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GLOBAL NEWS

Andy Burnham gives first Conference Speech

The speech set out Andy Burnham's long-term vision of a more interventionist government focused on public ownership, cheaper energy, social care reform, housing improvements, electoral reform and national renewal.

Called for national unity and a new direction for Britain, arguing the country should move beyond years of division and give people renewed hope and confidence in the future.

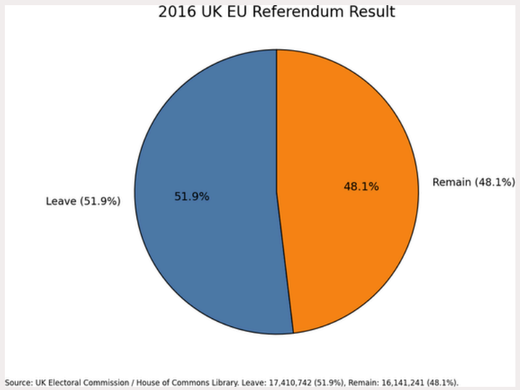
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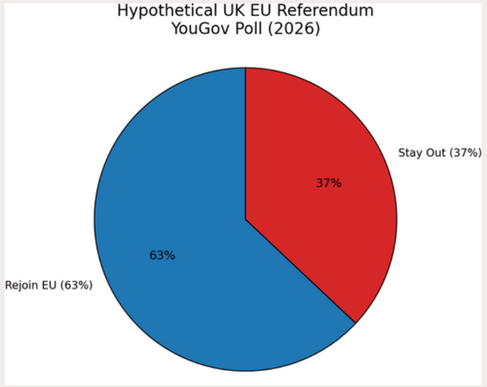


Andy Burnham says UK could go 'all the way' towards rejoining EU

Andy Burnham says rejoining the EU is among options the government could look at - telling the BBC the current Brexit settlement has caused "more harm than good".

BBC News





Why is Andy's talk about rejoining the EU headline news?

What has been the imapct of leaving the EU?

What potential changes might we see if we rejoin the EU?

NATIONAL NEWS

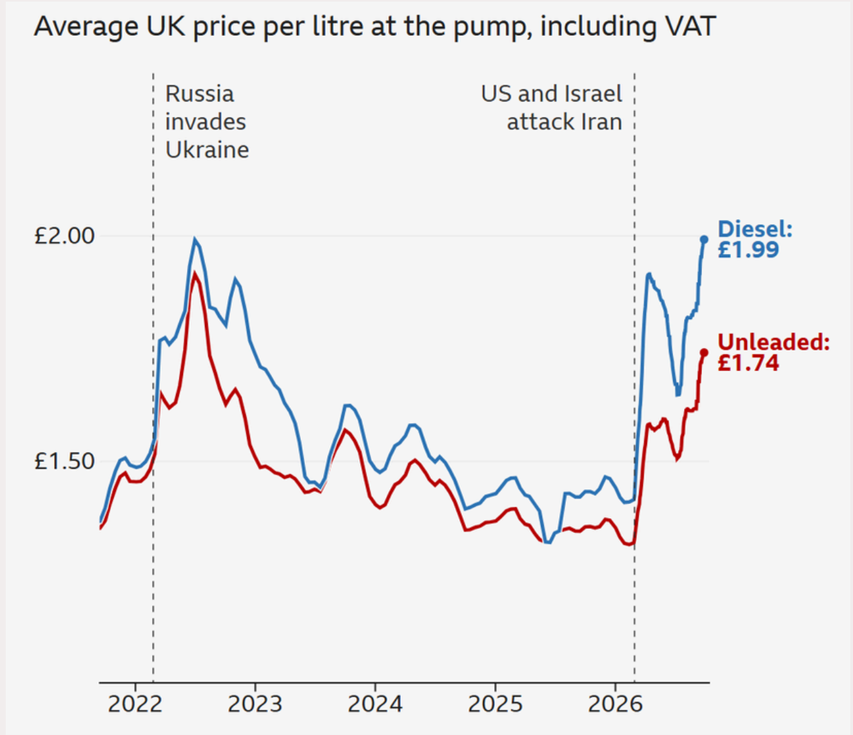
UK diesel price hits all-time high

Diesel prices have hit an all-time high of 199.33p per litre, according to the RAC motoring organisation, as the war in the Middle East continues to push up the cost of fuel

