

NewsOfTheWeek:

(week commencing 5/2/24)

Monday:

Politics:

- Rishi Sunak tells Northern Ireland Executive ‘work starts now’ as power sharing restored (ITV News, UTV- [link](#))
- Ireland eases repayment terms on COVID-19 deferred business taxes (Reuters- [link](#))
- Chinese small-cap stocks suffer market rout as Trump threatens renewed trade war (MarketWatch- [link](#))
- SNP leader shares ‘state of breakdown’ struggles over his divorce (The Independent- [link](#))
- Gillian Keegan declines to give Tories ‘outstanding’ Ofsted rating (The Times- [link](#))
- Labour excluded some campaigners from race equality act launch event (Sky News- [link](#))
- British Muslim support for Labour plummets, shock poll finds (The Independent- [link](#))
- Stormont leaders pledge united front in push for more funding from UK Government (The Independent- [link](#))
- Stop flushing toilet to prevent sewage spills, says South Downs Tory MP (The i- [link](#))
- Sunak backs Foreign Secretary after comments on Palestinian state recognition (The Independent- [link](#))

Energy:

- Give clear view of net zero emissions plan, CBI tells chancellor (The Times- [link](#))
- Russian oil getting into UK via refinery loophole, reports claim (BBC News- [link](#))

Death:

- Clapham chemical attack suspect may be dead, police believe (The Guardian- [link](#))

Environmental/weather/space:

- California flooding resulted in a “damaging mudflow” strikingTH Los Angeles (Newsweek- [link](#))
- Florida tornado: twister touches down as severe weather hits (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Fines for missing heat pump targets could be dropped Downing Street hints (BBC News- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- King Charles Diagnosed with cancer (The Times- [link](#))
- Prince Harry to travel to UK to see monarch “in coming days” (Sky News- [link](#))
- FAA warns US Congress against hiking airline pilot retirement age (Reuters- [link](#))
- Turkey earthquake: Survivors still living in temporary accommodation (Euronews- [link](#))
- Lockdown impact on children risks damaging productivity for decades, says OECD (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- ‘People complain about the dogs; it’s not the dogs.’ claims family of grandmother, 68, mauled to death by ‘XL Bullies’ (LBC- [link](#))
- Some Tesla board members reportedly felt pressured to use drugs with Elon Musk (MarketWatch- [link](#))
- RAF Typhoon jets scrambled to escort plane landing at Manchester Airport after it ‘loses contact’ (The Evening Standard- [link](#))

Global:

- Israel Wants U.N Agency It Links To Oct. 7 Attack Scrapped, But Not Yet (The Wall Street Journal- [link](#))
- LGBTQ+ Palestinians can request asylum in Israel, Court rules (The Jerusalem Post- [link](#))
- Zelensky says he is preparing reset of senior Ukrainian leadership (The Independent- [link](#))

Tuesday:

Politics:

- Donald Trump does not have presidential immunity and can be prosecuted in election interference case, US appeals court rules (Sky News- [link](#))
- Nigel Farage: Conservatives facing 'extinction event' and he's aiming to replace them (Sky News- [link](#))
- Ministers need powers to ban protests, says Braverman (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Armed forces application at highest in years, says Grant Shapps (The Times- [link](#))
- Morgan tells Sunak Rwanda bet 'definitely stands' amid criticism of wager (The Independent- [link](#))
- Michael Gove approves 'derided' £400m development on London's South Bank (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Labour threatens to 'steamroll' junk food firms (The Times- [link](#))
- HS2 now offers 'very poor value for money', MPs warn (BBC News- [link](#))
- Sen. Sinema "disappointed" Senate GOP rejects border bill (CNN- [link](#))
- Obama. Clinton to attend Biden campaign fundraiser in March (Reuters- [link](#))

Death:

- One-fifth of remaining hostages are dead, says Israel (The Telegraph- [link](#))

Environmental/weather/space:

- EU lays out plan to cut greenhouse emissions by 90% by 2040 (The Guardian- [link](#))
- EU eases off environmental demands in bid to head off farmer protests (The Washington Examiner- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Emotional King Charles seen for first time since cancer diagnosis as Harry jets in to visit (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Boeing: Bolts missing from door, says blowout report (BBC News- [link](#))
- Women in Gaza Give Birth in Tents and Public Bathrooms (The Wall Street Journal- [link](#))
- US states had 65,000 rape-related pregnancies after banning abortion (NewScientist- [link](#))
- Joe Biden mixes up Emmanuel Macron with dead French leader Francois Mitterrand (Sky News- [link](#))

Global:

- Rumoured split in Hamas leadership as hope grows for ceasefire deal (The Guardian- [link](#))
- UN envoy in Iraq to step down at end of May, says country 'on knife edge' (Reuters- [link](#))
- Alaska National Guard planning deployment to US border with Mexico (The Hill- [link](#))

Wednesday:

Politics:

- Starmer to announce scaling back of £28bn green investment plan (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Haley vows to stay in race following 'embarrassing' Nevada defeat (Reuters- [link](#))
- New Wisconsin poll shows Trump tied with Biden, Haley ahead by 15 points (Politico- [link](#))
- Labour 'open-minded' to social media ban for under-16s (The i- [link](#))
- 'I felt alone and scared': MP tells parliament of attempt to take his own life (The Guardian- [link](#))
- HS2 North is dead but mayors considering low speed version to boost trains (The i- [link](#))
- PM showed 'enormous respect' for Brianna Ghey's mother, says Chancellor Jeremy Hunt (Sky News- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak faces internal revolt over plan to scrap 'boiler tax' (The Times- [link](#))
- Home Office drops plan to remove housing protections from asylum seekers (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Watchdog urged to probe Labour's failure to declare value of HSBC donations (OpenDemocracy- [link](#))
- Harris set to host Democratic governors this weekend to discuss 2024 campaign (CNN- [link](#))
- Trans Britons 'appalled' by Rishi Sunak's 'dehumanising' comment in the Commons (The Independent- [link](#))

Death

- US drone strike kills Iran-backed Militia leader in Baghdad (BBC News- [link](#))

Environmental/weather/space:

- Ofwat orders Thames Water to produce turnaround plan over sewage record (The Guardian- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Prince William speaks out for first time since dad Charles' cancer diagnosis (Metro- [link](#))
- Captain Tom Moore's daughter's unauthorised home spa finally demolished (The Independent- [link](#))
- Frailty in older people rose sharply during austerity years, study reveals (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Homeland Security Investigations cracks down on counterfeit goods ahead of Super Bowl (ABC News- [link](#))
- Tucker Carlson 'may face sanctions over Vladimir Putin interview' (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Sunak was not making trans joke, transgender writer claims (The Independent- [link](#))

Global:

- Netanyahu says Hamas' demands on hostage and ceasefire deal are 'delusional' (CNN- [link](#))
- Putin says Russia is working to free hostages in Gaza conflict (Reuters- [link](#))
- Israel's Netanyahu says victory in Gaza is within reach (Reuters- [link](#))
- Iran-backed Houthis target Greek and British cargo ships in Red Sea (The Independent- [link](#))

Thursday:

Politics:

- Former Tory leader warns of existential threat to party if it fails to pull together (ITV News- [link](#))
- Tory donor Nick Candy praises Starmer and says it's 'time for a change' (The Independent- [link](#))
- Michael Matheson: Scottish health secretary quits over £11k iPad bill (BBC News- [link](#))
- Trans Britons 'appalled by Rishi Sunak's 'dehumanising' comment in the Commons (The Independent- [link](#))
- Sir Keir Starmer blames Conservatives as Labour ditches £28bn green investment pledge (Sky News- [link](#))
- Nikki Haley is on a losing streak, but donors still see her as a hedge against Trump (Reuters- [link](#))
- Russia election: Putin opponent banned from standing (The Times- [link](#))

