



TECHNOLOGY: Generative AI will evolve beyond chat. AI will be powering simulations, forecasting, cybersecurity, material science and much more!

- **AI here, there and literally everywhere:** AI will not be just a tool anymore, it will become like a digital employee that can handle multi-step tasks across business workflows, from support to coding to analysis
- **AI Robotics:** AI will move off screens and into the real world. Robots, exoskeletons, autonomous vehicles, and AI-powered companions will become mainstream as hardware catches up with software advances
- **AI-driven Cyber-defence:** As AI becomes more powerful, so will cyber threats. Organisations will have to rethink security strategies to defend against AI-accelerated attack
- **Edge AI:** Devices at the edge such as sensors, appliances, vehicles, industrial machines, will gain onboard intelligence, which will reduce latency, boost autonomy, and enable smarter decision-making without relying on the cloud
- **Deepfake Proliferation & Erosion of Trust:** Deepfakes will become routine, cheap, and highly convincing, that will raise major concerns for journalism, courts, politics, and personal reputation
- **AI Governance:** Countries will be accelerating their efforts to create international AI governance frameworks, including proposals for global cooperation bodies and shared standards

SPORTS: Liverpool entered 2026 as the reigning champions of England, and that success is reflected in their financial performance. Deloitte's latest analysis places them as the Premier League's highest-earning club.

After lifting the English Premier League title last season, Liverpool posted revenues of £702m, the most among all English clubs. Globally, the 5 biggest revenue-generating clubs are:

1. Real Madrid	Spain	£975m (£1,161m)
2. Barcelona	Spain	£819m (£974.8m)
3. Bayern Munich	Germany	£723m (£860.6m)
4. Paris St-Germain	France	£703m (£837m)
5. Liverpool	England	£702m (£836.1m)

Liverpool remains an impressively run club both on and off the field. However, this campaign has not unfolded as planned. Arne Slott has brought in several excellent players, but also seen key departures, meaning the squad will need time to fully settle.

Predictions for the 2025-26 Premier League top 4 are:

1. Arsenal
2. Man City
3. Aston Villa
4. Liverpool

As for silverware, Liverpool still has strong prospects. Winning the Champions League and the FA Cup looks realistic and securing a top-4 finish would round off the season effectively.

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BUSINESS: Industries that will do very well based on market outlooks is as follows:

- **AI & Advanced Digital Technologies:** AI adoption will accelerate across every major sector from finance to logistics, driving automation, data analytics, and productivity. There will also be more demand for semiconductors, cloud infrastructure, and extended-reality (XR) solutions
- **FinTech & Financial Innovation:** Payments, lending, insurance, and wealth-tech platforms will grow, as consumers demand seamless digital experiences. Then there will be AI-driven risk modelling and automation reshape financial operations
- **Healthcare, Biotechnology & Digital Health:** Telemedicine, remote monitoring, and digital health platforms will remain in high demand. Biotech advances in personalised medicine, diagnostics, and gene-editing drive will see sector expansion
- **E-Commerce & Digital Marketing:** Online retail will continue its upward trajectory, supported by data-driven advertising and automation. Businesses will increasingly rely on AI-powered customer insights and targeted marketing
- **Renewable Energy & Clean Technologies:** Solar, wind, hydrogen, and energy-storage investments will expand as countries push toward net-zero goals. EV supply chains in batteries, charging infrastructure, and components, will see sustained growth



ART & CULTURE: Trends that will shape galleries, public spaces, performance, and creative practices:

- **Immersive & Participatory Art:** Interactive installations responding to movement, sound, and audience presence will become mainstream
- **Tech-Driven Creativity:** AI-enhanced work, Augmented Reality (AV) and Virtual Reality (VR) layers, and digital pieces will be fully embedded in exhibitions, merging physical and digital worlds
- **Cultural Heritage & Street Expression:** Street art, indigenous forms, and revived local traditions will move into museums and major festivals
- **Affordable & Accessible Art:** Collectors will increasingly value sincerity and emotional clarity over exclusivity, elevating affordable art
- **The Return of the Handmade:** Visible texture, imperfection, and human touch will be prized over AI-polished perfection, boosting naïve, raw, and expressive work



SPORTS: At Wimbledon, the Singles will be won by Carlos Alcaraz (Men's) and Aryna Sabalenka (Women's).

