

# NewsOfTheWeek- Roundup:

(week commencing 18/3/24)

## **Monday:**

### Politics:

- Rishi Sunak faces leadership questions ahead of looming election (4 News- [link](#))
- Labour MP apologises for swears ‘outburst’ in Commons debate (The Independent- [link](#))
- Barack Obama pays surprise visit to Downing Street (Sky News- [link](#))
- Rwanda bill amendments rejected by Commons as parliamentary ping pong begins (Sky News- [link](#))
- Protect children from asylum seekers pretending to be under 18, Tory MP urges (The Independent- [link](#))
- Tories have ‘drawn a line’ under Hester comments, says Kemi Badenoch (Sky News- [link](#))

## **Tuesday:**

### Politics:

- Donald Trump falsely claims US funds ‘90 or 100%’ of Nato in GB News interview with Nigel Farage (The Independent- [link](#))
- Jeremy Hunt hints at October general election (BBC News- [link](#))
- Plan to ban alleged sex offence MPs from Parliament diluted (BBC News- [link](#))
- Mordaunt insists she is getting on with her job as Sunak prepares to face MPs (The Independent- [link](#))
- UK’s Labour opens door for more investment borrowing (Reuters- [link](#))
- Reeves criticises New Labour mistakes as she backs Hunt’s inflation plan (The I- [link](#))
- BBC apologises for calling Reform UK ‘far right’ (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Government Introduces “Historic” Football regulator Legislation (Politics Home- [link](#))
- Trump says he is ‘thinking in terms of ‘backing 15-week abortion ban (CNN- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Cyber-flashing convict is first to be jailed under new law (BBC News- [link](#))
- Prince William breaks silence with touching Remark wishing Princess Kate was ‘by his side’ (LBC- [link](#))
- Court of Appeal rules Tesco Clubcard logo infringed Lidl trademark (ITV News- [link](#))
- Leaked GB News memo warns staff: ‘Make shows too watertight for Ofcom to attack’ (The i- [link](#))
- Palestinians fleeing war in Gaza should be offered same visa as Ukrainian refugees, Labour MP says (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- JK Rowling will not delete posts which could breach ‘ludicrous’ hate crime laws (The Independent- [link](#))
- Baby giraffe dies of broken neck at zoo Miami (Sky News- [link](#))
- Plastics Contain Thousands of Chemicals Than Thought, and Most Are Unregulated, Report Finds (Smithsonian- [link](#))
- UK ‘no longer a leader in disability rights’ as UN finds Tory policy has led to ‘hate’ (Big Issue- [link](#))
- Kate seen in public for first time since Christmas Day (The Times- [link](#))

### Global:

- France calls Russian spy chief remarks ‘irresponsible’ provocation (Reuters- [link](#))
- Cambodian prime minister bans musical vehicle horns to deter dancing (The Guardian- [link](#))

## Wednesday:

### Politics:

- UK economy to 'bounce back' in 2024, says Sunak (BBC News- [link](#))
- Rwanda bill likely to be stalled at least till April after seven defeats in the Lords (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Vaughan Gething officially elected first minister of Wales (ITV News- [link](#))
- Gogglebox star to run as Labour candidate against Tory deputy prime minister Oliver Dowden (The Independent- [link](#))
- Legal spending by Trump group accelerated in February, disclosures show (Reuters- [link](#))
- 2024 candidate Kennedy questions Gaza ceasefire, Biden energy subsidies (Reuters- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak declines to back MP's Down's syndrome abortion law change (BBC News- [link](#))
- Nicola Sturgeon will campaign for SNP at election, says Yousaf (The Times- [link](#))
- Leo Varadkar to resign as Irish prime minister (The Times- [link](#))
- Rwanda bill: 'Unelected Labour peers are blocking our plans', says Tory deputy chairman (4 News- [link](#))
- Lord Cameron urged to heed calls to answer questions directly from MPs (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- House conservatives float changes to Social Security in budget proposal (AXIOS- [link](#))
- First DeSantis- chartered flight from Haiti carrying Americans lands in Florida (Politico- [link](#))

### Death

- Eton college schoolboy dies while playing Field Game (The Times- [link](#))

### Environmental/weather/space:

- Lawmakers vote to include shipping in plastic pollution rules (Euronews- [link](#))
- Scotland's 2030 emissions target now 'beyond what is credible', climate change experts (Sky News- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Kate Middleton: Three London Clinic staff investigated over royal medical records access (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Israeli spokesperson Eylon Levy suspended after reports of row with Foreign Office (Sky News- [link](#))
- Six arrests after migrants found in lorry trailers stopped travelling to Dover (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Two British Airways cabin crew fired for racist gesture mocking Asian passengers (LBC- [link](#))
- 8,000 complaints made about BBC's Gaza coverage since Israel- Hamas war began (The Independent- [link](#))
- Junior doctors vote by 98% to continue taking industrial action overpay (ITV News- [link](#))
- Hunter Biden's Congress hearing descends into chaos and farce (The Times- [link](#))
- Snow leopards arrive at Chester Zoo for first time in 93-year history (The Independent- [link](#))

### Global:

- Scotland should help produce weapons for Ukraine, says SNP MP (The Times- [link](#))
- UK secretly softens policy on Chinese firms accused of human rights abuse (The i- [link](#))

