

# NewsOfTheWeek:

(week commencing 25/12/23)

## **Monday:**

### Politics:

- Labour plots 'watertight' alternative to Rwanda migrant plan (The Times- [link](#))
- UK economy is set to outstrip France and gain on Germany (The Times- [link](#))
- Nigel Farage's Reform UK votes to vows to fight the Tories in every seat at next year's general election (Independent- [link](#))
- Campaigners warn Sir Keir Starmer against trying to cancel Boxing Day hunts (The Sun- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak 'has confidence' in James Cleverly as pressure grows over date-rape joke (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Block Truss's resignation honours, Sunak urged ahead of list being published (I- [link](#))
- First Minister pays tribute to workers in final Christmas message (Nation.Cymru- [link](#))
- UK must ramp up military spending to 3% of GDP, Shapps warns (I- [link](#))

### Environmental/weather/space:

- UK weather: New maps show 75 hours worth of snow set to be dumped on Britain (Express- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Britain could be hit by flooding due to canal funding crisis (I- [link](#))
- 'Mixed feelings' from fans as Manchester United confirm sale of 25% stake to British billionaire Sir Jim Ratcliffe (Sky News- [link](#))
- Asian giant hornets invade Britain as experts warn of risk to humans (Daily Star- [link](#))
- UK Christmas Covid chaos as NHS nurses demand Britain 'masks up' again (Daily Star- [link](#))
- UK's King Charles urges compassion, care for environment in time of conflict (Reuters- [link](#))
- Shoplifters 'most likely to benefit' from Tory bid to free up prison cells (The Mirror- [link](#))

## **Tuesday:**

### Politics:

- Hunt contacts Thames Water chief after outage leaves Chancellor 'beside myself with frustration' (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- GB News must drop Farage and Rees- Mogg for election if they stand, Ofcom says (I- [link](#))
- MP whose office was targeted in suspected arson reveals he wears stab vest in public (Sky News- [link](#))
- Only 6% of voters think Tories have 'done a good job' (The Times- [link](#))
- David Trimble was 'extraordinarily rude' to Tony Blair at Good Friday talks (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Labour considers processing Asylum seekers overseas (BBC News- [link](#))
- Woman 'abused after being spiked' says James Cleverly should be sacked (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Labour Pledges urgent review of Britain's defence capabilities (The Times- [link](#))
- Israel to halt automatic visas for UN employees amid rising tensions (The Hill- [link](#))
- Ramaswamy campaign ceases TV ads ahead of Iowa, New Hampshire contests (AXIOS- [link](#))

### Death:

- Bill Granger, renowned Australian cook, dies aged 54 (The Guardian- [link](#))

### Environmental/weather/space:

- Storm Gerrit set to bring heavy rain and 70mph winds as weather warnings issued (I- [link](#))
- Towns in Germany evacuated, and Dykes reinforced after heavy rain triggers flooding (Sky News- [link](#))
- Regenerative agriculture 'lifting productivity' with 'good' environmental benefits for farms (Sky News- [link](#))
- Ski resorts battle for a future as snow declines in climate crisis (The Guardian- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Russian copycats fill market gaps left by western brands (FT Edit- [link](#))
- Aldi issues 'emergency' notice to shoppers and offers them immediate refunds (Birmingham Live- [link](#))
- Man arrested on suspicion of murder after incident in North Yorkshire town (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Drivers handed nearly 36,000 parking tickets a day by private firms (ITV News- [link](#))
- Police investigating alleged racist comment towards Luton's Carlton Morris (The Athletic- [link](#))
- Bernd Leno clashes with ball boy during Fulham defeat at Bournemouth (The Athletic- [link](#))
- Homelessness among armed forces veterans in England rises by 14% (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Melania Trump's whereabouts are a 'mystery' to Mar-a-Lago regulars, author claims (Independent- [link](#))

## **Wednesday:**

### Politics:

- Rwanda processed 0.5% of asylum claims in six months (The Times- [link](#))
- President Erdogan describes Netanyahu as 'no different from Hitler' (The Times- [link](#))
- Kremlin says EU aid to Ukraine will harm Europe's economy, won't change outcome of the war (Reuters- [link](#))
- Labour knows it made a big mistake on immigration (I- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak scraps return to imperial measures (The Times- [link](#))
- Russian court bans anti-war election challenger to Putin (The Times- [link](#))
- Sunak accused of 'desperate' inheritance tax briefing as date of spring budget confirmed (Sky News- [link](#))
- Half of Tory voters think government's handling of Covid damaged the economy (I- [link](#))

