# May 6

May 6 is the 126th day of the year (127th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 239 days remaining until the end of the year.

# **Events**

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## **Up to 1900**

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- 1191 King Richard I of England lands in Cyprus during the Third Crusade.
- 1527 Spanish and German troops sack Rome, in what is seen by some to be the end of the Renaissance.
- 1536 The Siege of Cuzco starts, in which Incan forces attempt to re-take the city from the Spanish.
- 1536 Henry VIII of England orders that English language Bibles should be placed in every church.
- <u>1542</u> St. Francis Xavier

### 2024 Calendar

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- 1682 King
  - Louis XIV of France moves into the Versailles Palace.
- 1757 Battle of Prague: A Prussian army fights an Austrian army in Prague during the Seven Years' War.
- <u>1782</u> Building work begins on the Grand Palace, residence of the <u>Kings</u> of <u>Siam</u>, present-day <u>Thailand</u>, in <u>Bangkok</u>.
- 1816 The American Bible Society is founded.
- <u>1835</u> <u>James Gordon Bennett, Sr.</u> publishes the first issue of the <u>New York Herald</u>.
- <u>1840</u> The <u>Penny Black</u> postage stamp becomes valid in the <u>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland</u>.
- <u>1844</u> The <u>Glaciarum</u>, the world's first mechanically frozen <u>ice</u> rink, opens.
- 1861 Arkansas secedes from the Union.
- <u>1861</u> <u>Richmond, Virginia</u> is chosen as the capital city of the <u>Confederate States of America</u>.
- 1863 American Civil War: The <u>Battle of Chancellorsville</u> ends with the <u>Confederates</u> defeating the <u>Army of the Potomac</u>.
- <u>1882</u> <u>United States Congress</u> passes the Chinese Exclusion Act.
- <u>1889</u> The <u>Eiffel Tower</u> is opened to the public as the World Exposition in <u>Paris</u> begins.

- 1902 British ship *Carmorta* sinks in a cyclone in Burma's Irrawaddy Delta, killing all 739 people on board.
- 1910 Edward VII of the United Kingdom dies. George V succeeds him as king.
- <u>1916</u> 21 <u>Lebanese nationalists</u> are executed in Martyrs' Square, <u>Beirut</u> by <u>Jamal Pasha</u>.
- 1919 The Third Anglo-Afghan War begins.
- 1930 An earthquake in present-day Iran kills 2,500 people.
- 1935 In the US, the Works Progress Administration is created.

- 1937 LZ 129 Hindenburg catches on fire while landing in New Jersey, killing 36 people.
- 1940 John Steinbeck is given the <u>Pulitzer Prize</u> for his <u>novel The</u> Grapes of Wrath.
- <u>1945</u> <u>World War II</u>: In the last part of the war, the <u>Prague Offensive</u> begins.
- <u>1954</u> <u>Roger Bannister</u> becomes the first person to run a <u>mile</u> in less than 4 minutes.
- <u>1954</u> <u>Alfredo Stroessner</u> comes to power in <u>Paraguay</u>, after leading a military coup against <u>Federico Chaves</u>.
- 1966 In the UK, Ian Brady and Myra Hindley are sentenced to life in prison for the Moors murders.
- 1976 An <u>earthquake</u> in <u>Friuli</u>, <u>Italy</u> kills 989 people and destroys entire <u>villages</u>.
- 1983 The so-called Hitler diaries are found to be a hoax.
- 1991 Time magazine publishes an article in which <u>Scientology</u> is strongly criticized.
- 1994 The <u>Euro Tunnel</u> between the <u>UK</u> and <u>France</u>, opens. Queen <u>Elizabeth II</u> of the <u>United Kingdom</u> and <u>President of France Francois Mitterrand</u> jointly open it.
- 1996 CIA director William Colby is found dead on a Maryland riverbank, eight days after his disappearance.
- 1998 Kazakhstan's President Nursultan Nazarbayev moves his seat of government from Almaty to Akmola, which is renamed Astana.
- 1999 The first elections to the <u>Scottish Parliament</u> and the <u>Welsh Assembly</u> are held.

