

## MEET THE TEAM



Editor in Chief  
Nicky Cox



Editorial Manager  
Hannah Timson



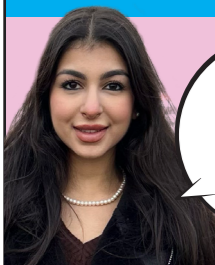
Sub  
Steve Smith



News Editor  
Ian Eddy



Senior Reporter  
Chris Towers



Junior Reporter  
Safiyyah Choudry



Digital Assistant/  
Junior Reporter  
Charlie Baker



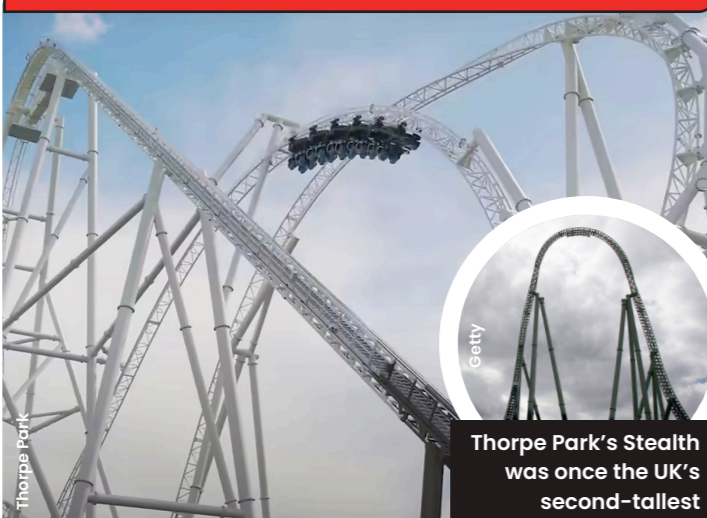
Children's Engagement Executive  
Kaya Brown

### Row with police over safety for Jews at pro-Palestine protests



London's Metropolitan Police has been criticised for the way it polices pro-Palestine protests, after a Jewish man was stopped from crossing the road during a march because he was "openly Jewish". Gideon Falter, the head of the Campaign Against Antisemitism, was stopped by officers because he was wearing a kippah (Jewish skullcap) and the police said they were worried about the reaction to his presence. The officer offered to take Falter on an alternative route, but he refused. Jewish groups have said it proves that the marches aren't safe places for Jews and that the Met Police can't guarantee their safety. The Met has offered to work with Jewish groups to discuss the policing of future protests, and says it remains focused "on doing everything possible to ensure Jewish Londoners feel safe in this city".

### UK's tallest rollercoaster launches



Thorpe Park's Stealth was once the UK's second-tallest

The UK's tallest and fastest rollercoaster has taken its first test run. Hyperia, at Thorpe Park, is set to take riders on an epic journey reaching heights of 72m (236ft) and speeds of over 80mph (129km/h)! Engineers are now carrying out extensive testing to make sure it runs smoothly before the public can take their seats. The record-breaking coaster opens on 24 May.

### Climate education needed in schools, say experts



Education experts are calling for more climate education to be included in the school curriculum. Cambridge University Press & Assessment says that teaching children about climate change is not valued or represented enough in the current school curriculum. The group was involved with a national YouGov survey that revealed more than 80% of 14 to 18-year-olds say more climate education would help them make better food, energy and travel choices.

# HAVE YOU



### Row over cash prize for Olympic medallists

World Athletics, which governs the sport of athletics, has caused controversy after its president Sebastian Coe announced that gold medallists in the 2024 Paris Games will also receive a cash prize of \$50,000 (£40,000). British Olympic Association chief Andy Anson said it "wasn't great... when one sport goes off and does something on their own, doesn't include the other sports, the International Olympic Committee or the national Olympic committees". David Lappartient, the president of the UCI, cycling's governing body, said: "The Olympic spirit is [not to put] all the money on the top athletes, but to spread the money."

### Scotland ditches key climate change target



Mairi McAllan, the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, announces the news in the Scottish Parliament

The Scottish Government says it will ditch its main environmental target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 75% by 2030. Greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane, trap heat in our planet's atmosphere and contribute to global warming. Ministers say they've missed eight of their past 12 targets and have been told that reaching the goal is now unachievable. The Government says it plans to stick to its overall goal of achieving 'net-zero' by 2045.

# HEARD?



Go to the *First News* app for daily news.

### Taylor Swift breaks another Spotify record!



Taylor Swift has made history again! The singer racked up more than 300 million Spotify streams of her new album, *The Tortured Poets Department*, in a single day. This comes after she became the first female artist to reach 100 million monthly listeners in August 2023.

