

3.8x

page views growth

# Reading THE NATION 15 APR - 21 APR 2024

Ozone's **Reading the Nation** insight series provides a seven-day view of the topical news and seasonal events driving reader engagement across our nationwide audience of more than 40m online consumers.

Last week, the London Marathon fired the starting gun on anticipated reader engagement growth with **Healthy Living** content, driven by 3.8x higher **Running** topic page views. Expect further growth for the content across the spring and summer months.

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## Reading THE NATION LAST WEEK'S HOT CONTENT

	PAGE VIEWS	WoW GROWTH
Education	4.9m	+88%
Religion & Spirituality	4.1m	+ <b>57</b> %
Music & Audio	15.5m	<b>+42</b> %
Property	8.4m	+13%
Healthy Living	8.1m	<b>+12</b> %
Pets	3.6m	<b>+10</b> %
Travel	29.4m	+4%
Personal Finance	14.9m	+4%
Tech & Computing	23.5m	+2%
Family & Relationships	59.9m	+2%

#### Source: Ozone 2024

### PREMIUM WEB HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST WEEK



Taylor Swift: fans and critics react to new surprise double album The Tortured Poets Department

Swifties take to social media to dissect lyrics and celebrate Swift's 11th album on Friday as the musician releases 15 more songs



#### **TOPICAL NEWS**

A high court ruling upholding a prayer ban at the Michaela community school – founded Katharine Birbalsingh dubbed 'Britain's toughest headteacher' – drove increased reader engagement **Religion & Spirituality** content last week. The debate about the ruling saw page views for the category rise by more than 50% week on week.

Elsewhere in the past seven days, Taylor Swift's surprise double album drop, with the release of The Tortured Poets Department quickly followed by The Anthology, drove **Music & Audio** to a +42% rise.

Positive spring house sales, pointing to a housing market bounceback, drove **Property** to +13% growth. In Q1 2024, category engagement is almost a fifth higher annually.

Peres Jepchirchir sets women's-only world record in brilliant London Marathon Win 21Anti 2024-141cm



Reigning Olympic champion Peres Jepchirchir crushed the women's-only world record in



Russ Cook celebrated with Chris Evans after finishing the London Marathon JOHN WALTON/PA WIRE

UK NEWS

London Marathon 2024: records tumble on sunny day in the capital





#### SEASONAL EVENTS

Last week, **Education** rose to the top of the class for reader engagement growth, with 4.9m page views up +88%, on national offer day for reception and junior school places. Within the content, the **Primary Education** topic grew significantly, with page views 2.8x higher.

As expected, there was seasonal growth for **Healthy Living** content on increased interest in the London Marathon, which took place on Sunday, 21 April. Overall, 12.1m page views increased +12% driven by 3.8x higher reader engagement with the **Running** topic.

Last year's marathon triggered higher **Healthy Living** engagement across Q2 and Q3, with the two quarters equaling almost 60% of annual page views.

# Reading THE NATION COMING UP IN MAY

rowth for Music Audio on verage in May	Typically, <b>Music &amp; Audio</b> page views will grow by +38% in May on Eurovision interest
<b>igher Football</b> age views on vg. in May	The end of the season and cup finals drive <b>Football</b> engagement to avg. May growth of a third
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+28% vg. growth for ank Holidays age views (3yrs)	On average, <b>Bank Holiday</b> page views increase by +28% in May on the Spring Bank Holiday

Source: Ozone 2024

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# Reading THE NATION COMING UP IN JUNE

+52% Football page views growth in June 2023	<b>Football</b> page views grew +52% in June last year as Man City won the Champions League final	
C.30% Higher Football page views on Euros interest	Expect <b>Football</b> engagement to be c.30% higher in June 2024 as the Euros kicks off mid-month	
+27% Gifting page views growth in June 2023	Planning the perfect Father's Day present grew <b>Gifting</b> page views by more than a quarter last year	
<b>3.5X</b> avg. growth for Festivals page views (3yrs)	Expect <b>Festivals</b> page views to increase 3.5x on Glasto and the start of summer festival season	





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<b>4.3X</b> Higher Tennis page views in July 2023	31.7m <b>Tennis</b> page views in July 2023 grew +330% MoM on significant Wimbledon interest
+25% Growth for Auto Racing/Formula 1 page views	10.7m <b>Auto Racing/F1</b> page views last July (the British GP) were +25% higher vs. 2023 season avg.
<b>c.12x</b> Higher Olympic Sports page views in July 2021	Beginning in July 2021, the Tokyo Games drove Olympic Sports page views to +1,135% growth
<b>305M</b> Football page views in July 2023	The Women's World Cup began last July to drive our 2nd highest month for <b>Football</b> on record

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JULY 2024 PLANNING clin SAT FRI THU 05 WED 04 TUE F1 British Grand Prix 03 02 F1 British Grand Prix beg 01 Independence 14 13 Open Championship Day-US starts 11 UEFA Euro 2024 final 10 09 Wimbledon Finals weekend 08 00 18 17 16 15 28 27 Mandela Day 26 25 24 Latitude Festival 23 Paris 2024 Olympics begin 22 begins School summer holidays begins 31 30 29 For more, see **Planning ahead for** 2024 with Reading the Nation

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