### Energy:

- Japan allows world's biggest nuclear plant to restart (DW- [link](#))

### Death

- Jacques Delors, 'father of the euro', dies at 98 (The Times- [link](#))

### Environmental/weather/space:

- UK students launch Barclays 'career boycott' over bank's climate policies (The Guardian- [link](#))
- UK weather: 'Miles of cars' trapped in snow & trains cancelled in Storm Gerrit chaos with Brits told 'don't travel' (The Sun- [link](#))
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### Miscellaneous (random):

- Homes on axed HS2 leg that owners were forced to sell are rented for millions (I- [link](#))
- Russian celebs at 'almost naked' party stung by backlash (BBC News- [link](#))
- Plane struggles to land at Heathrow airport as Storm Gerrit batters UK (Independent- [link](#))
- Sir Jim Ratcliffe banned from publicly criticising Glazer family as condition of Man Utd takeover deal (Goal- [link](#))
- Thousands of migrants heading to US ahead of talks over Mexico border crisis (Sky News- [link](#))
- John Cleese apologises for 'very bad joke' comparing Donald Trump to Hitler (Independent- [link](#))

## **Thursday:**

### Politics:

- Nigel Farage attacks 'moron' James Cleverly for taking credit for no Christmas boat crossings (Sky News- [link](#))
- Tory MP suggests 'crap parents' behind most of town's struggling children (Independent- [link](#))
- Biden Struggles to Push Trade Deals with Allies as Election Approaches (The Wall Street Journal- [link](#))
- Brexit- backing Wetherspoons boss to be knighted in New Year Honours (Independent- [link](#))
- Blair government proposed asylum holding camp on the isle of mull, archive papers reveal (ITV News- [link](#))
- No10 plays down inheritance tax cuts but doesn't rule out stamp duty change (I- [link](#))
- Labour considers plans for thousands of new nursery places in primary schools (Sky News- [link](#))
- Heavy election defeat could lead to Tory lurch to right, analysis shows (The Guardian- [link](#))
- 'Shocking' rise in MoD payouts for bullying, harrasment and discrimination (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Massachusetts considers trust funds for state's poorest newborns 'shrink the racial wealth gap' (Fox News- [link](#))
- Chris christie releases scathing attack ad against Donald Trump (Independent- [link](#))

### Energy:

- The largest clean energy project in US history closes \$11bn, starts full construction (Electrek- [link](#))

### Death:

- Teen boy dies after shark attack at popular Australian surf beach (The Times- [link](#))
- Herb Kohl, former Milwaukee Bucks owner and co-founder of Kohl's department store, dies at 88 (Independent- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Israeli troops killed hostages, mistaking their cries for help as ambush- military (Reuters- [link](#))
- Ukraine's Zelenskiy says he discussed peace formula with Pope (Reuters- [link](#))
- Prince Harry and Meghan Markle 'will reunite with King Charles next year' (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Nearly 4,000 violent assaults reported on trains in past year (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Suspected arson at MP mike Freer's office concerning, No 10 says (BBC News- [link](#))
- Blackpool Tower 'fire' was fluttering orange netting (BBC News- [link](#))

## **Friday:**

### Politics:

- Nikki Haley concedes slavery caused US Civil War after backlash (The Times- [link](#))
- Liz Truss 'shameless' resignation honours list is finally revealed (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Former Tory chancellor Sajid Javid knighted in new year honours (Independent- [link](#))
- Bury North MP James Daly defends remarks over poor parenting (BBC News- [link](#))
- Home Secretary James Cleverly's date rape joke 'misogynistic' and very 'ill-judged', senior Tory MP says (Sky News- [link](#))
- United Nations sends asylum seekers to Rwanda despite opposing UK plans (The Sun- [link](#))
- Yousaf 'nothing like as popular' as Sturgeon and SNP support down, says expert (Independent- [link](#))
- GOP rep warns House has final say over election after states deem Trump ineligible for ballots (The Hill- [link](#))
- Trump's primary opponents jump to his defense over and over again (MSNBC- [link](#))
- Wisconsin officials shut down effort to kick Trump off ballot (The Hill- [link](#))
- RFK Jr. Meets signature threshold in Utah to qualify for ballot (CBS News- [link](#))

### Energy:

- Boris Johnson tells Sunak to 'get on' with slow nuclear power build (Independent- [link](#))

### Death:

- Team GB footballer found dead in woodland area days before Christmas (Independent- [link](#))