### Scientists listen to noisy soil



Worms make a "scrunching" sound

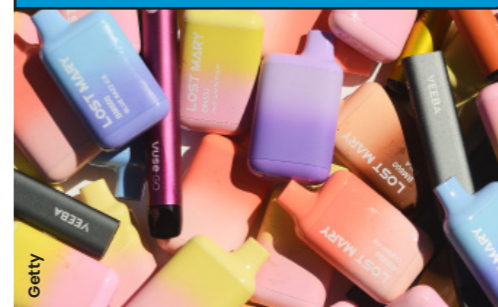
Scientists at the University of Warwick are building a library of sounds they hear under the soil. Over half of the planet's species live underground, but only a tiny number are known to us. The noisier the soil, the more healthy it is, because more creatures live there. Researchers used a technique called 'ecoacoustics' to listen to earthworms and other bugs below our feet. They hope the results of the study will shed light on how farmers can grow healthier crops.

### Team GB's Paris Olympics kit revealed



Team GB and ParalympicsGB have revealed the sports kits that athletes will wear during the Olympic Games in Paris. Adidas made the kits, which feature the red, white and blue of the Union Flag. Olympic diver Tom Daley said: "To unveil a kit that encompasses what this moment means is incredibly special."

### Smoking ban on the way



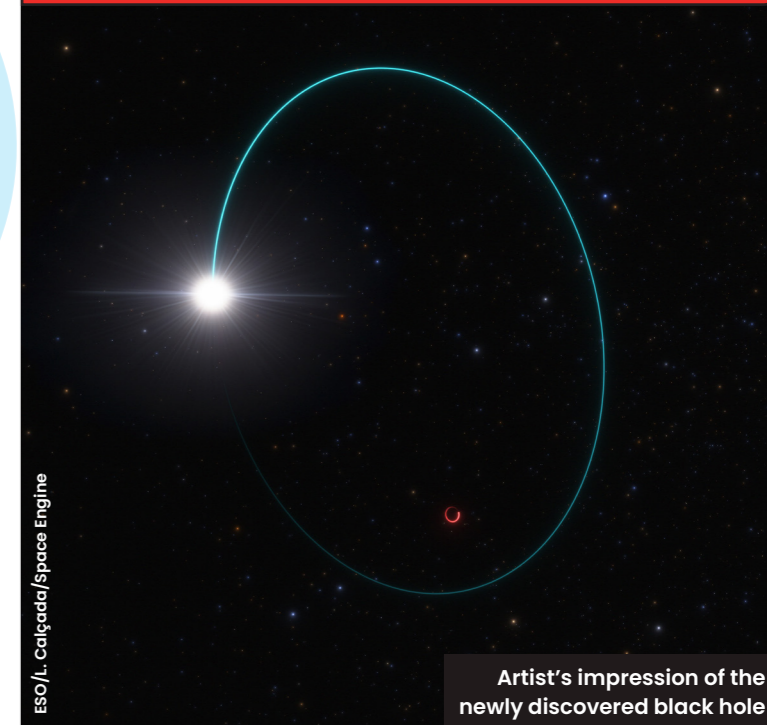
Parliament has taken the first step to making the UK smoke-free by 2030. MPs voted on a bill to ban sales of tobacco to anyone born after 1 January 2009. It means anyone aged 15 today will never be able to legally buy cigarettes in the UK. The bill also aims to restrict sales of vapes by cutting the number of flavours and changing the packaging to make them less appealing to children - with £100 instant fines. The bill needs to pass to the House of Lords and back to MPs before it can become law.

### Prince Harry officially changes home to US



New documents show that Prince Harry has officially listed the US as his primary home, not the UK. The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have lived in California since stepping down from their royal duties in March 2020. Although the documents were only revealed recently, they show that the residence change was made on 29 June 2023.

### Milky Way's biggest black hole found



Artist's impression of the newly discovered black hole

Scientists have spotted our galaxy's biggest stellar black hole. Stellar black holes are formed when massive stars collapse at the end of their lives. It was identified in data from the European Space Agency's Gaia mission after experts saw an odd wobbling motion on the star that was orbiting the black hole. The existence of the black hole in the Milky Way galaxy was confirmed by powerful telescopes and it was measured at 33 times the mass of the sun.

### Baby great whites prefer shallow waters, says study



Did you know baby great whites are on their own as soon as they're born?

New research suggests that young great white sharks prefer swimming in shallow waters near the shore. Scientists at California State University discovered that the baby sharks gather one kilometre from the coastline, where water is up to ten metres deep and is warmer. This could be due to the lack of predators and warmer waters aiding growth. Luckily, there's no need to worry, as great whites aren't common in British waters!

● FOOTBALL SHIRT FRIDAY 26 APRIL  
A day to sport your favourite football shirt and raise money for cancer.

● INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY 29 APRIL  
A global celebration of dance as an art.

