

# NewsOfTheWeek:

(week commencing 22/1/24)

## **Monday:**

### Politics:

- US and UK launch fresh strikes on Houthis in Yemen (BBC News- [link](#))
- Blow for Rishi Sunak as Rwanda plan suffers its first defeat in House of Lords (Sky News- [link](#))
- Civil servants ordered back to office as No 10 cracks down on home working (The i- [link](#))
- Liz Truss to launch 'popular conservatism' group in bid to shape tory manifesto (The Independent- [link](#))
- Scottish Government set to pay UK's costs in gender case legal challenge (The Independent- [link](#))
- UK imposes sanctions targeting Hamas financing (Reuters- [link](#))
- Britain to retain substantial number of EU laws until at least 2026 (Reuters- [link](#))
- Massachusetts ballot commission dismisses 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment case against Trump (CNN- [link](#))
- Haley raises \$500k in 24 hours post-DeSantis exit (The Hill- [link](#))

### Energy:

- Alok Sharma condemns governments oil and gas bill as vote passes first hurdle (The Guardian- [link](#))

### Death:

- Five dead as Storm Isha brings winds of 107mph (ITV News- [link](#))
- Norman Jewison, 'Moonstruck' and 'In the Heat of the Night' Director, Dies at 97 (Variety- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- UK officials probe Iran generals' antisemitic talks to students (BBC News- [link](#))
- Norfolk Police launches 'review' after 999 call failure from house where four people died (Sky News- [link](#))
- Millions live near US railways shipping the toxic chemical that contaminated East Palestine, Ohio (Quartz- [link](#))

## **Tuesday:**

### Politics:

- Senior Tory MP Sir Simon Clarke calls on Rishi Sunak to stand down as prime minister (Sky News- [link](#))
- Young Tories debate invading Yemen and sinking migrant boats (The Times- [link](#))
- Tory minister mocked for claiming labour has no plan over HS2 (The Independent- [link](#))
- New Labour MP denies doing 'chicken run' months after winning seat (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- The Tories are in danger of David Cameron looking more like PM than Rishi Sunak (The i- [link](#))
- Transport secretary to look at HS2 revival plans 'with open mind' (Sky News- [link](#))
- Tory MP says BBC Impartiality Reforms Should Be Extended To Cover All Online News (Politics Home- [link](#))
- Labour will force Commons vote over steel crisis as Tata Steel cuts 2,800 jobs (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Congressional Black Caucus: New Louisiana maps a 'win for Black voters' (The Hill- [link](#))
- Haley on Trump: 'We've seen him get confused' (The Hill- [link](#))
- Low energy in New Hampshire may point to depressed turnout (The Hill- [link](#))

### Environmental/weather/space:

- UN expert slams government crackdown on environmental protest (The Independent- [link](#))
- Flood warning for 10 states amid winter weather alerts (Newsweek- [link](#))
- Sierra Leone's capital under threat from deforestation, UN report says (Reuters- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- London St Pancras piano sealed off after musician and Chinese tourists clash (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- British grandfather faces jail in Dubai just 'for asking partying neighbours to quieten down while he babysat' (The Independent- [link](#))
- Average UK person has lost out on £10,200 since 2010, thinktank says (The Guardian- [link](#))
- UK roads being built without ministerial oversight, say campaigners (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Russia probing for Ukraine weakness as US funding stalls (Reuters- [link](#))

## Wednesday:

### Politics:

- Rishi Sunak and Sir Keir Starmer trade personal insults during Bruising PMQs (The Independent- [link](#))
- MP: drivers should not be charged penalty points for sub-30mph speeding (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- US 'deplores' Israeli attack on UN training center in Gaza- State Dept (Reuters- [link](#))
- PMQs sketch: Rishi Sunak shows rare flash of fury in exchange over Gaza 'war crimes' (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Pressure mounts on Sturgeon over use of SNP emails for Government business (The Independent- [link](#))
- I'm acting alone, says Simon Clarke after calling for PM to go (BBC News- [link](#))
- Residents cannot justify living in Scotland due to high taxes, says minister (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Shapps 'working hard to resolve UK armed forces recruitment problems' (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Upbeat Haley vows to press on but prospects against Trump look bleak (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Reid Hoffman pauses Nikki Haley funding after New Hampshire loss, source says (CNBC- [link](#))
- Biden Is Endorsed by United Auto Workers, Key Union in Michigan (The Wall Street Journal- [link](#))
- US senate panel backs 'big hammer' plan to seize Russian assets to help Ukraine (Reuters- [link](#))

