


# English Premier League: Opening fixtures

Defending champions Liverpool kick off their title defence against Bournemouth – with Anfield set to pay an emotional tribute to forward **Diogo Jota** – as the Premier League returns

COACHING MASTERCLASS  
*Arne Slot* (Liverpool, far left) is braced for arduous second season as Reds' boss – rivals **Pep Guardiola** (Man City), **Enzo Maresca** (Chelsea) and **Mikel Arteta** (Arsenal) all target Premier League honours





MATCH SCHEDULE

01 Aug 15-18

Liverpool - Bournemouth

Aston Villa - Newcastle Utd

Brighton - Fulham

Sunderland - West Ham Utd

Tottenham - Burnley

Wolves - Manchester City

Chelsea - Crystal Palace

Notts. Forest - Brentford

Manchester Utd - Arsenal

Leeds Utd - Everton

02 Aug 22-25

West Ham Utd - Chelsea

Manchester City - Tottenham

Bournemouth - Wolves

Brentford - Aston Villa

Burnley - Sunderland

Arsenal - Leeds Utd

Crystal Palace - Notts. Forest

Everton - Brighton

Fulham - Manchester Utd

Newcastle Utd - Liverpool

03 Aug 29-31

Aston Villa - Crystal Palace

Chelsea - Fulham

Manchester Utd - Burnley

Sunderland - Brentford

Tottenham - Bournemouth

Wolves - Everton

Leeds Utd - Newcastle Utd

Brighton - Manchester City

Notts. Forest - West Ham Utd

Liverpool - Arsenal

KEY CLASH\*

04 Sep 13-14

Arsenal - Notts. Forest

Bournemouth - Brighton

Crystal Palace - Sunderland

Everton - Aston Villa

Fulham - Leeds Utd

Newcastle Utd - Wolves

West Ham Utd - Tottenham

Brentford - Chelsea

Burnley - Liverpool

Manchester City - Manchester Utd

05 Sep 20-21

Liverpool - Everton

Bournemouth - Newcastle Utd

Brighton - Tottenham

Burnley - Notts. Forest

West Ham Utd - Crystal Palace

Wolves - Leeds Utd

Manchester Utd - Chelsea

Fulham - Brentford

Sunderland - Aston Villa

Arsenal - Manchester City

06 Sep 27-29

Brentford - Manchester Utd

Aston Villa - Fulham

Chelsea - Brighton

Crystal Palace - Liverpool

Leeds Utd - Bournemouth

Manchester City - Burnley

Notts. Forest - Sunderland

Tottenham - Wolves

Newcastle Utd - Arsenal

Everton - West Ham Utd

\*Matches between 2024-25 top six teams

Premier League 2024-25: Top goalscorers

Salah Liverpool 29

Isak Newcastle Utd 23

Haaland Man City 22

Mbeumo Brentford 20

Wood Notts. Forest 20

Wissa Brentford 19

Watkins A. Villa 16

HISTORIC FORM: Final positions

Season: 2022 2023 2024 2025

Arsenal 5th 2nd 2nd 2nd

Aston Villa 14th 7th 4th 6th

Bournemouth - 15th 12th 9th

Brentford 13th 9th 16th 10th

Brighton 9th 6th 11th 8th

Chelsea 3rd 12th 6th 4th

Crystal Palace 12th 11th 10th 12th

Everton 16th 17th 15th 13th

Fulham - 10th 13th 11th

Liverpool 2nd 5th 3rd 1st

Man City 1st 1st 1st 3rd

Man Utd 6th 3rd 8th 15th

Newcastle Utd 11th 4th 7th 5th

Notts. Forest - 16th 17th 7th

Tottenham 4th 8th 5th 17th

West Ham Utd 7th 14th 9th 14th

Wolves 10th 13th 14th 16th

Promoted teams 2025-26:

Burnley, Leeds Utd, Sunderland

Source: Premier League

All fixtures subject to change to fit TV schedules

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