NewsOfTheWeek:

(week commencing 29/1/24)

Monday:

Politics:

- o Trump and Biden go back- and-forth over swing state union's endorsement (ABC News- link)
- o Donald Trump awaits verdict in \$370 million fraud case he calls a 'hoax' (USA Today-link)
- Economic picture 'different' to when Labour made £28bn green pledge –Reeves (The Evening Standardlink)
- Scottish civil servants can work abroad for one month a year (The Times-<u>link</u>)
- Vape tax could be put in budget as Sunak plans health Legacy (The i- link)
- World now as dangerous as in the Cold War, UK government believes (The i- link)
- Small boat crossings UP on last year with more than 1,000 illegal migrants in 28 days, warns minister (The Times- link)
- Labour reports to underpin new 'party of business stance' (Sky News-<u>link</u>)
- SNP coming off 'worse' in deal with greens, veteran MSP warns (The Scotsman-link)
- o Pentagon says it is not seeking war with Iran after Jordan attack (Reuters-link)
- Texas Attorney General Expands Pursuit of Medical Records For Trans Youth (HuffPost-link)

Energy:

- o Renewables, Broad Environmental Progress, Weakened By Central Banks (Forbes-link)
- o Environmental groups discourage U.S use of liquified natural gas (Public News Service-link)

Environmental/weather/space:

- Moonguakes and faults near lunar south pole result of shrinking, study says (Fox News-link)
- Environmental group critises Italy's Eni for use of palm oil by-product (Reuters-link)
- 'Biggest, baddest ship on the planet': World's largest cruise ship stokes environmental concerns (CNBClink)

Miscellaneous (random):

- o Millions of households in England 'will still be in fuel poverty by end of decade' (The Guardian-link)
- o Train drivers will keep striking to 'raise profile' of pay dispute, says Aslef (The Guardian-link)
- o Ex- IRS contractor sentenced to 5 years for leaking Trump tax records (Reuters- link)
- Russian figure skater Kamila Valieva given 4-year ban for doping, disqualified from 2022 Olympics (The Athletic- <u>link</u>)

- Affordability is top concern for Canadians as Parliament resumes: poll (Global News-link)
- o Framework for ceasefire deal being put to Hamas, Qatar's PM says (The Guardian-link)

Tuesday:

Politics:

- Ministers plan to push cash-strapped English councils to sell assets (The Guardian-link)
- Joe Biden 'has decided US response to Jordan drone attack' (The Times-<u>link</u>)
- o Biden mocks Trump during Florida fundraiser (Politico- link)
- o Donald Trump Reportedly Tells People Close To Him That He's Bigger Than Taylor Swift (HuffPost-link)
- o Mike Johnson Says His Opposition To Border Deal Isn't A Bid To Boost Trump (Huffpost-link)
- o Northern Ireland Power-sharing deal could finally end Brexit's constitutional chaos (Sky News-link)
- UK and France pledge 'closer cooperation' tackling illegal migration (Sky News-link)
- o Cleverly hails 'impressive' French efforts on illegal migration at Paris Meeting (ITV News-link)
- o 'of course it's fair': Minister defends controversial policy of prioritising social homes for those with 'UK connection' (Sky News- link)
- o EU must defend Ukraine even if US reduces military support, Macron says (The Guardian-link)

Environmental/weather/space:

- o UK weather: Winds up to 85mph to lash parts of country as yellow warnings issued (Sky News-link)
- o Ministers' nature policies 'cover up' environmental failings, wildlife groups warn (The Guardian-link)
- World's First IVF Rhino Pregnancy Might Save the Northern White Rhinoceros Species (My Modern Metlink)

Miscellaneous (random):

- UK ticketholder wins share of £123m EuroMillions jackpot (Sky News-link)
- o Oil prices end higher as traders monitor Middle East, Russian output and China (MarketWatch-link)
- Dangerous levels of bacteria found in flood water from UK rivers (The Independent- <u>link</u>)