### Death:

- Wayne Brown: West Midlands Fire service chief fire officer found dead at home (Sky News- [link](#))
- At least nine dead at UN complex as Israeli forces advance through Khan Younis (Reuters- [link](#))

### Environmental/weather/space:

- World groundwater levels showing 'accelerated' decline – study (Reuters- [link](#))
- Flood protection scheme given green light despite soaring costs (STV News- [link](#))
- EU rules have failed to cut car CO2 emissions: Report (AFP- [link](#))
- Thousands forced from homes after 7.1 magnitude earthquake rocks China (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Earthquake of magnitude around 5.3 strikes in northern Chile (Reuters- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Tottenham Hotspur billionaire Joe Lewis pleads guilty to insider trading charges in US (Sky News- [link](#))
- Boy, 9, who lived alone for two years in unheated flat went unnoticed because he was 'a good pupil' (The Independent- [link](#))
- Post Office scandal: Mass pardon is wrong, says former judge (The Times- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak questioned over ITV News footage of man with white flag shot dead in Gaza (ITV News- [link](#))
- Fall in number of police officers in England and Wales (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- UK spending plans worse than fiction, budget watchdog suggests (The Times- [link](#))
- UK less prepared for pandemic than pre-Covid, former vaccine chief warns (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Supreme Court refuses to stop nitrogen gas execution of Alabama inmate (The Washington Post- [link](#))
- Less than 250K Holocaust survivors remain worldwide, study finds (AXIOS- [link](#))
- Royal news – live: Kate Middleton's hospital stay reaches a week as queen 'tells King to slow down' (Independent- [link](#))
- Disposable vapes ban 'could lead to relapse in people trying to quit smoking' (The Guardian- [link](#))
- LGBTQ+ rights groups file complaint to united nations against anti-LGBTQ+ bills (PinkNews- [link](#))

## **Thursday:**

### Politics:

- COVID inquiry: Nicola Sturgeon branded Boris Johnson a 'clown' in foul mouthed messages during pandemic (Sky News- [link](#))
- Labour would ask Rwandan government for a refund on the £400million deal if no flights take off (LBC- [link](#))
- Nigel Farage admits he is 'tempted' to return to frontline politics- to win an election in 2029 (The Sun- [link](#))
- Dame Maureen Lipman says there is 'nowhere safe to be Jewish' (Sky News- [link](#))
- Reform UK leader accuses Tories of 'stealing' social housing policy (The Guardian- [link](#))
- PM insists he is 'making progress' despite Tory warning of electoral 'massacre' (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- NO 10 defends September date for zombie-style blades ban (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Mordaunt hails Sunak as 'best of Britain' after Tory calls for him to be ousted (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Florida House Approves Bill Banning Social Media For Kids Under 16 (Huffpost- [link](#))

### Environment/weather:

- Japan warns of economic impact of Noto earthquake – govt report (Reuters- [link](#))
- Environmental, indigenous groups in Ecuador threaten action over Amazon oilfield (Reuters- [link](#))
- No10 fails to confirm more funds to stop water firms 'profiting from environmental damage' (The Express= [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Trump briefly testifies in E Jean Carroll damages trial, clashes with judge (NBC News- [link](#))
- Persil heirs to lose hunting rights after 'letting deer run riot' (The Times- [link](#))
- England homeschooling surge could become permanent, data suggests (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Senators call for reform as National Flood Insurance Program faces lapse (The Hill- [link](#))
- Hamas says it will abide by any ICJ ceasefire order if Israel reciprocates (Reuters- [link](#))
- Huge whale found dead washed up on Scots shoreline (STV News- [link](#))
- Hamas says it will abide by any ICJ ceasefire order if Israel reciprocates (Reuters- [link](#))
- Fruit and veg prices predicted to rise in UK when new post-Brexit controls bite (ITV News- [link](#))
- NHS consultants reject latest pay offer (BBC News- [link](#))

## **Friday:**

### Politics:

- UN top court rules Israel must prevent genocide in Gaza (4 News- [link](#))
- Labour deputy leader Angela Rayner taken away from pro-Palestinian group in police car (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Tory peer behind 'Labour landslide' poll told to reveal shadowy backers or be expelled from party (The Independent- [link](#))
- MPs want Premier League chief to explain 'small clubs' comment (The Times- [link](#))
- Labour vows to reform ministerial severance pay after Tories handed £1m last year (The Guardian- [link](#))
- No 10 defends defence spending as US navy chief calls for UK to 'reassess' (The Independent- [link](#))
- Parents must step up to stop their kids blighting neighbourhoods with anti-social behaviour, Sir Keir Starmer says (The Sun- [link](#))
- Cameron breached proper process in appointing Michelle Mone, says Tory grandee (The Independent- [link](#))
- Defense secretary expected to return to Pentagon Monday after nearly a month away (CNN- [link](#))
- Another Biden business associate says Joe Biden was not involved in foreign business dealings (CNN- [link](#))