The cost of diesel has now risen by 59p a litre, or just under 40%, since the US-Israel conflict with Iran erupted at the end of February. The previous record was 199.09p in June 2022 following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

How will this affect new/first time drivers?





LOCAL NEWS

Turning Tragedy into Action



Shanine Wright has won a BBC Radio Bristol Make a Difference Award for her work tackling knife crime after losing her 16-year-old brother, Darrian Williams, in 2024.

She now delivers school workshops, distributes bleed kits, and works with the Home Office to help educate and protect young people.

Her story is a powerful reminder that one person can make a real difference and help save lives.

Shanine turned a personal tragedy into a mission to help others. What positive change would you like to make in your community?

LOCAL NEWS - WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COLLEGE?

College Welcomes Dan Aldridge MP to Officially Open The Horizon

Weston College Group has officially opened The Horizon, a new specialist centre at Knightstone Campus. The new facility brings together specialist teaching spaces, independent living accommodation and employability training.

Dan Aldridge, MP for Weston-super-Mare, officially opened the centre on Friday, meeting learners, staff and partners, seeing the new facilities first-hand.



GOOD NEWS

Fat Bear week

Vote for your favorite:

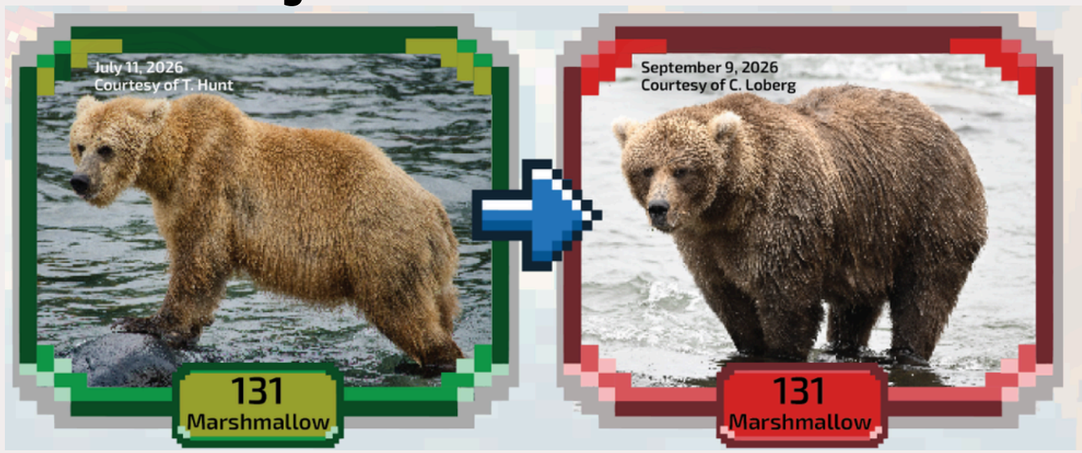
Fat Bear Week is an annual competition held by Katmai National Park in Alaska. People vote for the brown bear that has gained the most weight before winter hibernation. The largest males can weigh more than 540kg, females can reach weights of over 300kg.

- Runs from 22 to 29 September 2026.
- Fans can vote online for their favourite "chonky" bear.

Bear Families: 284 And Two spring Cubs



Single Females: Marshmallow



Adolescents



Single Male: Backpack



GOOD NEWS

Fat Bear week

A brown bear known as **89 Backpack** has won, after what the US National Parks Service described as a **"battle of size, skill, snack acquisition, and strategic loafing".**



