penguins at famous wildlife haven (BBC News- [link](#))
- Prisoners to be released two months early as Jails are full (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Home Office to accept calls for inquiry into asylum seeker centre, says sources (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Red paint sprayed on Scottish Parliament in food insecurity protest (The Independent- [link](#))
- Kate, Princess of Wales pictured with Prince William after controversy over edited photograph (Sky News- [link](#))

Global:

- US wants to reopen embassy in Libya (CNN- [link](#))
- US, Canada announces deal on cross-border watershed pollution (The Hill- [link](#))
- Kremlin declines comment on report U.S prepared for Russian nuclear strike in Ukraine (Reuters- [link](#))
- France Macron postpones trip to Ukraine (Reuters- [link](#))

- India signs \$100 billion free trade agreement with four European nations (The Mirror- [link](#))

Tuesday:

Politics:

- Biggest Tory donor said looking at Diane Abbott makes you 'want to hate all black women' (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Tories delay British ISA £5k tax-free savings until election (The I- [link](#))
- No 10 braced for prospect of more Reform defections as Lee Anderson quits (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Trump was informed of prohibited items in Jan. 6 rally crowd, his driver testified (Politico- [link](#))
- RFK Jr 'considering' Aaron Rodgers as running mate, rep says (Fox News- [link](#))
- Judge approves Trump's \$91 million bond in E. Jean Carroll lawsuit (The Hill- [link](#))
- Trump wins Georgia GOP primary (The Hill- [link](#))
- Senate Hits Brakes On Possible TikTok Ban (HuffPost- [link](#))
- 14 Democrats vote with Republicans to condemn Biden immigration policies (Fox News- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak meets Graham Brady amid claims 'flurry' of no confidence letters have been sent (The I- [link](#))
- Dorries dismisses Boris' election comeback amid claims Sunak will 'deploy Johnson' in the Red Wall to avoid Tory 'wipeout' (LBC- [link](#))
- Tory donor's comments about Diane Abbott were 'racist and wrong', Rishi Sunak (LBC- [link](#))
- Michael Gove's 'centre of excellence' to name extremist groups (The Times- [link](#))
- Keir Starmer 'committed' to allowing vote on assisted dying (The Times- [link](#))
- Reform will be 'significant factor with or without me' at next election, says Farage (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- 'We don't know how chancellor will make budget spending plan add up, says OBR (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Labour MP says party failed to support him after cancer diagnosis (The House- [link](#))
- Abolishing inheritance tax would be a 'win-win', says former Conservative minister (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Government failing to grasp scale of 'e-waste tsunami' - MPs (The Evening Standard- [link](#))

Energy:

- New gas power plants needed to bolster energy supply, PM says (BBC News- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Migrants to be paid thousands to move to Rwanda under new scheme (The Times- [link](#))
- Thomas Kingston: Private funeral held for Lady Gabriella's husband (Sky News- [link](#))
- London's Paddington Station forced to shut down amid heavy flooding (The Independent- [link](#))
- Romanian court approves request to extradite internet personality Tate (Reuters- [link](#))
- Vets may be overcharging pet owners, regulator says (The Times- [link](#))
- Surge in sale of UK-made cars to Russia's neighbours shows how it's beating sanctions (Sky News- [link](#))
- Support for LGBTQ rights slightly decreased in the last year, survey finds (CNN- [link](#))
- Archbishops of Canterbury and York criticises Gove's extremist definition plans (BBC News- [link](#))
- Nicola Sturgeon's former chief of staff Liz Loyd appointed to expert board tackling child poverty in Scotland (The Scotsman- [link](#))
- Getting a mobile phone 'a rite of passage' for children, says schools minister (The Evening Standard- [link](#))

Global:

- Haiti spirals to collapse as gangs tighten grip (BBC News- [link](#))
- India's Modi and UK's Sunak reaffirm commitment to trade deal (Reuters- [link](#))
- UK presses for full investigation into reports Gazan medical staff were beaten (The Evening Standard- [link](#))

Wednesday:

Politics:

- Sunak under growing pressure from Tories to return £10m Hester donation (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Judge dismisses three Trump charges – including on ‘find me votes’ call (The Times- [link](#))

Energy:

- Poland Discusses cooperation on nuclear power with US, says Polish president (Reuters- [link](#))

Environmental/weather/space:

- Extreme heat could trigger the worst global financial crisis ever seen (NewScientist- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Telegraph takeover: UK to ban foreign state ownership of newspapers (BBC News- [link](#))
- Cambridge University ditches target for state school students (The Times- [link](#))#

Global:

- EU agrees 5bln euro boost for Ukraine military aid fund (Reuters- [link](#))

