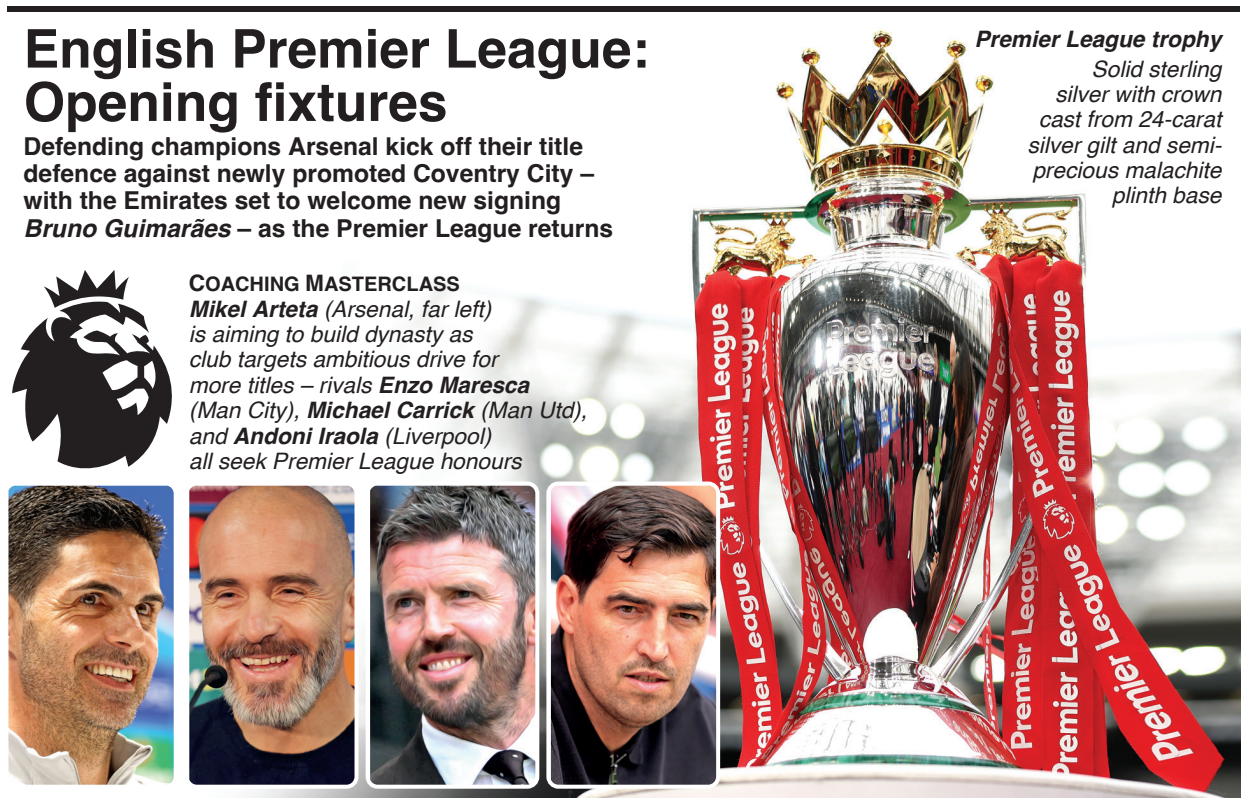
English Premier League: Opening fixtures

Defending champions Arsenal kick off their title defence against newly promoted Coventry City – with the Emirates set to welcome new signing *Bruno Guimarães* – as the Premier League returns



Premier League trophy
Solid sterling silver with crown cast from 24-carat silver gilt and semi-precious malachite plinth base

COACHING MASTERCLASS
Mikel Arteta *(Arsenal, far left) is aiming to build dynasty as club targets ambitious drive for more titles – rivals* ***Enzo Maresca*** *(Man City),* ***Michael Carrick*** *(Man Utd), and* ***Andoni Iraola*** *(Liverpool) all seek Premier League honours*

