

Queen Rearing Calendar (UK)

Age	Day	Date	Task/Event	Notes	Weather
0	Wednesday	28/01/2026	Egg laid by breeder/mother queen		
1	Thursday	29/01/2026			
2	Friday	30/01/2026			
3	Saturday	31/01/2026	Graft day old larvae and put into queenless hive	No. of cells grafted:	
4	Sunday	01/02/2026			
5	Monday	02/02/2026	Check grafts, bees should have started drawing the cells	No. of cells accepted:	
6	Tuesday	03/02/2026			
7	Wednesday	04/02/2026			
8	Thursday	05/02/2026	Cells are capped		
9	Friday	06/02/2026	Avoid moving cells/be gentle if opening hive		
10	Saturday	07/02/2026	Avoid moving cells/be gentle if opening hive		
11	Sunday	08/02/2026	Avoid moving cells/be gentle if opening hive		
12	Monday	09/02/2026	Move cells to mating nucs		
13	Tuesday	10/02/2026			
14	Wednesday	11/02/2026			
15	Thursday	12/02/2026	Queens should emerge		
16	Friday	13/02/2026			
17	Saturday	14/02/2026	Remove empty queen cell		
18	Sunday	15/02/2026			

19	Monday	16/02/2026			
20	Tuesday	17/02/2026	Mating flight period starts		
21	Wednesday	18/02/2026			
22	Thursday	19/02/2026			
23	Friday	20/02/2026			
24	Saturday	21/02/2026			
25	Sunday	22/02/2026			
26	Monday	23/02/2026			
27	Tuesday	24/02/2026			
28	Wednesday	25/02/2026			
29	Thursday	26/02/2026			
30	Friday	27/02/2026			
31	Saturday	28/02/2026			
32	Sunday	01/03/2026			
33	Monday	02/03/2026	Check nuc for eggs		
34	Tuesday	03/03/2026			
35	Wednesday	04/03/2026			
36	Thursday	05/03/2026			
37	Friday	06/03/2026			
38	Saturday	07/03/2026	Check nuc for larvae		
39	Sunday	08/03/2026			
40	Monday	09/03/2026	If no eggs or larvae re-queen nuc		