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Londoners are expected to face a massive tax raid as Sadiq Khan scrambles to protect the city's transport network from a long-term plunge in commuting.

That's according to an article in The Daily Telegraph that says demand for buses, underground and rail services will never return to pre-pandemic levels, according to a bleak report from credit agency Moody's.

Analysts have predicted that passenger numbers will permanently fall by a fifth as the pandemic changes travel habits forever and legions of commuters embrace home working.

Meanwhile the article also says that London's transport commissioner, Andy Byford, said that relying on fare income to fund the capital's public transport is "not sustainable".

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Parents are being urged to warn their children about the dangers of playing on railway tracks ahead of the school holidays.

An article in the Daily Express (Scotland) says the warning was sparked by reports of children trespassing on lines.

British Transport Police and Network Rail said there had been several incidents recently.

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Rail passengers in East Anglia have enjoyed record-breaking punctuality over the last year, new figures reveal.

Overall, just under 95 per cent of trains were on time – based on moving annual average results from March 2020 to March 2021.

Six of Greater Anglia's branch lines hit their own highs with annual average punctuality at between 95.5 per cent and 96.9 per cent for the 12 months ending 6 March 2021.

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Finally, and a retired Pacer train carriage – which served northern communities for more than three decades – has found a new home at Fagley Primary School in Bradford.

Donated by owner Porterbrook, the carriage will be transformed by the school into a science lab for students, to promote STEM learning.

The school won the carriage in the Department for Transport's sponsored 'Transform a Pacer' competition.

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