- o Return of US oil sanctions on Venezeula to hit revenue, fuel imports (Reuters-link)
- Biden's UN ambassador calls for 'fundamental changes' to resume UNRWA (The Hill-link)
- Iran-Backed Militia Suspected of Strike on U.S Troops Says It Will Suspend Attacks (The Wall Street Journal-<u>link</u>)
- Navy 'poised to deploy aircraft carrier to the Red Sea' after Houthi attacks (The Evening Standard-<u>link</u>)
- o Top Ukranian general 'refused to step down' as Zelensky rift deepens (The Independent-link)
- o Israeli confirms it's FLOODING Hamas terror tunnels with sea water to flush out Gaza fighters & destroy underground HGs (The Sun- link)

Wednesday:

Politics:

- Irish PM sees no 'red flags' in UK's Northern Ireland trade proposals (Reuters-link)
- Half of RFK Jr.'s Massive Fundraising Haul Came From Two People (Rollingstone-<u>link</u>)
- Mike Freer quits frontline politics after office 'arson attack' (The Times-link)
- Niccola Sturgeon loses reputation and SNP votes after Covid 'betrayal' (The i- link)
- o Jeremy Hunt casts doubt on big tax cuts at next budget (Sky News-link)
- Sturgeon wasn't wrong to delete WhatsApp messages as all 'appropriate info handed over', says SNP's Ian Blackford (4 News- link)
- DUP says Stormont deal has delivered 'fundamental change' to UK/EU trading rules (The Evening Standard- link)
- Sir Keir Starmer promises to 'fix unprecedented stagnation' as Labour targets business voters (Sky Newslink)
- o Government appoints council of business leaders to advise PM (The Evening Standard-link)
- o RFK Jr's bid for independent presidential run garners mega Trump donor support (Reuters-link)
- o Andrea Leadsom Roasted For Claiming Brexit Premium Is 'Cost Of Doing Business' (Huffpost-link)

Environmental/weather/space:

o 'Weather bomb' Storm Ingunn crashes into the UK with 106mph winds (Metro-link)

Miscellaneous (random):

- o King Charles 'doing his best' after prostate treatment, says Camilla (BBC News-link)
- Man arrested after climbing to the top of Eros in Piccadilly Circus (The Evening Standard-<u>link</u>)
- Meta's Zuckerberg apologises to child abuse victims in emotional Senate hearing (The Washington Postlink)
- Speaker Lindsay Hoyle tells off Sunak before calling Starmer 'prime minister' again (The Independent- <u>link</u>)
- o Transgender children could be 'forcibly outed' under new proposals, charities warn (Sky News-link)
- Elon Musk's record \$56b Tesla pay package is too much, judge rules (The Times-link)

- Ship forced to avoid Red Sea stranded in 40C heat with 16,000 sheep and cattle onboard (The Independent- <u>link</u>)
- o Russia's Putin to visit NATO member Turkey on Feb 12- Turkish official (Reuters-link)
- o World Court says Russia violated parts of U.N anti-terrorism treaty in Eastern Ukraine (Reuters-link)
- Gaza's economy could take decades to recover, UN trade body says (Reuters-<u>link</u>)

Thursday:

Politics:

- Home Office asks for emergency £2.6bn after asylum seeker hotels overspend (The Guardian-link)
- o James cleverly demands more police on community beat to restore trust (The Times-link)
- o Haley Campaign event disrupted by 'Free Palestine' protestors (The Hill-link)
- Haley: I'm going to stay in this race "for the long haul" (CNN- link)
- o Fox News Poll: Trump leads Biden in Georgia receiving just over 50% support (Fox News-link)
- o Dan Crenshaw rips Republican 'stupidity' for vowing to kill border deal (The Independent- link)
- Haley calls out Trump and his PACs for spending \$50 million on legal fees (CNN-<u>link</u>)
- UK could recognise a Palestinian state before a deal with Israel ,says Cameron (The Guardian-<u>link</u>)
- o Northern Ireland to restore government after UK parliament approves deal (Reuters-link)
- UK's Labour will cap corporation tax at 25% if it wins election (Reuters-<u>link</u>)
- o Hate faced by MP Mike Freer is attack on democracy, says Downing Street (BBC News-link)
- Hunt rows back on tax cuts, as Bank of England warns wage inflation is still too high (The Independent-link)

