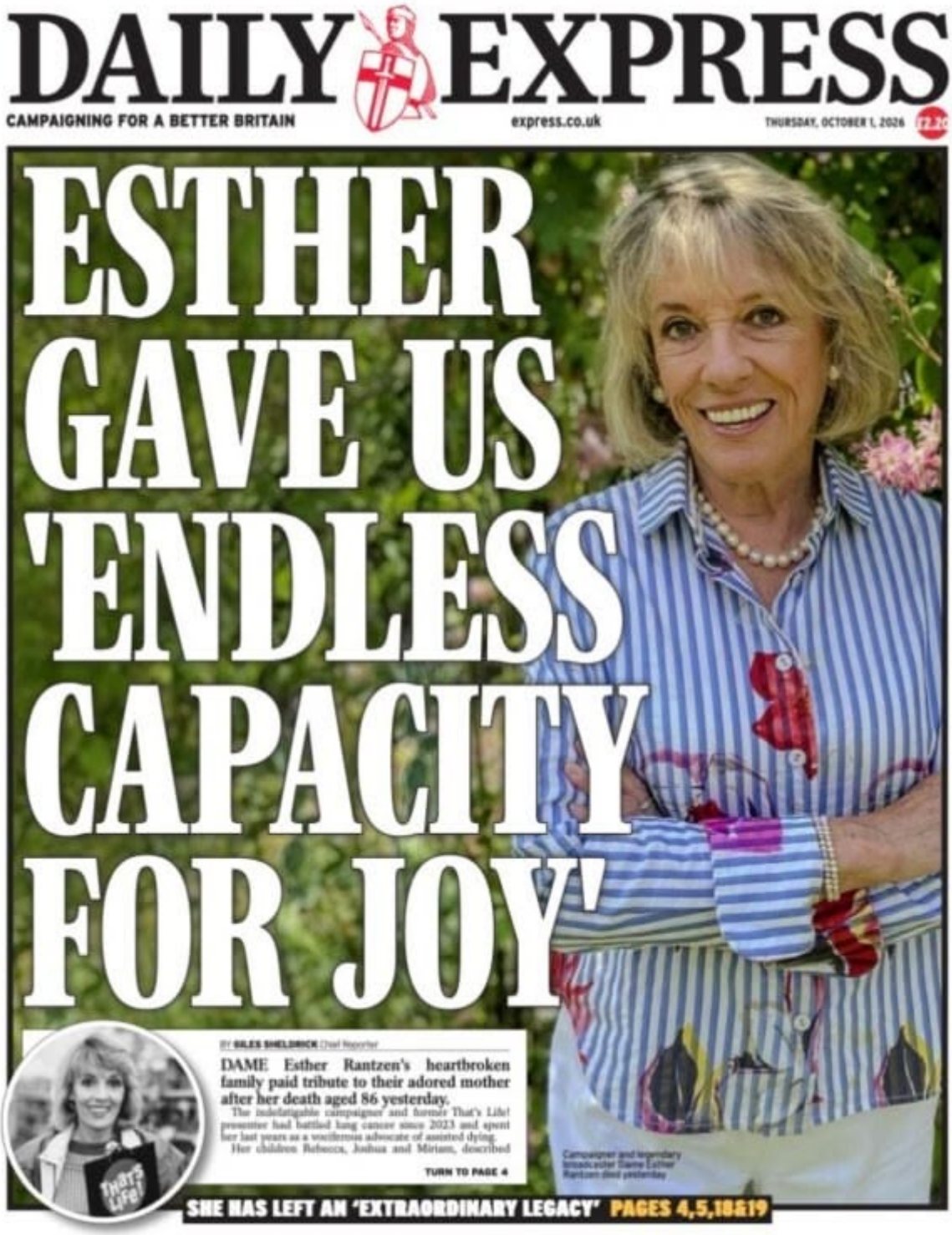
Tabloid Front Pages — 01 Oct 2026

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Daily print front pages of the Express, Mirror and Star. Read via DeepSeek vision (deepseek-v4-flash-vision-exp).

Daily Express

print cover via Newsworks (2026-10-01)



(1) MAIN headline exactly as printed: ESTHER GAVE US 'ENDLESS CAPACITY FOR JOY'

(2) Sub-headline(s) exactly as printed: SHE HAS LEFT AN 'EXTRAORDINARY LEGACY' PAGES 4,5,18&19

(3) 1–2 line summary: Dame Esther Rantzen’s family paid tribute after her death aged 86. The TV presenter had battled lung cancer since 2023 and spent her final weeks in a hospice; her children said she left an “extraordinary legacy”.

