

NewsOfTheWeek:

(week commencing 18/12/23)

Monday:

Politics:

- Starmer follows Sunak's lead in calling for 'sustainable' Gaza ceasefire (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- Sadiq Khan agreed to promote airline on trip to America (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- Michael Gove: Reforms will unlock new generation of home building (The Times- [link](#))
- Planning applications could be approved automatically under new 'snooze you lose' plans (The Sun- [link](#))
- Penistone- Stockbridge MP Miriam Cates investigated by standards watchdog (BBC News- [link](#))
- Refugees facing 'widespread homelessness' due to Home Office housing deadline (Independent- [link](#))
- Families plan legal action over Rishi Sunak's 'cruel' income threshold visa rules (Independent- [link](#))
- Senior Tories pile pressure on Rishi Sunak to back immediate Gaza ceasefire (Sky News- [link](#))

Energy:

- Risk energy bills will spike if oil firms follow BP in pausing Red Sea shipments (I- [link](#))

Death:

- Gaynor Lord: Body found in river identified as mother who went missing in Norwich (Sky News- [link](#))
- 'reclusive' lottery winner Paul Maddison dies aged 73 (The Times- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Thousands of XL bully dogs granted exemption from upcoming ban (Sky News- [link](#))
- Nigel Farage's daughter's long term boyfriend's parents face ten years in jail after admitting to drug charges (LBC- [link](#))
- Campaigners demand 'genuine budget bravery' with tax reforms in Scotland (STV News- [link](#))
- Joe Biden stunned as car smashes into Secret Service SUV guarding motorcade (LBC- [link](#))
- No truth to claim of \$5,000 gift cards for people illegally entering the US | Fact Check (USA Today- [link](#))

Tuesday:

Politics:

- Rishi Sunak slapped down by statistics watchdog for wrongly claiming debt is falling (Sky News- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak facing another by-election as MP Peter Bone loses seat in recall petition (Sky News- [link](#))
- The Tory party are protecting the wealthy at the expense of the rest of us (Independent- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak clashes with MP over cuts to Yemen foreign aid (Independent- [link](#))
- Former Labour prime ministers join Keir Starmer at Alistair Darling's funeral (Independent- [link](#))
- Johnson hoped Covid test would get army of bludgers and skivers' back to work (I- [link](#))
- Obama fears Biden can't defeat Trump in 2024 presidential race: Report (Toronto Sun- [link](#))
- Iowa and New Hampshire will set the stage for the 2024 presidential race, says Jim Pethokoukis (CNBC- [link](#))
- Colorado court blocks Trump from presidential primary ballot (AFP- [link](#))

Energy:

- Shell greenlights 15th US Gulf of Mexico oil platform (Reuters- [link](#))

Environmental/weather/space:

- Humans may be contributing to global warming by breathing, study finds (LBC- [link](#))
- Human- driven climate change, not volcanism, main driver of Antarctic melt | Fact Check (USA Today- [link](#))
- Yosemite National Park to Bring Back Reservation System in 2024 (AFAR- [link](#))
- Christmas at home is cancelled for evacuated Grindavik residents after Iceland volcano eruption (Independent- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Sir Kenny Dalglish breaks down in tears with emotional BBC speech as Katarina Johnson-Thompson finishes third in SPOTY (Echo- [link](#))
- Lawmakers push to stop 'fundamentally troubling' sale of US Steel (The Hill- [link](#))
- 'The US has tremendous leverage' over Israel, says Middle East expert (4 News- [link](#))
- US man formerly on death row freed after murder charges dismissed (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Zelenskyy confident US will not 'betray' Ukraine (AlJazeera- [link](#))
- Genetics of host plants determine what microorganisms they attract, finds study (Phys.Org- [link](#))

Wednesday:

Politics:

- Penny Mordaunt says Boris Johnson's messages vanished from her phone (Independent- [link](#))
- Alex Salmond: Gender reforms were worst legislation in history of devolution (The Times- [link](#))
- EU reaches agreement on new set of rules to manage migration and asylum (Reuters- [link](#))
- Fighting terrorism did not mean Israel had to 'flatten Gaza', says Emmanuel Macron (The Guardian- [link](#))
- New EU anti-migrant deal will help Rishi Sunak 'stop the boats', claims French politician (Independent- [link](#))
- Government sparks anger and ridicule with multi-million pound 'Network North' road project... for London (Sky News- [link](#))
- Mark Drakeford says he would turn down House of Lords seat (Sky News- [link](#))
- HS2 money rerouted to repair roads in London (The Times- [link](#))
- Troubles legacy act: Ireland takes human rights against UK (BBC News- [link](#))

Energy:

- World's biggest offshore wind farm to be built in British waters (The Times- [link](#))

Environmental/weather/space:

- United States announces plan to land international astronaut on the moon (CNN- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Talks on new Pause in Gaza war gain urgency as Hamas chief visits Cairo (BBC News- [link](#))
- Police to be able to run face recognition searches on 50m driving licence holders (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Late-Stage cancer diagnosis hit 100,000 to leave England trailing Europe in survival rates (The Sun- [link](#))
- Trans guidance: schools must present gender identity as 'contested belief' (The Times- [link](#))
- Nearly thirty 999 calls made from Home Office migrants centre in one month (I- [link](#))
- Quarter of London's rough sleepers are now ex renters as costs soar (Evening Standard- [link](#))

Thursday:

Politics:

- SNP clears activist in row over Falkirk seat selection (The Times- [link](#))
- Scottish Budget leaves local councils at 'breaking point', leaders warn (Independent- [link](#))
- Government reduces salary thresholds for foreign spouses (Politics Home- [link](#))
- No 'mass exodus' from Scotland over higher tax- Yousaf (Independent- [link](#))
- Sir Keir Starmer supports assisted dying law change (BBC News- [link](#))
- Jeremy Hunt strikes post-Brexit banking deal with Switzerland (Independent- [link](#))
- Baroness Mone facing legal action following 'threats' to sue newspaper over PPE coverage (Sky News- [link](#))
- Cameron sets out commitment to do everything possible to get aid into Gaza (Evening Standard- [link](#))

Energy:

- Sizewell C nuclear plant closer to construction as appeal dismissed (Proactive- [link](#))

Death:

- Student shoots 14 people dead at university in Prague (The Guardian- [link](#))

Environment/weather:

- 6.3 magnitude earthquake reported in US (iHeartRadio- [link](#))
- Pakistan uses artificial rain in attempt to cut pollution levels (The Guardian- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Rudy Giuliani files for Bankruptcy after \$148 million defamation verdict (BBC News- [link](#))
- Christmas getaway journeys ruined as French strike stops cross-Channel trains (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Exeter university to pay for damage from Nazi bomb (The Times- [link](#))
- Former PSG coach Christophe Galtier acquitted of discrimination charges (The Athletic- [link](#))
- Brianna Ghey murder trial: killers can be named when sentenced (The Times- [link](#))
- Kier Starmer helped Osama bin Laden's 'ambassador' fight deportation while hate preacher was wanted on terror charges (The Sun- [link](#))
- Nearly 900,000 burglaries unsolved in last four years- more than Leeds population (Mirror- [link](#))

Friday:

Politics:

- Labour MP Dawn Butler vows to report Mumsnet to police in transphobia row (Independent- [link](#))
- 'We're not anti-immigration, we're welcoming – but our schools and surgeries are full up': Ireland's migrant crisis explodes (The Sun- [link](#))
- Net migration to rise before next election (The Times- [link](#))
- Hunt warned not to pressure independent Bank Of England over interest rates (I- [link](#))
- Cleverly says no talks being held yet with airlines over Rwanda plan (Independent- [link](#))
- Tory MPs criticise climbdown on family visa salary threshold (Sky News- [link](#))
- China Hawks Are Uneasy About David Cameron's Warm Reception In Chinese Media (PoliticsHome- [link](#))
- Mone is a gift to Starmer for Lords reform (The Times- [link](#))
- CNN analyst suggests Biden could 'lose' re-election if he doesn't stop talking about 'Bidenomics' (Fox News- [link](#))
- RFK Jr. Super PAC rolls out ballot access priorities (Politico- [link](#))
- US Supreme Court declines to speed up Trump ruling on immunity claim (Aljazeera- [link](#))

Energy:

- Angola's OPEC exit highlights group tensions – but is unlikely to rattle the market (CNBC- [link](#))

Environment/weather/space:

- Steve backshall: 'Green policy delays are a real concern' (The Times- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- 'I love her, she's just not a great mum': Alex Batty reveals he 'fled' spiritual community after blazing row with mother (LBC- [link](#))
- Italian citizen's bank accounts frozen owing to 'shameful' post-Brexit rules (The Guardian- [link](#))
- UK car production boost as EU tariff deal is agreed in win for motorists (I- [link](#))
- Scottish tech firms forced to pay more to compete with England (The Times- [link](#))
- US intelligence suggests Iran invoked in planning attacks in Red Sea (CNN- [link](#))

Saturday:

Politics:

- Malign Iran is threat to the world, warns Cameron (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- Ulez vehicle exports to Ukraine needs rule change, says London mayor (BBC News- [link](#))
- Cameron warns of 'destructive potential of small boats issue (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Brit activist pictured with Jeremy Corbyn accused of being Hamas's key liaison in Europe (The Sun- [link](#))
- Scrapping HS2 will bring 'higher fares and congestion for decades', report (Independent- [link](#))
- Keir Starmer accused of trying to 'pull wool over people's eyes amid talk he is set to U-turn (The Sun- [link](#))
- James Dyson accuses Rishi Sunak of not 'going for growth' as UK at risk of recession (Independent- [link](#))
- 'Nigel Farage mania set to dominate 2024 as new poll gives Reform UK its highest rating (Express- [link](#))
- Republican group uses Donald Trump's words against him in scathing ad (Newsweek- [link](#))
- Joe Biden warned 'no one takes him seriously' as EU brutally snubs US (Express- [link](#))

Death:

- Father in tribute to 'dearly missed' boy, four, after mother allegedly charged with murder (Independent- [link](#))

Environment/weather/space:

- Colorado releases second wave of gray wolves amid reintroduction program (The Hill- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- James Cleverly apologises for joke about drugging wife (The Times- [link](#))
- Fury as 'idle' civil servants STILL not working from home despite demands to return to office (The Sun- [link](#))
- Boris Johnson claims Larry the cat is 'thug' who beat up his dog Dilyn (Independent- [link](#))
- Butcher shop leaves customers hundreds of pounds out of pocket after sudden closure days before Christmas (LBC- [link](#))
- Russia completes buyouts of 92 foreign-owned planes (Reuters- [link](#))