Thursday:

Politics:

- Prosecutors willing to delay Trump’s hush-money trial to review new records (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Angela Rayner pleads for ‘Privacy’ following row over ex-council house sale (Sky News- [link](#))
- Labour donor Dale Vince’s comments about Hamas were appalling, says Rayner (The Independent- [link](#))
- Groups accused of ‘extremism’ hit back at Michael Gove and say re-assessment ‘will motivate us’ (Sky News- [link](#))
- MPs’ salaries to exceed £90,000 after inflation-busting pay rise (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- Penny Mordaunt emerging as Tory leadership contender to stop right-wing takeover (The i- [link](#))
- Tower Hamlets mayor removes Palestinian flags after ‘no go zone’ row (The Independent- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak rules out general election on 2 May (BBC News- [link](#))
- Angela Rayner wants to see Diane Abbot back as Labour MP (BBC News- [link](#))
- Tories ‘given further £5 million’ from ‘racist rant’ donor Frank Hester (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Matheson did breach Holyrood rules over Ipad bill, inquiry concludes (The Independent- [link](#))
- Chuck Schumer: Top Jewish politician in US calls for Israel election and issues warning to Benjamin Netanyahu (Sky News- [link](#))
- Florida deploys extra security to state’s southern border amid Haiti chaos (The Independent- [link](#))
- RFK Jr. Super PAC says it intends to spend ‘at least’ \$10m on ads (The Hill- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Peirce Brosnan pleads guilty to walking into protected Yellowstone hot spring (LBC- [link](#))
- Sickle cell patients ‘let down’ by decision to not approve new gene therapy on NHS (4 News- [link](#))
- England contract talks ‘consciously shelved’ ahead of Euros, says Gareth Southgate (The Athletic- [link](#))

Global:

- France's Macron says Europe must be ready if Russia escalates (Reuters- [link](#))

Friday:

Politics:

- Trump special prosecutor Nathan Wade quits after judge's ruling – CNN- [link](#))
- Joe Biden calls for ceasefire in Gaza as Israel approves plans for attack on Rafah (LBC- [link](#))
- Lee Anderson and Reform UK leader Richard Tice told to f*** off by angry local during tour of Ashfield (LBC- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak urged to sack minister who said they were 'worried there might be peace in the Middle East' (Sky News- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak's leadership on the brink following dismal polls and ministerial resignations (The Independent- [link](#))
- Utah governor replaces social media laws for youth as state faces lawsuits (The Independent- [link](#))
- Senator's signal bipartisan backing for Tik Tok divestment from China (Fox News- [link](#))
- Speaker Johnson aims to stay leader of house GOP in 2025, vows 'very aggressive first 100 days' (Fox News- [link](#))
- Sadiq Khan must combat 'blatantly visible' drug taking on London streets, Tory says (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Mark Drakeford blames drunks for missed A&E target in Wales (BBC News- [link](#))
- Diane Abbott refused to go on antisemitism course to rejoin Labour (The Independent- [link](#))
- Biden backs top Democrat Chuck Schumer after call for Israeli election (BBC News- [link](#))
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Environment/weather/space:

- EU proposes easing environmental rules on farmers to defuse protests (France 24- [link](#))
- Nearly all seabirds have ingested microplastics (Earth.com- [link](#))
- Driver of school bus which crashed on motorway died from natural causes (The Evening Standard- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Eco activists sent on retreats to ease 'pain' of bleak climate data (The Times- [link](#))
- Watch: Prince Harry appears at Diana memorial as William recalls mother's advice (The Independent- [link](#))

Global:

- Ukrainian authorities launch mass evacuation in northern region (Reuters- [link](#))
- Putin says Ukraine will be punished for election day attacks on civilians (Reuters- [link](#))
- G7 warns Iran not to give Russia ballistic missiles for Ukraine war (Reuters- [link](#))

Saturday:

Politics:

- Incoming FM says there are 'lessons to learn' over controversial donation (The Independent- [link](#))
- City of Durham MP Mary Kelly Foy reveals cancer diagnosis (BBC News- [link](#))
- Diane Abbott denies refusing to do antisemitism training to rejoin Labour (The i- [link](#))
- Gething set to become Wales 'first Black leader' (Reuters- [link](#))
- Three Tory MPs claim for Remembrance Day wreaths on expenses (The Mirror- [link](#))
- The SNP must win general election, Yousaf tells activists (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Demonstration held in support of Diane Abbot outside Home Office (The Independent- [link](#))
- Banned 'extremist' groups will still be able to influence policy (The Times- [link](#))
- Tory peer who 'killed' Telegraph deal wants laws to restrict minority stakes (The i- [link](#))
- Sadiq Khan must combat 'blatantly visible' drug taking on London streets, Tory says (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Liz Truss 'furious' after MPs accused of blocking transgender reform bill (Sky News- [link](#))
- Tory MPs have 'never worked harder', says Jeremy Hunt after 'zombie parliament' accusations (Sky News- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak will accept new £91,000 MP salary, No 10 indicates (The Independent- [link](#))
- Starmer warns Labour cannot 'turn on taps straight away' to fund the arts (The Independent- [link](#))
- Armed forces minister James Heapey resigns and becomes 62nd Tory to give up seat ahead of election (LBC- [link](#))
- George Galloway threatens to stand against Andy Burnham to be Greater Manchester mayor (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Vice President Harris should 'step aside' for good of the country, Washington Post columnist says (Fox News- [link](#))
- Pence says he will not endorse former boss Trump in 2024 U.S election (Reuters- [link](#))

Environment/weather/space:

- SpaceX investor says Starship will open up 'entirely new markets' (The Street- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Far-right extremist jailed over posts calling for extermination of Jews (Sky News- [link](#))
- Christian Horner complainant appeals decision to clear Red Bull boss (Metro- [link](#))
- Americans Stranded in Haiti amid Nation's ongoing chaos and violence | Sat, March 16 (MSNBC- [link](#))
- Jack the Ripper police file made public after 136 years (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- North Sea oil and gas extraction protests take place across six countries (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Divers find British warship that sank off Florida coast in 1742 (The Evening Standard- [link](#))

Global:

- Russia accuses Kyiv of election sabotage, Medvedev warns 'traitors' (Reuters- [link](#))
- UN must block Iranian missile supply to Houthis in Yemen, UK and US say (The Guardian- [link](#))

Sunday:

Politics:

- Vladimir Putin wins Russia election with 87.8% of the vote, exit poll shows (The i- [link](#))
- Ukraine war: Grant Shapps 'abandoned Odesa trip over security threat' (BBC News- [link](#))
- Donald Trump warns of a 'bloodbath' in US if he isn't elected as president again (The Independent- [link](#))
- Netanyahu says Schumer call for Israel election was inappropriate (Reuters- [link](#))
- Trump says Israel should quickly end the Gaza War "we, need peace (AXIOS- [link](#))
- Trump says he'll decide 'pretty soon' on whether to support a national abortion ban (The Hill- [link](#))
- Top Republican calls for cancelling future Biden State of the Union speeches (AXIOS- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak facing potential rebellion over Rwanda deportation for Afghan allies (The Independent- [link](#))
- Ex- Boris Johnson aide Samuel Kasumu says diverse cabinet is not racism 'get out of jail free card' (The Independent- [link](#))
- Diane Abbott: I would be sad if MP's career ends outside Labour, says Harman (BBC News- [link](#))
- Rumours of plans to oust Sunak as PM dismissed by Tories (4 News- [link](#))
- Senior SNP MP says he will avoid 'Tory-free' slogan in election campaign (The Independent- [link](#))
- Cabinet minister Mark Harper denies Tories have a problem with race (BBC News- [link](#))
- Ed Davey's keynote speech at the Liberal Democrat conference looks at fixing 'care' systems (Sky News- [link](#))
- Sunak has 'given up', says Davey as he urges Lib Dems to 'smash blue wall' (The Independent- [link](#))
- Majority of Tory voters want Rwanda bill scrapped or watered down (The i- [link](#))
- Britain should consider conscription to deter Vladimir Putin, says Nato ally (The Independent- [link](#))

Environment/weather/space:

- Iceland volcano eruption: piercing alarm rang loud as orange glow of a mushroom cloud filled the sky (Sky News- [link](#))
- Irish Sea Border: Animal movements could be banned for more than two years – DAERA minister (NewsLetter- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- 'Right to roam' protesters stage mass trespass at Cotswolds estate (The i- [link](#))
- Irish Guards cheer for absent Princess of Wales at St Patrick's Day parade (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Sacked council officer who helped Grenfell survivors wins £4,600,000 payout (Metro- [link](#))
- Homeowners 'living on edge of cliff' as landslip destroys gardens (YahooNews- [link](#))
- Detransitioners praise England's NHS for decision to stop puberty blocker prescriptions: 'Common Sense' (Fox News- [link](#))

Global:

- Russian voters, answering Navalny's call, protest Putin's forever rule (The Washington Post- [link](#))
- Rwanda wants two-month pause after first migrant flight arrivals (The Sunday Times- [link](#))