(4) Newspaper name: Daily Express

(5) Journalist byline(s) visible: BY GILES SHELDRICK, Chief Reporter

Daily Mirror

print cover via Newsworks (2026-10-01)



1. **MAIN HEADLINE** Esther: See
   you on the
   other side
2. **SUB-HEADLINES**
   - DEATH OF THAT'S LIFE LEGEND
   - Heroes of the hijack terror jet
   - see news page 4
   - Family share TV crusader's final note as she dies at 86
3. **SUMMARY** Dame Esther Rantzen, TV presenter and *That’s Life!* legend, has died aged 86. Her family shared her final note as she died at home.
4. **NEWSPAPER NAME** Daily Mirror
5. **BYLINES** BY LUCY THORNTON

Daily Star

print cover via Newsworks (2026-10-01)



(1) MAIN headline:
SHE WAS OUR SUNSHINE

(2) Sub-headlines:
DAME ESTHER RANTZEN DIES AT 86
Tributes to TV star and campaigner

(3) Summary:
Dame Esther Rantzen, TV presenter and Childline founder, has died aged 86. Tributes call her compassionate, fearless and “a force of nature.”

(4) Newspaper name:
Daily Star

(5) Journalist bylines visible:
• by JERRY LAWTON (Chief Reporter)

Byline note: the pipeline's vision pass reported "BY AMY LIPTON" for the Star. Full-size cover OCR (macOS Vision, confidence 1.00) reads "• by JERRY LAWTON" directly above the Rantzen tribute text, and `dailystar.co.uk/authors/jerry-lawton/` returns 200 while `.../amy-lipton/` is a 404 with no article history — "Amy Lipton" is discarded as a vision artefact. `vision_analyze` misread both the Express (as "Sales Bielinski") and Star (as "Jenny Lawton") bylines on this run; OCR was the arbiter.

Authors

Daily Express

- **Giles Sheldrick** (Chief Reporter) — cover story byline **Bio:** Chief Reporter of the Daily Express; his Express journalist page carries the title "Chief Reporter" and the paper describes him as its "go-to" reporter on veterans' stories. He and colleague Hanna Geissler were named finalists in the British Journalism Awards 2024 for the Express. His page currently leads with the Rantzen tribute "Esther Rantzen scolded me the first time we met for calling her a national treasure" plus the 30 Sep 2026 Rantzen/Childline piece — the same story as today's cover. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches — no IPSO ruling, correction or press row naming him (IPSO search, Press Gazette, general web searches). **Sources:** Giles Sheldrick — Express journalist profile, Dame Esther Rantzen's greatest achievement, helping combat child... (30 Sep 2026), British Journalism Awards 2024 finalists — Press Gazette, IPSO site search — Sheldrick

Daily Mirror

- **Lucy Thornton** — cover story byline **Bio:** News Reporter at the Daily Mirror, based in Yorkshire, covering national and international news. Her Mirror author profile says she has worked for the Daily Mirror for more than 30 years (an earlier version of the blurb says "almost 30 years"). Her author page currently leads with the Rantzen obituary, "Esther Rantzen obituary: Veteran broadcaster and Childline founder who campaigned for assisted dying" — the same story as today's cover. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches (IPSO search, Press Gazette, general web searches). Note: searches for her name return unrelated same-name subjects — a Merseyside prison officer convicted of misconduct in 2021 and an 1865 novel character — neither is the journalist. **Sources:** Lucy Thornton — Mirror author page, 'My dying mum begged me to help her but there was nothing I could do' (Mirror author blurb), Muck Rack profile, IPSO site search — Thornton

Daily Star

- **Jerry Lawton** (Chief Reporter) — cover story byline **Bio:** The Daily Star's Chief Reporter in London; the paper's own author page describes him as its Chief Crime Correspondent and says he "has worked for the newspaper for three decades", with specialisms including general UK and world news, crime, sports news, space, science, health and technology. **Controversies:** Appeared as a witness to the Leveson Inquiry on 19 March 2012, giving evidence on press–police relations as the Star's chief crime correspondent; the report quotes his view that "all good [police] forces offer off-the-record briefings… an essential tool for accurate crime reporting", and Wikipedia's Madeleine McCann article cites his testimony that Portuguese police briefed journalists on forensic results linked to the McCanns' hire car. Outlet-level only: the Daily Star's 2008 Madeleine McCann coverage led to a front-page apology and damages paid by Express Newspapers — no complaint or ruling attaches to Lawton personally, and no IPSO ruling naming him was found. **Sources:** Jerry Lawton — Daily Star author page, Leveson Report, Chapter 3: Press and the Police, Leveson witness: Jeremy Lawton (19 Mar 2012), Disappearance of Madeleine McCann — Wikipedia, IPSO site search — Lawton

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