Environment/weather:

- World's first year-long breach of key warming limit (BBC News- [link](#))
- Earthquake shakes thousands across Melbourne and Southern Victoria (9 News- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Italian food at risk after hottest January on record (The Independent- [link](#))
- More than 26,000 tenants kicked out through no-fault evictions – despite government pledge to scrap policy (The Independent- [link](#))
- Aleksander Ceferin to not stand for re-election as UFEA president in 2027 (The Athletic- [link](#))
- NHS waiting lists improve as A&E delays approach record levels (The Times- [link](#))
- Italian man removed from UK despite post-Brexit Home Office certificate (The Guardian- [link](#))

Global:

- UN chief vows immediate action on 'infiltration of Hamas' in UN (Reuters- [link](#))
- At least 300,000 at risk from lack of food in north, central Gaza: UN (AFP- [link](#))
- Zelenskiy confirms prisoner swap with Russia, with 100 Ukrainians returned (Reuters- [link](#))

Friday:

Politics:

- Biden responds angrily to special counsel report questioning his memory (The Washington Post- [link](#))
- Tories and Labour both nominate political columnists to House of Lords (The i- [link](#))
- Sadiq Khan urges Government to accelerate efforts to end HIV transmission by 2030 (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Local authority leaders criticise Sunak's call for 'restrained' council tax rises (The Guardian- [link](#))
- I absolutely did not consider resignation over Labour green U-turn, Ed Milliband says (4 News- [link](#))
- Tory Chair Reveals His 'Frustration' With Party Colleagues Over Conservative In-Fighting (Huffpost- [link](#))
- Labour plans to protect public sector from pension tax 'unworkable' say experts (The i- [link](#))
- Starmer: Ditching green spending pledge was about 'being straight' with voters (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Matheson urged to reject £13,000 severance pay after quitting amid iPad bill row (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak refuses again to apologise for PMQs transgender jibe while Brianna Ghey's mother was in parliament (Sky News- [link](#))

Death:

- Abdul Ezedi: Clapham chemical attack suspect 'most probably dead' as police search River Thames (Sky News- [link](#))

Environment/weather/space:

- Premier League Clubs Agree to Minimum Standard Of Environmental Action (Forbes- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Rishi Sunak paid effective tax rate of 23% on £2.2m income last year (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Christian Horner faces eight-hour grilling with Red Bull future uncertain (The Telegraph- [link](#))
- Prince Harry vows to see press mission 'to the end', berates Piers Morgan (Reuters- [link](#))
- Junior doctors to strike again this month in 10th walkout in a year (The i- [link](#))
- Met officers dissuaded children from making sexual abuse claims, reports finds (The Guardian- [link](#))
- King Charles doing 'extremely well' after cancer diagnosis, Queen Camilla says (BBC News- [link](#))
- Number of income tax payers grows by more than 4.5m in 14 years (The Times- [link](#))
- Raising UK state pension age to 71 would bring 'misery' to millions (The Guardian- [link](#))

Global:

- Ex- Israeli PM makes devastating condemnation of Netanyahu's war in Gaza (The Independent- [link](#))
- India pushes UK to accept watered-down trade deal (The Times- [link](#))
- Russia must pay for environmental damage in Ukraine, international group says (Reuters- [link](#))

Saturday:

Politics:

- Michael Gove: If the young can't get housing, they will abandon democracy (The Times- [link](#))
- Labour rejects 'dodgy' civil servant costing of windfall tax plans (The Independent- [link](#))
- Labour MPs facing wave of independent challengers over stance on Gaza (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Tory ministers quietly change zombie style knife ban jail time commitment to 'may face prison' (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Labour target dramatic by-election win in Wellingborough (4 News- [link](#))
- Disastrous Truss budget forced UK councils to take out massive 50-year loans at soaring rates (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Keir Starmer says Rishi Sunak lacks 'courage' to say sorry to Brianna Ghey's mum over trans joke (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak 'up for the fight' as Tories continue to lag in the polls (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Haley hopes to boost election bid with attacks on Trump's and Biden's age (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Biden to skip traditional Super Bowl interview for second year (Reuters- [link](#))
- Trump says he wishes general election would be held next Tuesday (The Independent- [link](#))
- Special counsel report on Biden memory is wrong, White House says (Reuters- [link](#))

Energy:

- France's EDF shuts down two nuclear reactors after fire at Chinon plant (Reuters- [link](#))

Death:

- Duo Euthanasia: former Dutch prime minister dies hand in hand with his wife (The Guardian- [link](#))
- At least 28 killed in Israeli attack on Rafah after Netanyahu orders evacuation (The Independent- [link](#))

Environment/weather/space:

- UK weather: Met Office issues fresh yellow warning for southwest and eastern England (Sky News- [link](#))
- Environmental advocates highlight air pollution's impact on children's health (ABC News- [link](#))
- US government announces intent to fund reduction projects (Reuters- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- California Earthquake Temporarily Closes Rides at Disneyland (Comicbook- [link](#))
- Pfizer Covid ja to be sold in UK pharmacies (The Times- [link](#))

Global:

- Yemen's Houthis hold funeral for 17 militants killed in US-UK air strikes (Reuters- [link](#))
- Israel appears to be in breach of ICJ orders on Gaza, senior UN official says (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Sweden sends troops to NATO frontline with Russia (Euronews- [link](#))

Sunday:

Politics:

- Labour's Rochdale by-election candidate apologises for 'deeply offensive' Israel claims (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Cameron 'deeply concerned' about planned Israeli military offensive in Rafah (The Independent- [link](#))
- Madagascar set to castrate child rapists after Parliament passes law (Sky News- [link](#))
- Labour candidate issues apology over 'deeply offensive' claim Israel allowed 7 October attack (The Independent- [link](#))
- Water firm bosses to lose bonuses if they dump sewage in sea as Tories pinch Labour plan (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Review of MoD's diversity policies ordered by 'furious' Grant Shapps (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Gove says PM was 'absolutely right' to use trans jibe criticise Starmer (The i- [link](#))
- Labour hit by furious voter backlash over his £28 billion eco U-turn (The Sun- [link](#))
- Big tech faces higher rates under Labour to help high street shops (The i- [link](#))
- Trump's NATO comments draw scorn, White House calls them 'unhinged' (Reuters- [link](#))
- Trump: Conservatives should 'celebrate' defeat of border security bill (Business Insider- [link](#))
- Poll: Overwhelming majority of Americans think Biden is too old for another term (Politico- [link](#))

Death:

- Two Israeli hostages killed, eight injured in Israeli strikes on Gaza, Hamas says (Reuters- [link](#))

Environment/weather/space:

- Polluting water company chiefs' bonuses to be blocked (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Woodside dramatically expands oil and gas exploration spend despite net zero pledge (The Guardian- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Kneecap: Belfast rap group take legal action after UK blocks grant (BBC News- [link](#))
- British boys more at risk of modern slavery than any other group in UK (4 News- [link](#))
- Brianna Ghey's mother tells vigil she gave her 'so much peace and love' (The i- [link](#))
- Three boats carrying 124 migrants cross the channel (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- British Army urged to prioritise 'diversity and inclusion' over security vetting in leaked report on soldier shortages (LBC- [link](#))
- Covid education catch up for poorest pupils set to be axed by Jeremy Hunt (The i- [link](#))

Global:

- NATO Leader Blasts Trump's Suggestion He Would Encourage Russian Invasion of U.S Allies (The Wall Street Journal- [link](#))
- US military strikes five vessels near Yemen port (The Evening Standard- [link](#))