### Death:

- British tourist dies after holiday illness left him stuck in Thai hospital (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Girl, 14, who was bullied by boys at her school died by suicide, inquest rules (The Independent- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Israel's Ashdod port sees strategic risk from China during Gaza war (Reuters- [link](#))
- Luis Rubiales three-year football ban confirmed by FIFA after appeal dismissed (The Athletic- [link](#))
- Labour deputy leader Angela Rayner taken away from pro-Palestine group in police car (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Michelle Mone has £75m of assets frozen as NCA investigates fraud (The Guardian- [link](#))
- US nuclear weapons 'will be stationed in UK as Russia threat increases (The i- [link](#))
- Israeli officials accuse international court of justice of antisemitic bias (The Guardian- [link](#))

## **Saturday:**

### Politics:

- Trump slams deal that would give Biden authority to close border (Politico- [link](#))
- Johnson throws cold water on border deal (Politico- [link](#))
- Falling by the Waugh-side- former journalist fails to clinch chance to be MP (Sky News- [link](#))
- Public concern over immigration hits six-year high amid Rwanda plan battle (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- Britain's Conservatives trail Labour by 16 points- Opinion poll (Reuters- [link](#))
- Tory Mps are shaving their beards off as they look unattractive to voters (The Sun- [link](#))
- Tories are 'rigging election rules' as voting watchdog slams reform attempts (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Trump blasts Biden-backed border bill at Las Vegas rally: 'Rather have no bill than a bad bill' (Fox News- [link](#))

### Environment/weather/space:

- European Space Agency joining with NASA for new missions (CNN- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- National Lottery ticket price cut plunged into doubt by incoming operator Allwyn (Sky News- [link](#))
- Terminally ill man discharged without care package, wife says (BBC News- [link](#))
- French farmers set supermarket alight as protests intensify (Independent- [link](#))
- Liverpool fire: Major incident declared amid fears building will collapse (ITV News- [link](#))
- Trump can delay paying full E. Jean Carroll damages until after appeal: report (The Hill- [link](#))
- Canary Islands 'facing collapse' after millions of tourists flood hotspot loved by Brits (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Suspended presenter Huw Edwards 'too unwell to discuss future at BBC' (The Independent- [link](#))
- Musk's SpaceX sued for negligence in accident that led to worker's coma (Reuters- [link](#))
- Giuliani says judge in Trump defamation case is a 'disgrace' (The Hill- [link](#))

## **Sunday:**

### Politics:

- SNP urges Cameron to be 'on right side of history' after ICJ's Israel ruling (The Independent- [link](#))
- North Korea fires several cruise missiles off eastern coast, Seoul says (ITV News- [link](#))
- NATO chief urges US lawmakers to continue supporting Ukraine, warns Beijing is watching (Fox News- [link](#))
- Obama, Clinton to join Biden for all out effort to defeat Trump (Business Insider- [link](#))
- Nikki Haley slams Trump for trying to torpedo congressional border deal (CNBC- [link](#))
- Donald Trump's campaign says Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Won't be his running mate pick (USA Today- [link](#))
- Kemi Badenoch: I don't want to replace Rishi Sunak (The Sunday Times- [link](#))
- Yousaf urged to order ministerial code probe into himself over WhatsApp claim (Evening Standard- [link](#))

### Death:

- Two teenage boys die after being stabbed 'by a number of people' in Bristol (The i- [link](#))
- Three US troops killed in drone attack in Jordon (BBC News)

### Environment/weather/space:

- Kinlochewe sets provisional UK record for January temperature with 19.6C (STV News- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Rishi Sunak fasts for 36 hours a week (The Sunday Times- [link](#))
- Four-year-old's gender change kept from parents at CoFE school (The Sunday Times- [link](#))
- Searches for Taylor Swift on X come up empty after explicit AI pictures go viral (CNN- [link](#))
- Protesters throw soup Mona Lisa painting in Paris (Sky News- [link](#))
- £3bn Elizabeth Line contract is up for grabs as Chinese operator's term expires (The Sunday Times- [link](#))