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## **Nigel Farage**

Inside the impoverished Welsh communities abandoning Labour and turning to **Farage's Reform**

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When racists shout 'Go home', and you come from 15 places, what to do? | Hugh Muir

Guardian (Politics) · Thu, 01 Jan 2026 06:00:33 GMT

A DNA test showed me that theoretically I have links to a long list of countries – and that the way we look at belonging makes little sense While accepting that David Lammy, the deputy prime minister and justice secretary is, for many, the human embodiment of Marmite – loved or hated, with not much in between – one can

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/01/racist-go-home-place-dna-test-countries>

## **Keir Starmer**

Second highest number of small boat migrants arrived in UK last year: More than 41,000 crossed Channel in 2025 - taking total to 65K since Labour came to power

Daily Mail (Articles) · Thu, 01 Jan 2026 12:47:56 +0000

Keir Starmer is also less than 1,000 migrants away from an unwanted record - having the most people cross the Channel in his premiership after less than two years.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15426645/Second-highest-number-small-boat-migrants-arrived-UK-year-41-00-crossed-Channel-2025-taking-total-65K-Labour-came-power.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15426645/Second-highest-number-small-boat-migrants-arrived-UK-year-41-00-crossed-Channel-2025-taking-total-65K-Labour-came-power.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

POLL OF THE DAY: Do you agree with Sir **Keir Starmer**'s claim that 'things can and will get better' in 2026?

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 01 Jan 2026 12:01:40 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer has insisted the Government will 'defeat the decline and division offered by others' by 'staying the course' with its efforts to improve public services and the cost of living.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15426615/POLL-Sir-Keir-Starmer-claim-things-better-2026.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15426615/POLL-Sir-Keir-Starmer-claim-things-better-2026.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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Small boat migrant arrivals jump by 13% to 41,000 in 2025

Financial Times (UK) · Thu, 01 Jan 2026 11:42:20 GMT

Home Office data heaps pressure on Keir Starmer's pledge to 'smash the gangs'

<https://www.ft.com/content/2af2f80a-dd26-4039-857b-c1e775dcfa2a>

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**Starmer** vows to 'defeat decline and division' in new year message

BBC (UK) · Thu, 01 Jan 2026 06:43:29 GMT

The PM acknowledges "things have been tough" but says 2026 will see "positive change".

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c98p5p6rmm2o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c98p5p6rmm2o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

**Keir Starmer** admits life for many in Britain 'is still harder than it should be' in his New Year's message - but vows 'things can and will get better' in 2026 as he fights to turn around premiership

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 01 Jan 2026 01:30:44 GMT

In an upbeat New Year's message, the Prime Minister echoed the New Labour anthem as he insisted that 'things can and will get better'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15425299/Keir-Starmer-admits-life-Britain-harder-New-Years-message.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15425299/Keir-Starmer-admits-life-Britain-harder-New-Years-message.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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ANDREW NEIL: The evidence suggests this will be a year of economic revival that could lift Britain out of its gloom. But this is why I predict **Starmer** and Reeves will screw it all up yet again... and be kicked out of office

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 01 Jan 2026 01:19:27 GMT

On this first day of 2026, let us start with some surprising New Year cheer: prospects for the British economy look better than they have for quite some time.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15425653/ANDREW-NEIL-evidence-suggests-year-economic-revival-lift-Britain-gloom-predict-Starmer-Reeves-screw-kicked-office.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15425653/ANDREW-NEIL-evidence-suggests-year-economic-revival-lift-Britain-gloom-predict-Starmer-Reeves-screw-kicked-office.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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The truth about Britain's 'box-ticking' citizenship process: Grants hit all-time high under Labour - as **Starmer** is told to boot out Jew-hating Egyptian 'extremist' he welcomed to the UK

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 01 Jan 2026 01:16:25 GMT

Almost 270,000 applications were rubber-stamped in 2024 - enough to fill cities the size of Newcastle, Brighton or Plymouth, and double levels seen a decade ago.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15421971/Britain-citizenship-process-Grants-high-Labour-Starmer-Egyptian-extremist.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15421971/Britain-citizenship-process-Grants-high-Labour-Starmer-Egyptian-extremist.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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## **Kemi Badenoch**

**Kemi Badenoch** accuses Labour of reopening old Brexit wounds to shore up its core vote after senior ministers urge closer relationship with Europe

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 01 Jan 2026 09:34:29 GMT

The Tory leader said growing calls by some ministers for the UK to rejoin the European customs union showed the Government has no plan or new ideas.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15425385/Kemi-Badenoch-accuses-Labour-reopening-old-Brexit-wounds.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15425385/Kemi-Badenoch-accuses-Labour-reopening-old-Brexit-wounds.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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## **John Swinney**

— no mentions today —

## **Ed Davey**

The Wales children were a joy at Christmas. Should we hope to see more of them over the next year?  
Have your say in the Palace Confidential poll

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You've read the headlines and heard our experts' opinions - but what do YOU think?

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## **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

— no mentions today —

### **Mary Lou McDonald**

'I was tested spiritually, professionally and creatively:' Stormzy says he was 'dying a slow death' and was forced to 'restructure his life' after backlash to **McDonald**'s deal in lengthy post as he reflects on turbulent year

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 01 Jan 2026 11:20:16 GMT

The rapper, 32, was accused of 'selling out' by his fans after signing the deal with the fast food chain, after the brand faced ongoing calls for boycotts over its links to Israel.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15426503/Stormzy-dying-slow-death-forced-restructure-life-backlash-McDonalds-deal.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15426503/Stormzy-dying-slow-death-forced-restructure-life-backlash-McDonalds-deal.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Donald Trump unleashes on Minnesota's Somali fraud scandal saying \$18BILLION was stolen... as he names three states where it's even worse

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 01 Jan 2026 08:47:41 GMT

The president was spending some time as the emcee at his annual, star-studded New Year's Eve party at his Mar-a-Lago resort.

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