MATCH SCHEDULE

01 Aug 21-24

Arsenal	-	Coventry City
Hull City	-	Manchester Utd
Everton	-	Crystal Palace
Ipswich Town	-	Sunderland
Nottingham Forest	-	Leeds Utd
Brentford	-	Tottenham
Brighton	-	Aston Villa
Manchester City	-	**Bournemouth**
Newcastle Utd	-	Liverpool
Fulham	-	Chelsea

02 Aug 28-31

Crystal Palace	-	Manchester City
Liverpool	-	Nottingham Forest
Bournemouth	-	Everton
Coventry City	-	Hull City
Tottenham	-	Newcastle Utd
Chelsea	-	Brighton
Leeds Utd	-	Brentford
Sunderland	-	Fulham
Manchester Utd	-	Ipswich Town
Aston Villa	-	**Arsenal**

03 Sep 4-6

Ipswich Town	-	Liverpool
Newcastle Utd	-	Bournemouth
Brentford	-	Sunderland
Brighton	-	Leeds Utd
Fulham	-	Crystal Palace
Manchester City	-	Coventry City
Nottingham Forest	-	Tottenham
Hull City	-	Aston Villa
Everton	-	Manchester Utd
Arsenal	-	Chelsea

KEY CLASH*

*Matches between 2025-26 top six teams

04 Sep 12-14

Aston Villa	-	Nottingham Forest
Bournemouth	-	Brentford
Chelsea	-	Hull City
Crystal Palace	-	Ipswich Town
Liverpool	-	Fulham
Tottenham	-	Everton
Sunderland	-	Arsenal
Coventry City	-	Brighton
Manchester Utd	-	**Manchester City**
Leeds Utd	-	Newcastle Utd

05 Sep 18-20

Brentford	-	Chelsea
Tottenham	-	Aston Villa
Brighton	-	Arsenal
Everton	-	Ipswich Town
Leeds Utd	-	Crystal Palace
Manchester City	-	Sunderland
Newcastle Utd	-	Hull City
Nottingham Forest	-	Coventry City
Bournemouth	-	**Liverpool**
Fulham	-	Manchester Utd

06 Oct 10

Arsenal	-	Leeds Utd
Aston Villa	-	Brentford
Chelsea	-	Bournemouth
Coventry City	-	Newcastle Utd
Crystal Palace	-	Nottingham Forest
Hull City	-	Everton
Ipswich Town	-	Fulham
Liverpool	-	**Manchester City**
Manchester Utd	-	Tottenham
Sunderland	-	Brighton

Premier League 2025-26: Top goalscorers

Haaland	*Man City*	**27**
Thiago	*Brentford*	**22**
Semenyo	*2 clubs*	**17**
Watkins	*A. Villa*	**16**
Gibbs-White	*N. Forest*	**15**
João Pedro	*Chelsea*	**15**
Calvert-Lewin	*Leeds Utd*	**14**
Gyökeres	*Arsenal*	**14**

HISTORIC FORM: Final positions

Season:	2023	2024	2025	2026
Arsenal	2nd	2nd	2nd	**1st**
Aston Villa	7th	4th	6th	**4th**
Bournemouth	15th	12th	9th	**6th**
Brentford	9th	16th	10th	**9th**
Brighton	6th	11th	8th	**8th**
Chelsea	12th	6th	4th	**10th**
Crystal Palace	11th	10th	12th	**15th**
Everton	17th	15th	13th	**13th**
Fulham	10th	13th	11th	**11th**
Leeds Utd	19th	–	–	**14th**
Liverpool	5th	3rd	**1st**	**5th**
Man City	**1st**	**1st**	3rd	**2nd**
Man Utd	3rd	8th	15th	**3rd**
Newcastle Utd	4th	7th	5th	**12th**
Notts. Forest	16th	17th	7th	**16th**
Sunderland	–	–	–	**7th**
Tottenham	8th	5th	17th	**17th**

Promoted teams 2026-27:
Coventry City, Ipswich Town, Hull City

Source: Premier League

All fixtures subject to change to fit TV schedules

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