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An investigation is due to be opened after a school bus came off the road on the outskirts of Lyon this morning. The vehicle fell for 20 metres and landed on its roof. Four teenagers and one adult sustained minor injuries.

The départements of Morbihan, Ille-et-Vilaine and Loire-Atlantique remain under red weather alert for flooding this evening, under Météo France. All trains have been suspended between Rennes and Nantes and between Rennes and the south of Bretagne until Saturday, at which point whether they will resume will depend on weather conditions. Further north, the Somme has been placed on amber weather alert.

Representatives for the Socialiste party are calling for an immediate increase in the national minimum wage and that state-provided medical aid be maintained, just as the spokesperson for the government has urged the party not to hold up talks on the national budget. The socialists say that they will be ready to negotiate if prime minister François Bayrou backtracks on the use of the term “submersion” in reference to immigration.

The funeral of Bertrand Blier was held this morning, with a host of stars of the silver screen in attendance, including actors Jean Dujardin, Albert Dupontel and Josiane Balasko. All three had starred in films by the director. Bertrand Blier died last week at the age of 85.

And finally, sticking with cinema, the film “The Count of Monte Cristo” is leading the nominations for the César awards. The Count has clocked up a total of fourteen nominations, including Best Film, Best Director and Best Actor for Pierre Niney. Gilles Lellouche's “L'Amour ouf” and Jacques Audiard's “Emilia Pérez” are also among the favourites. The César ceremony will be held on February 28th at the Paris venue, the Olympia.