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## **Nigel Farage**

**Nigel Farage** says £400,000-a-year water chief must go as 23,000 homes in Kent and Sussex remain without supply

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 09:00:49 GMT

Nigel Farage says the boss of South East Water must step down as 23,000 homes begin their fifth day without a supply.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462095/Farage-says-water-chief-Kent-Sussex-supply.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462095/Farage-says-water-chief-Kent-Sussex-supply.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Huge blow for Tories as **Nigel Farage**'s Reform UK reveals more defections

Daily Express (Politics) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 08:44:00 +0000

A string of Conservatives have joined insurgent party Reform UK

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2157463/reform-uk-tory-defections-nigel-farage>

**Nigel Farage** says £400,000-a-year water chief must go as 23,000 homes in Kent and Sussex remain without supply - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (nigel farage) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 07:52:00 GMT

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Labour and the Tories are banking on a return to the 'old normal'. That's not what voters want | Rafael Behr

Guardian (Politics) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 06:00:17 GMT

An economic recovery could still change the parties' fortunes. But the days when only two parties were licensed to supply Britain with prime ministers are gone Unpopular politicians take consolation in the thought that opinion polls are sometimes wrong and often describe the wrong thing. They capture the moment but don

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/14/labour-tories-old-normal-voters>

The City has moved on from Brexit

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 04:55:00 +0000

Whisper it, but Brexit is slowly inserting itself back into our national conversation. We remain, thankfully, a long way from the frenzied tribalism of the referendum campaign or the energy-sapping parliamentary drama that followed, but while these days Nigel Farage may be more interested in small boats than backstops,

<https://www.cityam.com/the-city-has-moved-on-from-brexit/>

## **Keir Starmer**

X's Grok AI 'won't produce sexualised images of women and children' - but will still put men in bikinis - as Elon Musk blinks first in clash with **Keir Starmer**

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 09:45:13 +0000

After the Prime Minister demanded the US tech billionaire to act to stem the creation of deepfakes, the social media tool last night began refusing to comply with user requests.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462493/Xs-Grok-AI-deepfakes-Elon-Musk-blinks-Keir-Starmer.html?ns\\_mc\\_hannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462493/Xs-Grok-AI-deepfakes-Elon-Musk-blinks-Keir-Starmer.html?ns_mc_hannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Digital ID should aim to win public support, not force it

Financial Times (World) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 09:45:10 GMT

Keir Starmer irked his MPs last year by framing move as means to tackle illegal working

<https://www.ft.com/content/c1ee4616-48fd-46f6-bb15-cd9c918399fb>

Reeves plays down digital ID U-turn as Tories and Lib Dems criticise PM's 'spinelessness' – UK politics live

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Digital ID latest: **Starmer** under fire from Blair ally as Labour makes yet another U-turn over mandatory IDs

Independent (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 09:31:15 GMT

Lord Blunkett 'disappointed but not surprised' by the governments latest U-turn

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-labour-digital-id-reeves-pmqslive-news-b2900172.html>

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Right to work can be proved using digital ID card, e-visa or e-passport, in change to policy government insists is not a U-turn UK politics live – latest updates The chancellor has insisted she is "pretty relaxed" about what form of digital ID people use to prove their right to work in the UK, amid criticism of the go

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/14/chancellor-relaxed-digital-identification-id-cards-workers>

**Starmer**'s digital ID U-turn shows a prime minister in survival mode

Independent (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 09:12:08 GMT

By watering down his plans to make digital ID compulsory in yet another policy U-turn, the prime minister is showing that he's lost control of his government's agenda, writes political editor David Maddox

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/keir-starmer-u-turn-digital-id-labour-b2900161.html>

DANIEL HANNAN: **Starmer**'s threat to ban Elon Musk's X isn't really about Grok Photoshopping people into bikinis. It's a slide into censorship - this is why it would be a disaster for Britain

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 09:06:25 +0000

I can scarcely believe that I am writing these words, writes DANIEL HANNAN, but the Government seems to be moving towards a ban on X.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15460685/DANIEL-HANNAN-Starmer-ban-Elon-Musk-X-Grok-censorship-disaster-Britain.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15460685/DANIEL-HANNAN-Starmer-ban-Elon-Musk-X-Grok-censorship-disaster-Britain.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