#### From 2001

- 2001 Dennis Tito, the first space tourist, returns to Earth.
- 2001 Pope John Paul II becomes the first Pope to set foot in a Mosque, in Damascus.
- 2002 Marc Ravalomanana becomes President of Madagascar.
- 2002 Dutch politician <u>Pim Fortuyn</u> is assassinated by an animal rights activist.
- <u>2002</u> <u>Jacques Chirac</u> announces that <u>Jean-Pierre Raffarin</u> would become <u>Prime Minister of France</u>.
- 2004 The series finale of <u>Friends</u> is shown on <u>NBC</u> in the <u>United</u> <u>States</u>, receiving over 52 million viewers.
- 2007 Nicolas Sarkozy is elected President of France.
- 2010 The <u>United Kingdom general election</u>, 2010 is held. It ends in a hung <u>parliament</u>, where no party has an overall majority. On <u>May 11</u>, the Conservatives under <u>David Cameron</u> and Liberal Democrats under <u>Nick Clegg</u> agree to form a coalition <u>government</u>.
- 2010 Caroline Lucas becomes the first MP from the Green Party of England and Wales.
- <u>2011</u> After the previous day's election the <u>Scottish National Party</u> under <u>Alex Salmond</u> wins an overall majority in the <u>Scottish Parliament</u>, with 69 out of the 129 seats.

- 2012 Francois Hollande is elected <u>President of France</u>, as <u>Nicolas Sarkozy</u> is voted out of office after one term.
- <u>2012</u> The <u>parliamentary election</u> in <u>Greece</u> ends in an inconclusive result, as both main parties lose votes for supporting austerity measures.
- 2013 Ariel Castro kidnappings: Michelle Knight, Amanda Berry (and her child by Castro), and Gina DeJesus are found in Ariel Castro's house in Cleveland, Ohio, where they had been held captive for around ten years.
- 2023 The <u>coronation</u> of <u>Charles III</u> is performed at <u>Westminster Abbey</u>.

### **Births**

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### **Up to 1800**

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- 973 Henry II, Holy Roman Emperor (d. 1024)
- 1397 Sejong the Great of Korea (d. 1450)
- 1405 Skanderbeg, national hero of Albania (d. 1468)
- <u>1501</u> <u>Pope Marcellus II</u> (d. <u>1555</u>)
- <u>1562</u> <u>Pietro Bernini</u>, Italian <u>sculptor</u> (d. <u>1629</u>)
- 1574 Pope Innocent X (d. 1655)
- 1606 Lorenzo Lippi, Italian poet and painter (d. 1665)
- <u>1680</u> <u>Jean-Baptiste Stuck</u>, Italian-French <u>composer</u> and <u>cellist</u> (d. <u>1755</u>)
- 1713 Charles Batteux, French philosopher (d. 1780)
- <u>1714</u> <u>Anton Raaff</u>, German <u>tenor</u> (d. <u>1797</u>)
- 1758 Maximilien de Robespierre, French revolutionary (d. 1794)
- 1758 André Masséna, French soldier (d. 1817)
- 1769 Ferdinand III, Grand Duke of Tuscany (d. 1824)
- 1769 Jean Nicolas Pierre Hachette, French mathematician (d. 1834)
- 1792 Georg Ohm, German mathematician (d. 1872)
- <u>1797</u> <u>Joseph Brackett</u>, American religious leader and composer (d. 1882)
- 1800 Roman Sanguszko, Polish aristocrat and general (d. 1881)

#### 1801 - 1900

- 1801 José Joaquín Pérez, President of Chile (d. 1889)
- 1820 Robert O'Hara Burke, explorer of Australia (d. 1861)
- 1851 Arisitide Bruant, French singer and composer (d. 1925)
- 1853 Philander C. Knox, American politician (d. 1921)
- 1856 Sigmund Freud, Austrian psychiatrist (d. 1939)
- 1856 Robert Peary, American Arctic explorer (d. 1920)
- 1861 Motilal Nehru, Indian politician (d. 1931)

- 1864 Eugenio Tosi, Archbishop of Milan (d. 1929)
- 1866 Jóannes Patursson, Faroese poet and politician (d. 1946)
- 1868 Tsar Nicholas II of Russia (d. 1918), May 18 in Gregorian calendar
- <u>1868</u> <u>Gaston Leroux</u>, French writer (d. <u>1927</u>)
- <u>1870</u> <u>Walter Rutherford</u>, Scottish <u>golfer</u> (d. <u>1936</u>)
- <u>1871</u> <u>Victor Grignard</u>, French chemist, <u>Nobel Prize</u> laureate (d. <u>1935</u>)
- 1871 Christian Morgenstern, German writer (d. 1914)
- 1872 Willem de Sitter, Dutch mathematician, physicist and astronomer (d. 1934)
- <u>1872</u> <u>Djemal Pasha</u>, <u>Ottoman Empire</u> politician (d. <u>1922</u>)
- 1879 Bedřich Hrozný, Czech orientalist and linguist (d. 1952)
- 1880 Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, German painter (d. 1938)
- <u>1882</u> <u>Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany</u>, heir of Kaiser <u>Wilhelm II</u> (d. <u>1951</u>)
- 1889 Lyubov Popova, Russian artist and designer (d. 1924)
- 1895 Rudolph Valentino, Italian-American actor (d. 1926)
- <u>1899</u> <u>Billy Cotton</u>, English <u>bandleader</u> (d. <u>1969</u>)