As for British hopes, Cameron Norrie in the Quarterfinal and Emma Raducanu in the Fourth Round. And Novak Djokovic likely to retire.



WORLD AFFAIRS: A snapshot of key global outlook:

- **Geoeconomic rivalry will become the dominant force:** Global power dynamics will be defined more by economic rivalry, AI, technology, tariffs, and strategic supply-chain policies, than by outright military blocs. Trade and technology will become the tools of power!
- **Europe will take on greater defence responsibility:** As the US pulls back from some security commitments, Europe's "coalition of the willing" will need to mature into a "coalition of the capable" to support Ukraine and deter further Russian aggression
- **Ukraine faces another decisive year:** With no credible path to peace, Ukraine will require around \$100bn in military and financial support, making 2026 another year of intense strain and severe destruction
- **Israel-Gaza war will remain unresolved:** A limited, phased arrangement centred on humanitarian access, security measures, and prisoner exchanges is the most realistic route to reducing violence, but a two-state solution will remain out of reach, for now
- **Misinformation and polarisation will intensify:** These forces will continue to rank among the world's most serious risks, eroding institutional trust and complicating diplomacy
- **US foreign policy will remain unpredictable:** Shifts in alliances, trade approaches, and Middle-East engagement will continue to create uncertainty in the global system
- **Global alliances will undergo strategic realignment:** Countries like India and China will position themselves as pivotal players in trade, technology, and geopolitical alignment amid uncertainty over Western policy directions
- **Major powers will push each other's boundaries:** China, Russia, and the US will continue grey-zone manoeuvring, from the South China Sea to northern Europe, as they test one another's red lines



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FILM: The Oscars will be on Sunday 15 March and since the nominations were announced on 22 January, the campaign has really heated up. Expect to see the those nominated on every TV show and adverts.

Sinners by director Ryan Coogler has been nominated for 16 categories, the most in history, but will it win any? Here are the main categories:

- **Best Picture:** *One Battle After Another*
- **Best Actor:** Want Michael B. Jordan – *Sinners*, but think it will be Timothée Chalamet – *Marty Supreme*
- **Best Actress:** Jessie Buckley – *Hamnet*
- **Best Supporting Actor:** Delroy Lindo – *Sinners*
- **Best Supporting Actress:** Teyana Taylor – *One Battle After Another*
- **Best Director:** Chloé Zhao – *Hamnet*



PROPERTY: A snapshot of the UK property market:

- **Prices:** House prices nationally will see modest growth 1.5%-3%
- **Affordability:** Conditions will improve for many first-time buyers as interest rates ease
- **Regional Trends:** Smaller cities outside London and the Southeast will outperform
- **Rentals:** Strong rental demand and rising yields continue, driven by limited housing supply
- **Lifestyle:** Preferences for home-working space, outdoor areas, and energy-efficient features will shape buyer demand



UK ECONOMY: A snapshot of the UK economy:

- Moderate and subdued economic growth: UK GDP will grow around 1.2%-1.5%
- **Inflation will fall above target:** Inflation is 3.4% and it will fall but to around 2.5% by the end of 2026
- **Gradual interest rate cuts:** Bank of England will continue to ease interest rates to 3.25%-3% by the end of 2026, but the cuts will be cautious due to wage growth and lingering inflation risks



UK POLITICS: It will be a very interesting year in politics and here are 3 areas to look out for:

- **Shifting party support & rising populism:** Traditional two-party dominance will continue to erode, as Reform UK, the Greens, and smaller parties gain traction, reflecting voter volatility and frustration with mainstream politics
- **A major electoral test for Labour:** The May 2026 elections across Scotland, Wales, and English local authorities will be Labour's biggest test since taking office, with weak results potentially sparking internal pressure on the leadership – don't be surprised if the Prime Minister is ousted!
- **Politics driven by delivery pressures:** The NHS, the economy, and fiscal limits will dominate the agenda as political promises meet hard constraints, pushing voters to judge parties on tangible results rather than rhetoric

How would Britain vote at the start of 2026: by age and gender

