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Travellers have been warned of disruption this weekend as London Underground drivers stage a fourth round of strikes in a row over rosters.

An article on the Evening Standard says Transport for London (TfL) said five lines – the Central, Jubilee, Northern, Piccadilly and Victoria lines – as well as Night Tube services will be affected by a strike by Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) union members from 4.30am on Saturday and until about 8am on Sunday.

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Eurostar has seen the rate of new bookings more than half since tougher testing requirements for travellers were introduced, the firm has announced.

An article on The Mail Online says the cross-Channel rail operator also said that for the Christmas and New Year period more passengers are cancelling or rearranging planned trips than booking new ones.

Concerns over the Omicron coronavirus variant mean travellers entering the UK must take a pre-departure test and self-isolate until they receive a negative result from a post-arrival PCR test.

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Rail Business Daily (RBD) has acquired Rail Alliance from the University of Birmingham in what is one of the biggest mergers in the industry in 2021.

The combination will substantially increase RBD's community offer which has already seen more than 200 rail organisations sign up to the company's business support service since June this year.

Led by Eli Rees-King, more than 800 Rail Alliance members will transfer over to the RBD Community on 1 January 2022.

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The history of a train line is being celebrated on its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Lancaster to Carlisle route opened on 15 December 1846 and formed a key part of the West Coast Mainline.

An article on the BBC says photographic displays are being held at stations on the line organised by Cumbrian Railways Association, Avanti West Coast, Network Rail and the Cumbria Community Rail Partnership.

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