

Quiz of the Year

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A quiz about 2026

JANUARY

- 1** BBC Radio 4 celebrated which anniversary of The Archers with a day of programmes and drama dedicated to the rural soap? *75th*
- 2** On 2 January, the FTSE 100 reached a historic milestone for the first time when it rose above how many points? *10,000 points*
- 3** Dramatic US military action on 3 January led to the capture of which country's president and his wife? *Venezuela's*
- 4** Technology Secretary Liz Kendall demanded that which artificial intelligence chatbot deal with deepfake nudes? *Grok*
- 5** Which non-league football team knocked out Crystal Palace in the FA Cup third round? *Macclesfield F.C.*
- 6** Football supporters of Maccabi Tel Aviv were banned by police from a match against which British team? *Aston Villa*
- 7** Who, on 15 January, was sacked by Kemi Badenoch for "plotting to defect"? *Robert Jenrick*
- 8** Who announced that she would step down as a BBC Weather presenter after 28 years? *Carol Kirkwood*
- 9** There became a UK-wide ban on the advertising of what on television before the 9pm watershed? *Junk Food Advertising*
- 10** Who gained a 16th number one in the UK album charts? *Robbie Williams*
- 11** What competition did Rachel Duffy and Stephen Libby win? *The Traitors (Series 4)*

FEBRUARY

- 12** Who publicly confirmed that he had become estranged from his family and had told his parents to contact him only through lawyers? *Brooklyn Beckham*
- 13** The King granted which country a one-off extra Bank Holiday for Monday 15 June? *Scotland*
- 14** The Halifax Building Society reported that, in January, the average UK house price exceeded what figure for the first time? *£300,000*
- 15** Which big city co-hosted the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games? *Milan*
- 16** Bosses at which Scottish brewer called in financial experts to look for new investment? *Brewdog*
- 17** Former snooker player John Virgo sadly passed away in February. He co-presented which 1990s game show? *Big Break*
- 18** Electronic music and YouTube content creator Sam Bartle is better known by what stage name? *Look Mum No Computer*
- 19** Tourette's sufferer John Davidson was in the news. What is the title of his 2025 British biographical film? *I swear*
- 20** Which English singer-songwriter won four awards at the 46th Brit Awards ceremony? *Olivia Dean*

MARCH

- 21** A sinkhole that opened on a Manchester golf course exposed an abandoned what? *Wine cellar*
- 22** It was announced that HMS Dragon would be deployed to protect which Mediterranean island? *Cyprus*
- 23** On 8 March, Britain's George Russell won which country's Grand Prix? *Australia*
- 24** Who announced that he would relinquish his role as presenter of a quiz show bearing his name? *Richard Osman*
- 25** Chancellor Rachel Reeves told the BBC that the government would invest £2.5 billion in AI and what sort of computing? *Quantum computing*

- 26** BBC One's *The Repair Shop* found whose joke book too inappropriate to air on television? *Bob Monkhouse's*
- 27** Name the *Married at First Sight* relationship expert who sadly passed away on 24 March. *Mel Schilling*
- 28** Who appeared on *Good Morning Britain* to defend her very quick marriage, saying, "Do you ever really know anyone?" *Katie Price*
- 29** Whose third album *Kiss All the Time. Disco, Occasionally* reached the top of the UK Albums Chart? *Harry Styles*
- 30** Name the legendary action star of *Walker, Texas Ranger* who passed away. *Chuck Norris*
- 31** Who was dismissed from BBC Radio 2 following allegations about his personal conduct? *Scott Mills*

APRIL

- 32** Name the crewed flyby of the Moon. It was the first crewed flight beyond low Earth orbit since Apollo 17 in 1972. *Artemis II*
- 33** Pepsi pulled out as the main sponsor of the Wireless Festival following news that who was to headline the three-day event? *Kanye West*
- 34** The price of a first-class stamp increased by 10p to how much? *£1-80*
- 35** Name the racehorse that won the Grand National twice, in 2024 and 2026. *I Am Maximus*
- 36** Prime Minister Viktor Orbán lost re-election in which country? *Hungary*
- 37** BBC Sport confirmed that which programme would end after 52 years? *Football Focus*
- 38** Who won the second series of *I'm a Celebrity... South Africa*? *Adam Thomas*
- 39** Roman Dubowski won a £1 million jackpot on *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* How many jackpot winners have there now been? *Seven*
- 40** At the end of April, all 154 standalone stores in the UK and Ireland of which high street retail company closed? *Claire's*

MAY

- 41** Which comedy writer's conviction for damaging a transgender activist's mobile phone was overturned on appeal? *Graham Linehan*
- 42** In May, celebrations were held to mark the 100th birthday of which broadcaster? *Sir David Attenborough*
- 43** The Eurovision Song Contest 2026 was held in which city? *Vienna*
- 44** Which English golfer won the 2026 PGA Championship? *Aaron Rai*
- 45** Which Royal Duchy is to sell off 20% of its property over the next decade? *Duchy of Cornwall*
- 46** Rachel Reeves announced that what would be cut on attractions such as theme parks and zoos during the summer months. *VAT*
- 47** UK chart history was made when who debuted three albums inside the Top 10? *Drake*
- 48** Amazon became the first retailer in the UK to start a drone delivery service, with a limited launch in which northern market town? *Darlington*
- 49** Judith Chalmers was best known for presenting which travel series from 1974 to 2003? *Wish You Were Here...?*
- 50** Who initially put together the Hawkstone Farmers Choir, which won series 19 of *Britain's Got Talent*? *Jeremy Clarkson*
- 51** The 2026 UEFA Champions League Final was played in Budapest, in a stadium named after which great player? *Ferenc Puskás*