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Train travellers will be packing their buckets and spades and getting back on track this weekend as new figures show ticket sales to seaside destinations for the bank holiday weekend have surpassed pre-pandemic levels.

Data from the rail industry shows that ticket sales to seaside destinations have more than doubled compared to last year's August bank holiday (up by 117%) and have even surpassed the same pre-

pandemic weekend in 2019 (up by 17%).

Jacqueline Starr, Chief Executive of the Rail Delivery Group, said: “At the end of every train line are livelihoods and businesses that will depend on rail to be the difference they need to recover, so as we look forward to a bumper bank holiday weekend, leisure passengers can feel good that they’re supporting a fair, clean recovery while they’re beating the bank holiday traffic jams.”

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Train passengers across Tayside and Fife are facing further misery as strike action on Sunday ScotRail services is set to continue.

An article in the Dundee Evening Telegraph says more than 80% of members of the RMT union have voted to continue the industrial action – which has been running since late March – in a dispute over pay.

The action has led to the cancellation of most services throughout Scotland each Sunday, leaving people having to find alternative ways of travelling.

Northern politicians have come together to express their support for HS2 and the benefits it could bring to the North East and Yorkshire.

Whilst the Prime Minister has repeatedly given his assurances about this section of the HS2 route, there has been speculation that it could be curtailed, delayed or even scrapped.

The Birmingham to Leeds line is expected to be finished by 2035.

An article in The Northern Echo says a new report published yesterday by the High-Speed Rail Group, High Speed Rail Yorkshire and North East Voices demonstrates how crucial delivering the Eastern Leg of HS2 is to realising the full benefits of the project and of Northern Powerhouse Rail.

The first new Merseyrail train has been handed over to the Liverpool City Region.

An article in the Liverpool Echo says Metro Mayor Steve Rotherham announced the first of the region’s 53 new trains has arrived from manufacturer Stadler.

The landmark moment means the Liverpool City Region will be the first in the country to own its new trains.

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