### Environment/weather/space:

- 'Queen of trash' and employees arrested over Sweden's 'largest environmental crime' (The Guardian- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Police stunned after pulling over one of Britain's worst drivers who has 96 POINTS on his licence aged just 23 (Manchester Evening News- [link](#))
- Two arrested as red paint thrown at Downing Street gates as- as Sunak exits No 10 out of back door (Independent- [link](#))
- Israel-Hamas war: IDF claims to destroy tunnel used by senior Hamas officials (Sky News- [link](#))
- New footage shows Kentucky police officers throwing drinks at pedestrians (Independent- [link](#))
- SpaceX launches X-37B aboard a Falcon Heavy rocket at Kennedy Space Center (Fox News- [link](#))
- Jack Grealish: Man City footballer's Cheshire home targeted by burglars (BBC News- [link](#))

## **Saturday:**

### Politics:

- Nigel Farage will hold feet to the fire on immigration (The Sun- [link](#))
- Brexit has completely failed for UK, say clear majority of Britons- poll (The Sun- [link](#))
- Cumming's: Sunak wanted a secret deal with me to win the next election (Independent- [link](#))
- Keir Starmer tells voters future of Britain 'rests in your hands' in 2024 (Independent- [link](#))
- Running clubs to be recommended to long-term sick under government plans (ITV News- [link](#))
- Michelle Mone: crime agency reviews £3m sent to Coutts account (The Times- [link](#))

### Death:

- 11 Iranian officers killed in Israeli airstrike in Syria: report (Business Insider- [link](#))
- Suspected great white shark kills talented teenage surfer in Australia (Business insider- [link](#))
- Gemma Wiseman: GB and England deaf women's footballer dies aged 33 (BBC News- [link](#))
- British mother and son die in French avalanche as police probe cause (The Times- [link](#))

### Environment/weather/space:

- Flooding, 'significant snow' and weather warnings to see Brits into the new year (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Another eruption in Iceland 'more likely with each passing day' as fresh cracks form (Independent- [link](#))

### Miscellaneous (random):

- Protestors clash with police in south London over tensions in Eritrean community (Sky News- [link](#))
- South Africa accuses Israel of genocide in court claim (The Times- [link](#))
- School board backs down from plans to scrap Black history courses after backlash (Independent- [link](#))
- Harry to see 'repercussions from memoir for years' as Meghan warned against penning book (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Average house in Cornwall costs almost 10 times the average wage (Cornwall Live- [link](#))

## **Sunday:**

*Sunday will include no news released after 5pm*

### **Politics:**

- Israeli minister repeats call for Palestinians to leave Gaza (Reuters- [link](#))
- Trump spends New Year's Eve launching multiple attacks on ex-staffers turned critics (Independent- [link](#))
- Calls for inquiry into 'shady attempts to bring back Dominic Cummings' (Sky News- [link](#))
- One-third chance of general election in May, Tory chair reveals (Independent- [link](#))
- Labour should make UK leader in Wellbeing- informed policy, says peer (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Adam Boulton: Sir Keir Starmer is the anti-charisma candidate – but his profile hasn't harmed Labour's chances (Sky News- [link](#))
- Maine secretary of state targeted in 'swatting' call after removing Trump from ballot (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Biden's polling problem: Running for re-election in 2024, the president ends 2023 underwater (Fox News- [link](#))

### **Death:**

- Ugandan Olympic runner Benjamin Kiplagat 'found with fatal stab wounds' as police launch murder hunt (Evening Standard- [link](#))
- British Passenger on Tui flight dies after being taken ill as pilots divert plane (Liverpool Echo- [link](#))

### **Environment/weather/space:**

- Flood alerts in place for Bristol as river levels continue to rise after heavy rain (Bristol World- [link](#))
- Tunisia's lagoons at risk of drying up amid record heat and chaotic urbanisation (The National- [link](#))
- Keeping recyclable waste separate 'vital' to boosting NI recycling rates (Independent- [link](#))

### **Miscellaneous (random):**

- US Navy helicopters destroy Houthi boats in Red Sea after attempted hijack (BBC News- [link](#))
- Luton's Tom Lockyer thanks 'heroes' who saved his life after cardiac arrest (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Man who claimed benefits for 200 fake children ordered to back £2,000,000 (Metro- [link](#))
- French coastguard accused of ignoring migrants in distress at sea (I- [link](#))
- Venice to limit tourist group size to 25 to protect historic city (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Netanyahu defends Israel's unapparelled 'morality' in Gaza War (AFP- [link](#))

