

Queen Rearing Calendar (UK)

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

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