

A promotional banner for 'Rural Britain 2026'. The background is a scenic landscape of rolling green hills under a sunset sky, with a large tree in the foreground and purple heather in the lower foreground. A large white cursive 'R' is on the left. The text 'Rural' is in white cursive, 'BRITAIN 2026' is in white bold sans-serif, and the tagline 'Sublime landscapes and wild creatures' is in white italic sans-serif. On the right, there are three small inset images: a bird, a pond, and a frog. A faint 'Sample' watermark is visible across the center.

Rural

BRITAIN 2026

Sublime landscapes and wild creatures



Peregrine Falcon

January 2026



1 Thu	New Year's Day	12 Mon	3	23 Fri	
2 Fri	Bank Holiday (Scotland)	13 Tue		24 Sat	
3 Sat		14 Wed		25 Sun	
4 Sun		15 Thu		26 Mon	5
5 Mon	2	16 Fri		27 Tue	
6 Tue		17 Sat		28 Wed	
7 Wed		18 Sun		29 Thu	
8 Thu		19 Mon	4	30 Fri	
9 Fri		20 Tue		31 Sat	
10 Sat		21 Wed			
11 Sun		22 Thu			

Pheasant

February 2026



1 Sun	12 Thu	23 Mon	9
2 Mon Bank Holiday (Eire) 6	13 Fri	24 Tue	
3 Tue	14 Sat	25 Wed	
4 Wed	15 Sun	26 Thu	
5 Thu	16 Mon 8	27 Fri	
6 Fri	17 Tue	28 Sat	
7 Sat	18 Wed		
8 Sun	19 Thu		
9 Mon 7	20 Fri		
10 Tue	21 Sat		
11 Wed	22 Sun		

Natterjack Toad

March 2026



1 Sun	St David's Day (Wales)	12 Thu	23 Mon	13
2 Mon	10	13 Fri	24 Tue	
3 Tue		14 Sat	25 Wed	
4 Wed		15 Sun	26 Thu	
5 Thu		16 Mon	27 Fri	12
6 Fri		17 Tue	28 Sat	St Patrick's Day (BH N Ireland/Eire)
7 Sat		18 Wed	29 Sun	British Summertime starts
8 Sun		19 Thu	30 Mon	14
9 Mon	11	20 Fri	31 Tue	
10 Tue		21 Sat		
11 Wed		22 Sun		

Wild Pony

April 2026



1 Wed	12 Sun	23 Thu <small>St George's Day (England)</small>
2 Thu	13 Mon <small>16</small>	24 Fri
3 Fri <small>Good Friday</small>	14 Tue	25 Sat
4 Sat	15 Wed	26 Sun
5 Sun	16 Thu	27 Mon <small>18</small>
6 Mon <small>Easter Monday</small> <small>15</small>	17 Fri	28 Tue
7 Tue	18 Sat	29 Wed
8 Wed	19 Sun	30 Thu
9 Thu	20 Mon <small>17</small>	
10 Fri	21 Tue	
11 Sat	22 Wed	

Badger

May 2026



1 Fri	12 Tue	23 Sat
2 Sat	13 Wed	24 Sun
3 Sun	14 Thu	25 Mon <small>Bank Holiday</small> 22
4 Mon <small>Bank Holiday</small> 19	15 Fri	26 Tue
5 Tue	16 Sat	27 Wed
6 Wed	17 Sun	28 Thu
7 Thu	18 Mon 21	29 Fri
8 Fri	19 Tue	30 Sat
9 Sat	20 Wed	31 Sun
10 Sun	21 Thu	
11 Mon 20	22 Fri	

Brown Trout

June 2026



1 Mon <small>Bank Holiday (Eire)</small> 23	12 Fri	23 Tue
2 Tue	13 Sat	24 Wed
3 Wed	14 Sun	25 Thu
4 Thu	15 Mon 25	26 Fri
5 Fri	16 Tue	27 Sat
6 Sat	17 Wed	28 Sun
7 Sun	18 Thu	29 Mon 27
8 Mon 24	19 Fri	30 Tue
9 Tue	20 Sat	
10 Wed	21 Sun <small>Longest day</small>	
11 Thu	22 Mon 26	

Weasel

July 2026



1	Wed	12	Sun	23	Thu
2	Thu	13	Mon Bank Holiday (N Ireland) 29	24	Fri
3	Fri	14	Tue	25	Sat
4	Sat	15	Wed	26	Sun
5	Sun	16	Thu	27	Mon 31
6	Mon 28	17	Fri	28	Tue
7	Tue	18	Sat	29	Wed
8	Wed	19	Sun	30	Thu
9	Thu	20	Mon 30	31	Fri
10	Fri	21	Tue		
11	Sat	22	Wed		

Lion's Mane Jellyfish

August 2026



1 Sat	12 Wed	23 Sun
2 Sun	13 Thu	24 Mon 35
3 Mon Bank Holiday (Scotland & Eire) 32	14 Fri	25 Tue
4 Tue	15 Sat	26 Wed
5 Wed	16 Sun	27 Thu
6 Thu	17 Mon 34	28 Fri
7 Fri	18 Tue	29 Sat
8 Sat	19 Wed	30 Sun
9 Sun	20 Thu	31 Mon Bank Holiday (excl. Scotland) 36
10 Mon 33	21 Fri	
11 Tue	22 Sat	

