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Friday 6 November 2026 — daily news sweep

? Top Story: Russell Brand found guilty of rape — faces 'significant' prison term

- **Russell Brand, 51, has been convicted of one count of rape and three counts of sexual assault** by a jury of eight men and four women at Southwark Crown Court after a three-week trial. He was found not guilty of two further counts of rape and one of attempted indecent assault. He has been **remanded in custody** and faces a "significant" prison term (Guardian).
- **Police are now investigating rape allegations from two MORE women**, it can be reported. Det Supt Andy Furphy (Met) said he hopes other women will gain "courage" and "confidence" from the verdicts; more victims are likely to come forward. Operation Actinolite took **340+ witness statements**; hundreds were interviewed (Katy Perry, his ex-wife, was not). Brand was described in court as "ruthless" and a "sexual predator"; one officer was assigned to read his books, watch his stand-up and listen to his podcasts to build the case.
- The Met has released footage of Brand's police interview; Furphy said Brand was initially "coy and quiet" but became "emboldened" as questioning continued.
- **Friday's front pages dominated by the verdict:** Mirror: "JUSTICE"; Sun: "RAPIST — Predator in cell as 2 more charges loom"; Express: "'Predatory' Brand faces jail for sex crimes" (court found he was "using fame to offend"); Star: "Rapist Brand: More victims"; Times: "Brand found guilty of rape"; Mail: "Downfall of the swaggering sex predator fawned over by the Left"; Telegraph: **"BBC 'enabled' rapist Brand"** — conviction piles fresh pressure on the BBC, Channel 4 and MTV over failure to control its stars. BBC: "no place for the abuse of power".
- Allegations first emerged in Sept 2023 via joint Times/Sunday Times/Dispatches reporting.

?? UK Politics

- **Putin NOT invited to the 2027 G20 summit in Manchester**, PM Andy Burnham has confirmed — a backtrack on earlier plans to extend the customary invitation to Russia (BBC, Telegraph, Mail).
- **Bank of England hikes interest rates to 4%** — first increase in over three years (see Economy below); the BoE warns inflation will near 5%, driven partly by the Iran war's impact on oil prices.
- **Slavery apology talks:** the UK has committed to "time-bound" talks on a slavery apology; the PM plans a **debt reset for Commonwealth nations** as talks begin at/after CHOGM in Antigua, where the King called the slave trade a "shameful chapter" that "fills my heart with horror". Miliband says an apology would bring no cost to UK taxpayers.
- **More Mandelson papers set to be published before Christmas** (BBC Politics).
- **Met chief Sir Mark Rowley warns policing is "heading for failure" without reform** — the current system cannot cope with the sophistication of modern criminals.
- **Swinney criticises the UK move to ban new North Sea drilling** — friction between Holyrood and Westminster over energy policy.
- **Farage says he is worried Trump will step up the Iran war** after the US midterm "disaster" for Republicans.
- **Drunk and dangerous e-bike riders face on-the-spot fines** under a new crackdown.
- **More asbestos found in Parliament**, as MPs are urged to get on with the estates revamp.
- New law incoming: **firms told to publish salaries in job adverts** — government argues it will help jobseekers and prevent pay discrimination (BBC Business).
- Background hum: Chris Mason asks how the US election result will change Trump — and how Burnham reacts; MPs keep talking about an early election despite Burnham's denials; Budget 2026 analysis continues ("Healey provides some breathing space but things still set to get worse for most").

? World / International

- **US midterms: Democrats win control of Congress** — a "blue wave" grows, with Democrats flipping a Senate seat in Iowa and taking nearly 100 more House seats than Republicans (Guardian live). **Global tech stocks plunge** as the midterm result adds to AI-slowdown fears — investors react to tougher scrutiny of data-centre construction; a "data centre revolt" is credited as a midterm factor.
- **White House denies Hegseth and Rubio are set to leave their jobs** after Republican election losses. VP **Vance walks a Trump tightrope with a scathing election critique blaming the Iran war**.
- **Trump warns of "destroying" the rest of Iran** over its nuclear ambitions; satellite images suggest **major construction near Iranian missile bases**.

- **Trump signs an executive order to preserve the Oval Office as a national monument.**
- **California governor commutes the sentences of all 548 death-row inmates** in the state.
- **Democratic socialist defeats incumbent Karen Bass in the Los Angeles mayors' race.**
- **Paraguay's President Santiago Peña resigns** after a bank collapse.
- **Pope begins a lengthy Latin America trip**, weeks after lung cancer surgery.
- **Hoax bomb threats target European airlines and airports for the second time in a week** — ATC messages reveal how threats were passed on; investigators ask who is behind them.
- **France: protest numbers surge as unions join strikes over the high cost of living.**
- **Macau jails a pro-democracy campaigner** in the city's first national security case.
- **Eight killed in a series of shootings in western Turkey.**
- **Nine British nationals among 15 dead in the Bédar wildfire in Spain** — bereaved British families demand answers (BBC InDepth).

??????? Wales

- **AI teddy bear told a three-year-old "I can't help with killing you"** — unprompted remark from a "Doubao" smart plush toy raises child-AI safety alarm (BBC Wales).
- **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library returns** — the scheme sending free monthly books to young children has been brought back in Wales.

? Scotland / ?? Northern Ireland

- **Seven arrested and a police car set alight during Bonfire Night violence in Scotland** (BBC Scotland).
- **PSNI officers reunited with a baby born in the back of their car** — feel-good moment in Northern Ireland.

? Economy & Money

- **Bank Rate up to 4% (5 Nov, +25bps)** — the first rise since the Iran war began stoking inflation; Governor Andrew Bailey says the war in the Middle East is affecting global inflation, and the BoE warns of **another increase** with inflation nearing 5%. (Guardian, CNBC, BoE)
- **Job-advert salary transparency law** on the way (see Politics).

- **Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor received up to £2,000 per month from sub-letting** , a watchdog reports (Royal Lodge).
- **"Misleading" student loans information** left out examples of higher-salary repayments (BBC Family & Education).

?? Weather

- BBC Weather asks: **could the earliest weakening of the polar vortex on record bring UK snow** later this winter? (Storm Austen was the first named storm of the 2026–27 season, back on 20 Oct.)

? Feel-Good Roundup

- PSNI officers reunited with the newborn delivered in the back of their police car.
- Dolly Parton's free-books scheme returns to Wales' under-fives.
- Kim Kardashian on retaking the bar exam: "I'm not a quitter".

? Quick Summary

#	Story	Key detail
1	Brand guilty of rape	Remanded; faces 'significant' term; 2 more women come forward
2	BoE hikes to 4%	First rise in 3+ years; inflation nearing 5% (Iran war)
3	US midterms	Democrats take Congress; tech stocks plunge on AI-slowdown fears
4	Putin out of G20	Burnham confirms no invite for Manchester 2027
5	Rowley warning	Policing 'heading for failure' without reform
6	Slavery apology talks	'Time-bound' UK talks; Commonwealth debt reset plan
7	Vance vs Trump	VP's scathing election critique blames the Iran war
8	California	All 548 death-row sentences commuted

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9	Paraguay	President Peña resigns after bank collapse
10	Scotland	Bonfire Night violence: 7 arrested, police car torched

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