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The Rail, Maritime and Transport union (RMT) should get “off the picket line and round the negotiating table” as passengers face fresh disruption from strikes, Transport Secretary Mark Harper has said.

An article in the Evening Standard says around half of Britain’s railway lines are closed and only a fifth of services are running as thousands of workers at Network Rail and train operators stage two 48-hour walkouts starting on Tuesday and Friday.

Drivers in the Aslef union will strike on Thursday.

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HS2 contractor Balfour Beatty VINCI (BBV) has completed a record box slide across a motorway in Warwickshire.

An article on Construction Enquirer says a site team of 450 slid a 12,600 tonne bridge a record 165 metres to position it across the M42 during the Christmas period.

The team worked around the clock to move HS2's Marston Box bridge into place in an operation which took 40 hours, at a speed of 4 metres per hour.

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A massive overhaul is taking place on a Merseyside railway station.

An article on the Liverpool Echo website says work began in summer 2022 on Lea Green railway station in St Helens, with £15 million of investment being used to deliver "first class" services.

Construction of a multi-deck car park is part of the plans, with aims to increase park and ride capacity to around 450 vehicles.

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Railway workers have been recognised for their outstanding contributions in the King's New Year's Honours List.

Among those includes Network Rail's Nick Millington, Stephanie Hart and Mark Bridel who have been recognised for their services to the railway as well as charitable and voluntary services.

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