Death:

- o Israeli forces have killed 10,000 Gaza fighters, minister says (Reuters-link)
- Two killed by freight train in Sydney as attempted as attempted track rescue ends in tragedy (The Guardian-link)

Environment/weather:

- o Toxic run-off from roads not monitored, BBC finds (BBC News- link)
- Greta Thunberg outside court: We must remember who real enemy is (BBC News-link)

Miscellaneous (random):

- o Elon Musk wants to move Tesla to Texas (Newsweek- link)
- o Progress on cancer survival in UK at slowest in 50 years, study finds (The Guardian-link)
- Former CIA employee sentenced to 40 years in prison after carrying out largest data leak in agency's history (CNN- link)
- Zuckerberg wins on Wall Street after Washington hit (BBC News-<u>link</u>)

- US and UK strikes fail to slow Houthi attacks (BBC News-link)
- o World Court says it will hear part of Russia-Ukraine genocide case (Reuters- link)
- EU agrees on \$54 billion aid package for Ukraine (CNN- link)
- o US defence secretary says special relationship with UK 'as strong as ever' (The Independent- link)

Friday:

Politics:

- US judge formally postpones Trump's 2020 election subversion trial (Reuters- link)
- o Former Tory minister Sir Bob Neill to quit as MP at next election (ITV News- link)
- o Jeremy Hunt backs no-blame compensation scheme for medical errors (The Times-link)
- Labour's Angela Rayner 'doesn't go out' after 'scary' confrontation with protesters (The Evening Standardlink)
- o Northern Ireland to elect Irish nationalist First Minister in historic shift (Reuters- link)
- MPs back plans to tackle dog attacks on livestock (BBC News-link)
- o Britain 'plans rare nuclear missile test launch in days' as fears of war grow (LBC- link)

Death:

Man dies after falling from London's Tate Modern Gallery (Sky News-link)

Environment/weather/space:

- Rocky Mountain gray wolves won't get endangered species protections (The Hill-link)
- UK judge dismisses Greta Thunberg protest case (AFP-<u>link</u>)
- o Are microplastics harmful? Health Canada funds research on potential risks (Global News-link)

Miscellaneous (random):

- XL Bully owner says lack of checks on banned breed risks granting 'out of control' dogs exemption certificate (LBC- link)
- o Mark Zuckerberg hits out at Apple's 'onerous' new App Store rules (Business Insider-link)
- o Bill Gates-Backed Hybrid-Plane Startup Raises \$107 million (Inc-link)
- Public inquiry would compromise care- NHS trust (BBC News- <u>link</u>)
- o 'Devastating' number of people in Liverpool seeking emergency housing (Echo-link)
- Labour's VAT on private schools is to 'tickle bellies of the left' says minister (The i- link)

- Houthis say they fired ballistic missile at Israel's Eilat (Reuters-link)
- o Russian Missile Ship Obliterated Off Crimea, Ukraine Says (The Daily Beast-<u>link</u>)
- Ukraine's Zelenskiy hails arrival of new air defence systems (Reuters-<u>link</u>)

Saturday:

Politics:

- Michelle O'Neill appointed Northern Ireland's first nationalist first minister in historic moment (Sky Newslink)
- Putin signs decree allowing transactions with Russia's Russeneft shares (Reuters-<u>link</u>)
- o US starts retaliatory strikes in Iraq and Syria against Iran-linked targets (Reuters-link)
- o Israel-Gaza war: Thousands join pro-Palestinian march in London (BBC News-link)
- Mayorkas says the US still aims to be a country of Immigrants (Business Insider-<u>link</u>)
- o Cameron stands firm on Palestinian state recognition after Tory backlash (The Independent-link)
- Northern Ireland's new first minister Michelle O'Neill 'contests' claim Irish unity is 'decades' away (Sky News- <u>link</u>)
- New Congressional task force could regulate use of AI but not focused on 2024 (USA Today-link)

Energy:

 Stop looking for loopholes, UN warns, after Saudi hints at end of fossil fuels 'just one option' (The Guardian- link)