## **Thursday:**

### Politics:

- Officials raise concerns over Steve Barclay's role in local waste project (BBC News- [link](#))
- Keir Starmer makes £50 bet that Lee Anderson will lose his seat at the election (The Independent- [link](#))
- Owen Jones urges Labour voters to back other parties (BBC News- [link](#))
- Scottish Parliament staff banned from wearing rainbow lanyard (BBC News- [link](#))
- Labour Shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves' economic plans are more radical than you might think - (Joyce McMillan- [link](#))
- No 10 declares 'migration emergency' after record day for crossings in 2024 (The Independent- [link](#))
- Home Secretary vows to 'hold perpetrators to account' by updating law spiking (ITV News- [link](#))
- GMB union staff to strike over alleged sexual harassment failures (BBC News- [link](#))
- Biden camp feels a reprieve from domestic unease (Politico- [link](#))
- Jews and Muslims in U.S disagree on Israel's conduct in Gaza, polls finds (The Washington Post- [link](#))
- US senators express concern over low attack submarine procurement plan (Business Insider- [link](#))

### Global:

- US imposes sanctions on Nicaragua's attorney general (Reuters- [link](#))

## **Friday:**

### Politics:

- Tory chairman Richard Holden warns party is facing 'much tougher' local elections this year (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Government Accused Of Undermining Mental Health Progress With Employment Drive (Politics Home- [link](#))
- Penny Mordaunt rubbishes talk of challenging Sunak (BBC News- [link](#))
- SNP accused of secrecy over failure to reveal WhatsApp messages (The Times- [link](#))
- Harrowing Covid inquiry claims set to overshadow Tory and Labour election campaigns (The i- [link](#))
- Susan Hall fails to close huge poll gap with Sadiq Khan 24 points ahead just six weeks to May 2 London mayoral vote (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Farage more popular with 2019 Tory voters than Sunak (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- Tory MPs giving up hope on Rwanda migrants flights happening after latest delays (The i- [link](#))
- Labour's Shadow Attorney General Emily Thornberry admits she 'smoked dope many years ago' (LBC- [link](#))
- Disgraced George Santos departs GOP, says he will run for Congress as an 'Ultra- MAGA' independent (The Mirror- [link](#))

### Energy:

- Lawmakers who passed a bill to lure nuclear energy to Kentucky say coal is still king (The Independent- [link](#))

### Death:

- Russia concert hall attack: Children among more than 100 killed by gunman in massacre near Moscow (Sky News- [link](#))

### Environment/weather/space:

- England won't adopt EU river pollution rules for pharma and cosmetics firms (The Guardian- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- RCN rejects NI pay offer, while other unions vote in favour (BBC News- [link](#))
- Laurence Fox should pay 'at least six-figure' fee in damages, High Court told (The i- [link](#))
- RAF chief praises first Ukrainian pilots to complete training in UK (The Independent- [link](#))
- Wyoming governor vetoes abortion restrictions, signs transgender medical care ban for minors (The Independent- [link](#))

## **Saturday:**

### Politics:

- Labour calls Jeremy Hunt 'desperately out of touch' after Chancellor says £100,000 is 'not a huge salary' (LBC News- [link](#))
- Tories censured for sharing misleading information on social media five times more often than Labour (The Independent- [link](#))
- Murdoch's The Sun 'inching towards' backing Labour (The i- [link](#))
- Two more letters of no confidence needed to oust Rishi Sunak as prime minister, former cabinet minister claims (LBC- [link](#))
- Changing Tory leader could result in even larger Labour landslide, new poll shows (The Guardian- [link](#))
- 'No more road changes' pledges Sadiq Khan as election jitters in (The Times- [link](#))
- Biden signs government funding bill (CNN- [link](#))
- The Republican majority in the House will soon be down to just 1 vote (Business Insider- [link](#))

### Death:

- Damilola Taylor: Murdered schoolboy's father Richard Taylor dies (Sky News- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Man removed from Heathrow plane following 'verbal altercation' with DUP leader Donaldson (The Evening Standard- [link](#))

### Global:

- China steps up cyberattacks on UK politicians as election looms (The Times- [link](#))
- Ukraine-Russia War live: Fire breaks out at Russian oil refinery after Kyiv drone attack (The Independent- [link](#))

## **Sunday:**

### Politics:

- Tory party donor Frank Hester's 'racist' comments about Diane Abbott to be investigated by police (LBC- [link](#))
- Jeremy Hunt defends '100k isn't a huge salary' comments (Sky News- [link](#))
- October election more likely as Jeremy Hunt plans another Budget (The i- [link](#))
- Tammy Murphy drops out of New Jersey Senate race (AXIOS- [link](#))
- US military command in Japan to be revamped, FT reports (Reuters- [link](#))
- "Complete catastrophe": Mike Johnson faces right wing fury over spending bill (AXIOS- [link](#))
- White house says it will fight ban on flying pride flags above U.S embassies (AXIOS- [link](#))
- Ocasio-Cortez says there is a 'risk' to not seizing Trump's assets (The Hill- [link](#))
- Susan Hall launches 'vote for change' mayoral campaign to oust Sadiq Khan (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak Corrected By Community Notes On X 25 Times, Report Finds (HuffPost- [link](#))

### Environment/weather/space:

- London Mayor Sadiq Khan rules out Ulez changes (BBC News- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Northern Lights could be visible over parts of the UK tonight (Sky News- [link](#))

- Kate and William 'enormously touched' by public support (BBC News- [link](#))
- Frank Skinner axed from Absolute Radio after 15 years (The i-[link](#))
- Mps' staff suffer rising levels of psychological distress, survey finds (The Guardian- [link](#))

Global:

- Zelensky hits back after Russia links Ukraine to Moscow attack (BBC News- [link](#))
- India brings back 35 Somali pirates as part of operations near Red Sea (Reuters- [link](#))
- China accused of 'malign attack' after Electoral Commission hack (The Sunday Times- [link](#))