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Commuters throughout the country are bracing for travel chaos again as another strike by rail workers brings Britain's train network to a halt.

An article on the i news website says members of the train drivers' unions Aslef and the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association (TSSA) are involved in the 24-hour walk-out.

The strike, which is taking place on the last day of the Conservative Party conference, is affecting 13 companies.

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The Global Centre of Rail Excellence (GCRE) has acquired a fleet of three Class 360/2 EMUs from Rail Operations Group.

The Class 360/2s were previously used to operate the Heathrow Connect stopping services on the route between Heathrow Airport and London Paddington.

The Class 360/2s had been facing the end of the line and were destined for scrap but will now be moved to GCRE during 2023 when GCRE's own commercial rolling stock storage facility becomes available to the wider market.

The fleet will then be used as part of the GCRE research and innovation offer.

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Ancient Roman settlements have been uncovered during excavation work to build a new railway that will connect Oxford and Cambridge.

An article on Oxfordshire Live says East West Rail is constructing a new train line to run across the north of the county.

In 2025 two trains per hour are set to run between Bicester and Bletchley in Buckinghamshire.

However, amidst the work to bring this to a reality, a number of settlements dating back to the Romans have been discovered.

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ScotRail has announced that Dunfermline Town railway station will now be called Dunfermline City, after its historic status was officially recognised by His Majesty King Charles.

Transport Minister Jenny Gilruth was keen that the station's name reflected the importance of Dunfermline's status and approved the process to make this happen.

While the name change has been confirmed following the announcement and special ceremony in Dunfermline, it will take some time to complete the logistics of the change.

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