Tabloid Front Pages — 26 Sep 2026

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

⚠ **Saturday run — Newsworks publishes no Saturday print covers** (checked live at 11:32: the front-pages listing carries `DXP/DMR/DST_20260925` and nothing for 20260926). The three covers below are therefore the **Friday 25 September 2026** print editions, byte-identical to yesterday's files. That is the expected Saturday behaviour of this pipeline, not a fetch failure. The Express CDN date-URL is unusable as a check: `cdn.images.express.co.uk/img/covers/287x361front/2026-09-26.jpg` returns a 200 with an unrelated, wrongly-dated placeholder cover (masthead reads *Thursday, May 23, 2024*), so it was ignored.

Common story across the Mirror and Star: the Andy Carroll sexual-assault disclosure.

Daily Express

⚠ *Friday 25 September 2026 print edition (no Saturday cover published — see note above)*



(1) MAIN HEADLINE
DESPERATE TO REACH BRITAIN

(2) SUB-HEADLINE
Channel boats shock as man leaves child to rescuers and clambers aboard

Other visible cover-promo text:

- STOP 'DITHER AND DELAY' OVER HAWK JET FUNDING
- DEFENCE SPECIAL SEE PAGES 4&7

- £5 OFF WHEN YOU SPEND £25
- at dobies garden centre
- SEE PAGE 25
- NEW £5 OFF WHEN YOU SPEND £30 AT RESTAURANTS AND CAFES

(3) SUMMARY
The Express leads on a Channel migrant incident in which a man is reported to have left a child to rescuers and climbed aboard, under the headline “Desperate to Reach Britain”, with further coverage on pages 4&5.

(4) NEWSPAPER NAME
DAILY EXPRESS

(5) BYLINES
NO BYLINES ON PAGE — re-checked directly with a full-page read of the saved cover; no `BY ...` / `EXCLUSIVE BY ...` attribution appears anywhere on the page.

Daily Mirror

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(1) MAIN headline:
I WAS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED BY CELEB AT HOME

(2) Sub-headlines:

- **ANDY CARROLL'S ORDEAL**
- **Ex-England star reveals trauma of waking to find he was being attacked**
- **Power of love**
- **Kate touched by mum beating a deadly addiction** (SEE PAGE 9)

(3) Summary:
Ex-England footballer Andy Carroll has spoken out about being sexually assaulted by a celebrity in his own home, saying he hid the pain for years and now wants to help others. Full story, page 8.

(4) NEWSPAPER NAME
Daily Mirror (masthead date printed as **Friday, September 25, 2026**)

(5) BYLINES:
BY NATHAN RIDLEY — *(this run's vision pass rendered it "NATHAN BIRLEY", the 25 Sep pass read "NATHAN RILEY"; the paper's own slug test settles it:* `mirror.co.uk/authors/nathan-ridley/` *→* ***200****,* `nathan-riley` *→* ***404****.)*

Daily Star

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(1) MAIN HEADLINE:
Andy Carroll: I was abused by male celeb
(printed as: “Andy Carroll:” / “I was” / “abused” / “by male” / “celeb”)

(2) SUB-HEADLINES:

- **FOOTIE ACE SEX ATTACK**
- **Maya blasts Photoshop TRAITORS** (PAGE 11)
- **ZETA KILLS IT** (PAGE 9)
- INSIDE TOMORROW FREE £2 SHOP BET WITH William Hill

- VALID ON ALL SPORT INCLUDING ENGLAND v SPAIN

(3) SUMMARY:
Ex-England striker Andy Carroll has revealed how he was sexually assaulted by a male celebrity after falling asleep following a few drinks; his attacker was jailed. Full story, page 5.

(4) NEWSPAPER:
Daily Star

(5) BYLINES:
By JERRY LAWTON — *(this run's vision pass rendered it "JEREMY LAWTON"; the cover's own attribution box reads **JERRY LAWTON** and `dailystar.co.uk/authors/jerry-lawton/` → **200** while `jeremy-lawton` → **404**.)*

Authors

Daily Mirror

- **Nathan Ridley** — cover story byline *(cover misread as "Nathan Birley"/"Nathan Riley"; settled by the author-page slug test — see Mirror section above)* **Bio:** Nathan Ridley is a Senior Sports Reporter at the Daily Mirror, joining the site in 2021 after graduating from the University of Central Lancashire with a first-class degree in Sports Journalism. He specialises in the Premier League, the EFL and European football — covering live matches, press conferences and transfer news — and also reports on Formula 1, cricket, rugby and tennis. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. No IPSO ruling names him, and no published correction is attributed to him by name. Context only: he co-by-lined the Mirror/Reach coverage of the Premier League's 114-charge finding against Manchester City (25 Sep 2026), a story which itself is the subject of legal and regulatory dispute — nothing in that attaches to him personally. **Sources:** Nathan Ridley — Daily Mirror author page, Nathan Ridley — Muck Rack profile, Man City 'found guilty' on 114 charges — Birmingham Mail (co-byline)

Daily Star

- **Jerry Lawton** — cover story byline *(cover misread as "Jeremy Lawton"; corrected against the cover box and the author page)* **Bio:** Jerry Lawton is the Daily Star's Chief Reporter and Chief Crime Correspondent, based in London, and has worked for the paper for around three decades. He gave evidence to the Leveson Inquiry as a Daily Star crime reporter in 2012, and his stated specialisms are UK and world news, crime, sports news (football, horse racing, darts), space, science, health and technology. Before the Star he worked for the Grimsby Evening Telegraph / Humberside Newsline. **Controversies:** No

IPSO ruling found naming him (IPSO's rulings search surfaces no item; `site:ipso.co.uk` returns only the regulator's homepage for his name). Two public-record items: (1) he testified to the Leveson Inquiry on 19 March 2012 in the press-and-police module, defending off-the-record police briefings as essential to accurate crime reporting — evidence quoted in Chapter 3 of the Leveson Report, and cited in Wikipedia's Madeleine McCann article as testimony that leaks came from Portuguese police; (2) a 20 September 2018 Daily Star article he by-lined carries a published correction — the paper had reported that Maureen Lipman was depressed by her Coronation Street "battleaxe" look when what she said was that she tried not to think about how the character looked.

Sources: Jerry Lawton — Daily Star author page, Leveson Report Chapter 3 — press and the police, Jeremy Lawton — Leveson Inquiry witness profile, Hacked Off — Leveson week 14 witnesses, Daily Star correction — Maureen Lipman article

Not a byline (vision artefact)

- **"Celeb At"** — emitted by this run's byline extractor from the Mirror headline fragment "I WAS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED BY CELEB AT HOME". It is not a person and no research was possible; discarded.

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