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The finishing touches are being made to a railway timetable that will be in operation across England, Scotland and Wales from Monday 20 to Sunday 26 June (inclusive) during strike action.

The special timetable, to be published tomorrow, aims to offer the best service possible for passengers and freight users despite the industrial action planned next week by the RMT union.

Thousands of specially trained and fully qualified back-up staff will step-in during the planned RMT walk-outs on 21 June, 23 and 25 to keep vital services running, but as they are a fraction of the usual workforce, only a severely limited service will be available.

Only around half of Britain's rail network will be open on strike days with a very limited service running on lines that will only be open from around 7.30am until 6.30pm.

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MPs and regional leaders have gathered in Westminster to call for the reintroduction of direct rail links between the major cities of Coventry, Leicester and Nottingham.

Event chair Alex Norris MP called for "urgent intervention to move these plans along and speed the route to delivery".

Speaking at a roundtable discussion in Parliament, MPs cited new research which suggests that 75 per cent of locals would be more inclined to travel by rail across the corridor if the journey was direct.

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Archaeologists working on HS2 have made discoveries of national significance, uncovering an Anglo-Saxon burial site in Wendover, Buckinghamshire.

Almost three quarters of the graves contained high quality grave goods, suggesting the site was the final resting place of a wealthy Anglo-Saxon community.

The items uncovered are dated to the 5th and 6th century, a period in which there are gaps in historical and archaeological record.

The discoveries made by HS2 archaeologists will contribute a significant amount to the understanding of how people in Anglo-Saxon Britain lived their lives, and what culture and society was like at that time.

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Great Western Railway has marked 40 years since the Falklands War by dedicating a train in honour of those who served in the conflict.

A dedication service took place at Plymouth station on Tuesday 14 June, where a special Falklands 40 livery was unveiled on one of GWR's Class 255 Castle sets.

Power car 43040 was chosen to mark the 40th anniversary, while Class 255 recognises the 255 British military personnel who lost their lives in the fight to liberate the islands following Argentinian invasion.

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