All the Labour U-turns – from tractor tax to winter fuel – as compulsory digital ID plan axed

Independent (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 08:27:56 GMT

The Independent looks at all the times Keir Starmer has U-turned on his promises since taking office

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-u-turn-keir-starmer-digital-id-pubs-benefits-welfare-b2900123.html>

'We look stupid': Furious Labour MPs hammer **Starmer** after latest shambolic U-turn on ID cards - as desperate PM turns to Lord Hermer in bid to cool mutiny

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 08:11:38 GMT

Keir Starmer has humiliatingly dropped his flagship plans to make digital ID cards mandatory for right to work checks.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462229/Labour-MPs-Starmer-ID-cards-desperate-PM-mutiny.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462229/Labour-MPs-Starmer-ID-cards-desperate-PM-mutiny.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** is branded 'Peking's poodle': Backlash from all sides as PM prepares to approve China's mega embassy

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 07:54:09 GMT

The Prime Minister was accused of planning a 'craven kowtow' to the Chinese in return for new trade and investment deals to boost Britain's flagging economy.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461215/Starmer-branded-Pekings-poodle-Backlash-PM-approve-China-mega-embassy.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461215/Starmer-branded-Pekings-poodle-Backlash-PM-approve-China-mega-embassy.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Wes Streeting asks US expert Jonathan Haidt to address officials on social media ban for under-16s

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 07:00:19 GMT

Exclusive: Health secretary issues invitation in push for UK to consider copying landmark restrictions in Australia Wes Streeting has asked Jonathan Haidt, a bestselling author and high-profile advocate of banning social media for under-16s, to speak to his officials in his push for the UK to consider following a landmark

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/2026/jan/14/wes-streeting-asks-expert-jonathan-haidt-address-officials-social-media-ban-for-under-16s>

'Ambition and delivery are not aligned' – **Starmer's** AI Action Plan, one year on

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 05:52:00 +0000

Exactly a year ago, Keir Starmer, with the help of Matt Clifford, promised to 'mainline AI into the veins' of the UK's economy. The so-called AI Opportunities Action Plan, a 50-point blueprint unveiled in January 2025, was meant to turn that rhetoric into results, placing the UK on equal footings with

<https://www.cityam.com/ambition-and-delivery-are-not-aligned-starmers-ai-action-plan-one-year-on/>

Could Kemi Badenoch be our next Prime Minister?

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British politics. Bedevilled by an entire generation of dud politicians, including now Sir Keir Starmer and Rachel

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Labour is leading Britain on an economic death march

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Keir Starmer's premiership looks to be over but, unlike great Labour leaders of the past, none of his possible replacements has a vision for growth, says Paul Ormerod To all intents and purposes, an election campaign for the position of leader of the Labour Party is currently underway. In fact, it has been for so

<https://www.cityam.com/labour-is-leading-britain-on-an-economic-death-march/>

Streeting blasts **Starmer** over Labour U-turns - but did he get a heads up on the PM's latest flip-flop?

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 03:02:37 GMT

The Health Secretary, who is widely tipped as a potential successor to Sir Keir, also appeared to criticise the PM for complaining that it is too hard to get things done in Government.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461163/Streeting-Starmer-Labour-U-turn-PMs-latest-flip-flop.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461163/Streeting-Starmer-Labour-U-turn-PMs-latest-flip-flop.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Chris Mason: The climbdowns stack up for **Starmer** with digital ID U-turn

BBC (UK) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 01:11:08 GMT

The government dropping the digital ID scheme's mandatory element is another climbdown for Downing Street, writes the BBC's political editor.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c14regjvk6no?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c14regjvk6no?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Attorney General facing backlash over claims he lobbies **Keir Starmer** in the No 10 flat to water down policies that would curb human rights