Nightingale

September 2026



1 Tue	12 Sat	23 Wed
2 Wed	13 Sun	24 Thu
3 Thu	14 Mon 38	25 Fri
4 Fri	15 Tue	26 Sat
5 Sat	16 Wed	27 Sun
6 Sun	17 Thu	28 Mon 40
7 Mon 37	18 Fri	29 Tue
8 Tue	19 Sat	30 Wed
9 Wed	20 Sun	
10 Thu	21 Mon 39	
11 Fri	22 Tue	

Pipistrelle Bat

October 2026



1 Thu	12 Mon	42	23 Fri
2 Fri	13 Tue		24 Sat
3 Sat	14 Wed		25 Sun <small>British Summertime ends</small>
4 Sun	15 Thu		26 Mon <small>Bank Holiday (Eire)</small> 44
5 Mon 41	16 Fri		27 Tue
6 Tue	17 Sat		28 Wed
7 Wed	18 Sun		29 Thu
8 Thu	19 Mon 43		30 Fri
9 Fri	20 Tue		31 Sat
10 Sat	21 Wed		
11 Sun	22 Thu		

Common Shrew

November 2026



1 Sun	12 Thu	23 Mon 48
2 Mon 45	13 Fri	24 Tue
3 Tue	14 Sat	25 Wed
4 Wed	15 Sun	26 Thu
5 Thu	16 Mon 47	27 Fri
6 Fri	17 Tue	28 Sat
7 Sat	18 Wed	29 Sun
8 Sun	19 Thu	30 Mon <small>St Andrew's Day (Scotland)</small> 49
9 Mon 46	20 Fri	
10 Tue	21 Sat	
11 Wed	22 Sun	

Muntjac Deer

December 2026



1 Tue	12 Sat	23 Wed
2 Wed	13 Sun	24 Thu
3 Thu	14 Mon 51	25 Fri Christmas Day
4 Fri	15 Tue	26 Sat Boxing Day
5 Sat	16 Wed	27 Sun
6 Sun	17 Thu	28 Mon Bank Holiday 53
7 Mon 50	18 Fri	29 Tue
8 Tue	19 Sat	30 Wed
9 Wed	20 Sun	31 Thu
10 Thu	21 Mon Shortest day 52	
11 Fri	22 Tue	



January 2026

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1				1	2	3	4
2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
5	26	27	28	29	30	31	

1 New Year's Day 2 Bank Holiday (Scotland)

Loughrigg Fell, Cumbria and Peregrine Falcon

December 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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February 2026

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9	23	24	25	26	27	28	

2 Bank Holiday (Eire)

Winter landscape in Somerset and Pheasant

January 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

March 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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March 2026

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
9							1
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
13	23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

1 St David's Day (Wales) 17 St Patrick's Day (BH N Ireland/Eire)
29 British Summertime starts
Formby, Merseyside and Natterjack Toad

February 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

April 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			





April 2026

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	27	28	29	30			

3 Good Friday 6 Easter Monday 23 St George's Day (England)

Mynydd Carningli, Pembrokeshire and Wild Pony

March 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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May 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31





May 2026

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
18					1	2	3
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

4 Bank Holiday 25 Bank Holiday

Beech forest in Westbury, Wiltshire and Badger

April 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

June 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					





June 2026

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	29	30					

May 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

July 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

1 Bank Holiday (Eire) 21 Longest day

River Wharfe, Burnsall, Yorkshire Dales and Brown Trout





July 2026

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27			1	2	3	4	5
28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	27	28	29	30	31		

13 Bank Holiday (N Ireland)

Poppy field near Corbridge, Northumberland and Weasel

June 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

August 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30





August 2026

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31						1	2
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
34	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
35	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

3 Bank Holiday (Scotland & Eire) 31 Bank Holiday (excl. Scotland)

Old Harry Rocks, Dorset and Lion's Mane Jellyfish

July 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

September 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				





September 2026

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
36		1	2	3	4	5	6
37	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
38	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
39	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	28	29	30				

August 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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October 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Near Bamford, Peak District, Derbyshire and Nightingale



October 2026

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
40				1	2	3	4
41	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
42	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
43	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
44	26	27	28	29	30	31	

25 British Summertime ends 26 Bank Holiday (Eire)

Loch Lomond, Argyll and Bute, and Pipistrelle Bat

September 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

November 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
²³ / ₃₀	24	25	26	27	28	29





November 2026

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
44							1
45	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
46	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
47	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	²³ / ₃₀	24	25	26	27	28	29

30 St Andrew's Day (Scotland)

Kennall Vale Nature Reserve, Cornwall and Common Shrew

October 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

December 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			





December 2026

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
49		1	2	3	4	5	6
50	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
51	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
52	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
53	28	29	30	31			

21 Shortest day 25 Christmas Day 26 Boxing Day 28 Bank Holiday

Epping Forest, Essex and Muntjac Deer

November 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

January 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