Death:

Bus driver dies after assault at station in Moray (The Evening Standard-link)

Environment/weather/space:

- 'Water quality around coast lines has been improving', says Chair of the Environmental Audit Committee (4 News- link)
- 1 year After The t(Huffpost-link)

Miscellaneous (random):

- o Turkey completes new homes in area hit by devastating earthquake (Reuters-link)
- Suicide review NHS trust's chief Anna Hills to step down (BBC News-link)
- Queen 'thought Meghan's wedding dress was too white for a divorcee' (The Independent-link)
- o Pro Palestine demonstrators promise to march for 'as long as it takes' (Sky News-link)
- Clapham chemical attack suspect 'was in relationship with victim who suffered life-changing injuries' (LBClink)
- UK 'not ready for war' as Armed Forces losing troops and short of weapons (The Mirror-link)
- o Prosecutors rail against Trump's 'distorted' argument in classified documents case (The Hill-link)
- Harvard to host Palestinian prof who blamed Israel for Oct. 7, called attacks 'normal human struggle' (Fox News- link)
- Israel-Gaza war: Thousands join pro-Palestinian march in London (BBC News-link)

- o ICE deports illegal immigrant wanted for rape in Brazil who was released into US (Fox News-link)
- o Satellite images show 30% of Gaza destroyed, UN centre says (Reuters-link)
- ICJ rules that it will hear part of Ukraine- Russia genocide case (Aljazeera- <u>link</u>)

- US and UK launch new attacks on Houthis in Yemen (Politico-<u>link</u>)
- o US strikes on Iraq and Syria 'principally focused on militant groups' says US military expert (4 news-link)

Sunday:

News after published after 6 was not included in the roundup

Politics:

- o Airstrike on Houthi targets 'about protecting innocent lives' says Shapps (The i- link)
- o Cameron urges Houthis to stop Red Sea campaign after third UK-US air strikes (The Independent- link)
- o Covid WhatsApp row: Nicola Sturgeon gave phone away to relative (The Sunday Times-link)
- o Republican candidate Trump says U.S needs to impose tariffs on China (Reuters-link)
- Speaker Johnson says he has not been briefed on Senate border talks (The Hill-link)
- Netanyahu's national security minister criticizes Biden and praises Trump (MSNBC-link)
- o Reform of the Lords will go ahead undiluted, says Labour (The I- link)
- Govt 'can't guarantee' free childcare pledge, education secretary admits (Sky News-<u>link</u>)
- Nigel Farage to attend Liz Truss's latest comeback bid with launch of 'Popular Conservatism' (The Independent- link)
- Kate Forbes warns 'continually increasing taxes' is counterproductive (The Scotsman-link)
- Sinn Fein First Minister Michelle O'Neill claims Stormont is ready to tackle public sector pay problems (NewsLetter- <u>link</u>)

Death:

Wales and British and Irish Lions legend Barry John dies aged 79 (Sky News-link)

Environment/weather/space:

- UK snow: Met Office issues new ice warnings as -10C Scandinavian big freeze to hit (The Mirror-link)
- Weather warning issued as London 'set to be battered by over 40 hours of non-stop rain (The Evening Standard- link)
- King makes first public appearance since leaving hospital at Sunday service (Sky News-link)

Miscellaneous (random):

- Essex dog attack: Owner of 'killer XL Bullies' said 'no one tells me what to do with my dogs (The Mirrorlink)
- o Brianna Ghey's mother sobs as she explains why she feels she 'failed' daughter (The Independent- <u>link</u>)
- o Claims government blocked low-traffic schemes were a fiction, papers suggest (The Guardian-link)

- Ukraine war: No more easy deals for Russian convicts freed to fight (BBC News-link)
- China braced for largest human migration on earth amid bleak economic backdrop (ITV News-<u>link</u>)
- Houthis vow more Red Sea attacks after third wave of US-UK strikes on Yemen (The Guardian-link)
- 2-state solution remains key to ending Israel-Hamas war, Sullivan says (Politico-link)
- Russia, China and Iran could target UK via Irish 'backdoor', thinktank warns (The Guardian-link)