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 00:38:17 GMT

Ministers have voiced frustration that Lord Hermer is exploiting his close personal friendship with Keir Starmer to bypass normal Cabinet government.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15460477/Attorney-General-facing-backlash-claims-lobbies-Keir-Starmer-No-10-flat-water-policies-curb-human-rights.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15460477/Attorney-General-facing-backlash-claims-lobbies-Keir-Starmer-No-10-flat-water-policies-curb-human-rights.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Keir Starmer** 'will accept offer' to sit on Donald Trump's board to run Gaza - as Tony Blair is sidelined

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 00:31:31 GMT

As part of his 20-point peace plan for the Middle East, Mr Trump has proposed a new international transitional body to oversee the redevelopment of Gaza.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15460571/Keir-Starmer-accept-offer-sit-Donald-Trumps-board-run-Gaza-Tony-Blair-sidelined.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15460571/Keir-Starmer-accept-offer-sit-Donald-Trumps-board-run-Gaza-Tony-Blair-sidelined.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer**'s 13th U-turn! Now digital ID cards won't be compulsory after public backlash over scheme

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 00:21:57 GMT

Keir Starmer had vowed to crack down on illegal immigration by making digital identification compulsory to verify a person's right to work in the UK.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461035/Starmer-digital-ID-cards-compulsory-illegal-immigration.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461035/Starmer-digital-ID-cards-compulsory-illegal-immigration.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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## **John Swinney**

— no mentions today —

## **Ed Davey**

Is cashback too good to be true? Deals can give you up to £10,000 on investments and pay out on shopping - but some could COST you

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 09:18:44 +0000

Cashback can be lucrative but others are poor deals and could even leave you out of pocket. We sort through the best cashback offers out there.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/saving/article-15456845/truth-cashback-offers-deals-net-you-10000-ultimate-guide.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/saving/article-15456845/truth-cashback-offers-deals-net-you-10000-ultimate-guide.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Harrowing final moments of diver who drowned in total darkness at bottom of the sea caught on camera

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 08:00:00 +0000

In 2000, Russian-Israeli Yuri Lipski bravely ventured into the Blue Hole, huge marine cavern, off Egypt's coast but he soon found himself in trouble and sadly never resurfaced

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/harrowing-final-moments-diver-who-36517869>

Quicker action would have stopped Grok AI deepfakes, victim says

BBC (UK) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 06:07:48 GMT

Presenter Jess Davies says the UK government has been "dragging its feet" when creating AI deepfake laws.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c98p4214577o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c98p4214577o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Why we should all talk about (and insure against) death

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 05:29:00 +0000

Brits are naturally squeamish about death. But talking about the subject, and managing it financially, can be a gift for our loved ones.

<https://www.cityam.com/heres-to-talking-about-and-insuring-against-death/>

## **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

— no mentions today —

## **Mary Lou McDonald**

'Food addict' mother-of-two, 35, who spent £420 a WEEK on **McDonald's** breakfasts and Chinese takeaways shows off 13 stone weight loss after gastric band surgery: 'I drank 10 LITRES of Coca-Cola A DAY'

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 08:26:28 +0000

Starting the day with two double sausage and egg McMuffins wasn't doing Tammy Jones' bank balance any favours - nor her waistline.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-15460183/Food-addict-mother-two-35-spent-420-WEEK-McDonalds-breakfasts-Chinese-takeaways-shows-13-stone-weight-loss-gastric-band-surgery-drank-10-LITRES-Coca-Cola-DAY.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-15460183/Food-addict-mother-two-35-spent-420-WEEK-McDonalds-breakfasts-Chinese-takeaways-shows-13-stone-weight-loss-gastric-band-surgery-drank-10-LITRES-Coca-Cola-DAY.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Man sues **McDonald's** after wife was dragged out of car and killed by 'vagrant' at drive-thru

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 05:49:55 GMT

Jose Juan Rangel filed the complaint in Los Angeles Superior Court last week, after the tragic death of his 58-year-old wife Maria Vargas Luna in March, 2024.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461559/mcdonalds-sued-death-vagrant-drive-thru.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461559/mcdonalds-sued-death-vagrant-drive-thru.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Gavin Robinson**

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