

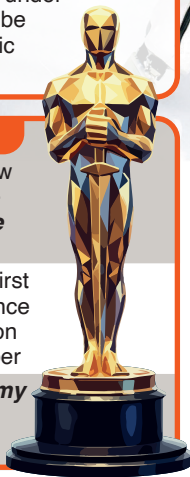
JANUARY

- 1 Bulgaria joins the eurozone as 21st member after it adopts the euro
- 2 **Sarah Mullally** becomes first female Archbishop of Canterbury, taking on the role of spiritual leader for around 85 million Anglicans worldwide
- 3 The United Nations designates 2026 as the **International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development**



FEBRUARY

- 4 **New START**, the last treaty limiting U.S. and Russian long-range nuclear weapons, expires
- 5 The **Winter Olympics** begin in Milan and Cortina, Italy
- 6 China marks the **Year of the Horse**. People born under this sign are said to be passionate, energetic and charming



MARCH

- 7 Paris elects a new mayor after the two-term tenure of **Anne Hidalgo**
- 8 Nepal holds the first general elections since deadly anti-corruption protests in September
- 9 The 98th **Academy Awards** take place in Los Angeles

APRIL

- 10 U.S. President **Trump** travels to Beijing for a state visit, invited by Chinese President **Xi Jinping**
- 11 **Viktor Orbán** seeks to extend his 15-year tenure as Hungary votes in parliamentary elections
- 12 The 50th anniversary of the founding of **Apple Computer** by **Steve Jobs**, **Steve Wozniak** and **Ronald Wayne** in a Cupertino garage



WORLD AGENDA 2026



NASA's long-delayed **Artemis II** mission will carry four astronauts on a flyby of the Moon no earlier than February



MAY

- 13 **May Day**, known as **Labour Day**, is observed across the globe
- 14 Colombians go to the polls to elect President **Gustavo Petro's** successor
- 15 The 70th **Eurovision Song Contest** final is held in Vienna

JUNE

- 16 The **FIFA World Cup** kicks off, jointly hosted by the U.S., Mexico and Canada
- 17 Britain marks the 10th anniversary of the **Brexit** referendum
- 18 The main tower of Barcelona's **Sagrada Família** is completed, 144 years after construction began

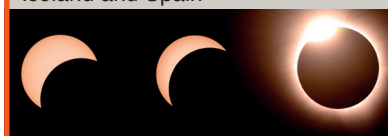


JULY

- 19 U.S. marks 250 years since the **Declaration of Independence**
- 20 Heads of state from all **BRICS** member countries gather in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 21 NATO holds its annual summit in Ankara, Türkiye, bringing together member leaders

AUGUST

- 22 The first total solar eclipse over mainland Europe in 27 years sweeps across Greenland, Iceland and Spain
- 23 The 80th edition of **The Fringe**, the world's largest arts festival, fills the streets of Edinburgh
- 24 Birmingham hosts the **European Athletics Championships** – the first time the UK has held the event



SEPTEMBER

- 25 The **FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup** takes place in Berlin
- 26 Americans observe the 25th anniversary of **9/11**, the nation's worst terrorist attack
- 27 The **Bayeux Tapestry** returns to the UK for the first time in over 900 years, as France loans the 11th-century masterpiece



OCTOBER

- 28 India begins the first phase of its first fully digital national census
- 29 **Winnie-the-Pooh**, the first book in **AA Milne's** much-loved series, celebrates its 100th anniversary
- 30 Brazil's President, **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva**, seeks a fourth term in a general election

NOVEMBER

- 31 All 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and one-third of Senate seats are contested in **midterm elections**
- 32 The UN **COP31** climate conference takes place in Türkiye
- 33 **Voyager 1**, the most distant human-made object, reaches one light-day from Earth – 25.9bn km – 49 years after its 1977 launch



DECEMBER

- 34 Donald Trump hosts the **G20** leaders summit at his Doral golf club near Miami
- 35 South Sudan is due to hold the first general election since the country's independence in 2011
- 36 **Dune: Part Three** – the latest instalment of **Denis Villeneuve's** adaptation of **Frank Herbert's** original series – is released