- 1902 Max Ophüls, director (d. 1957)
- 1902 Harry Golden, American journalist (d. 1981)
- 1904 Moshe Feldenkrais, founder of the Feldenkrais method (d. 1984)
- 1904 Harry Martinson, Swedish writer (d. 1978)
- 1906 André Weil, French mathematician (d. 1998)
- 1913 Stewart Granger, British actor (d. 1993)
- 1915 Orson Welles, American director (d. 1985)
- <u>1915</u> <u>Theodore H. White</u>, writer (d. <u>1986</u>)
- 1916 Robert H. Dicke, American physicist (d. 1997)
- 1917 Jilly Rizzo, American restaurateur and entertainer (d. 1992)
- 1919 Alejandro Finisterre, Spanish inventor of table football (d. 2007)
- 1919 André Guelfi, French racing driver (d. 2016)
- <u>1920</u> <u>Ross Hunter</u>, producer (d. <u>1996</u>)
- 1920 Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, first Prime Minister and later President of Fiji (d. 2004)
- 1921 Erich Fried, Austrian writer (d. 1988)
- 1922 Vladimir Etush, Russian actor (d. 2019)
- 1923 Galyani Vadhana, Thai princess (d. 2008)
- 1923 Harry Watson, Canadian ice hockey player and coach (d. 2002)
- 1924 Patricia Kennedy Lawford, sister of John F. Kennedy (d. 2006)
- 1924 Nestor Basterretxea, Basque artist (d. 2014)
- 1925 Hanns Dieter Hüsch, German cabaretist (d. 2005)
- 1926 Gilles Grégoire, Canadian politician (d. 2006)
- 1929 Paul Lauterbur, American chemist (d. 2007)
- 1930 Philippe Beaussant, French musicologist and writer (d. 2016)
- 1931 Willie Mays, American Baseball Hall of Famer
- 1932 Ahmet Haxhiu, Albanian political activist (d. 1994)
- 1932 Fritz Lichtenhahn, Swiss actor (d. 2017)
- 1934 Richard Shelby, American politician

- 1937 Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, American boxer (d. 2014)
- 1938 Jean Garon, Canadian politician, lawyer and academic (d. 2014)
- <u>1940</u> <u>Angela Carter</u>, English writer (d. <u>1992</u>)
- 1941 Ivica Osim, Bosnian footballer
- 1943 Andreas Baader, member of the Red Army Faction (d. 1977)
- <u>1944</u> <u>Masanori Murakami</u>, Japanese <u>baseball</u> player
- <u>1945</u> <u>Bob Seger</u>, <u>rock music</u> singer
- 1945 Iimmie Dale Gilmore, musician
- 1946 Susan Brown, English actress
- 1947 Alan Dale, New Zealand actor
- <u>1947</u> <u>Martha Nussbaum</u>, American <u>philosopher</u>

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- 1951 Samuel K. Doe, Liberian military officer and politician (d. 1990)
- 1952 Gerrit Salm, Dutch politician
- 1953 Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
- 1953 Graeme Souness, Scottish footballer and manager
- 1953 Alexander Akimov, Ukrainian Chernobyl worker (d. 1986)
- 1954 Tom Abernethy, American basketball player
- 1955 Tom Bergeron, American game show host
- 1955 John Hutton, Baron Hutton of Furness, British politician
- 1958 Lorita Flores, Spanish singer and actress
- 1958 Jan Levers, Belgian singer-songwriter and television personality
- 1958 Randall Stout, American architect (d. 2014)
- 1959 Charles Hendry, English politician
- 1959 Hiroyuki Sakashita, Japanese footballer
- <u>1960</u> <u>John Flansburgh</u>, musician
- 1961 George Clooney, American actor, movie director and screenwriter
- <u>1961</u> <u>Tom Hunter</u>, Scottish businessman
- 1961 Gina Riley, Australian actress, singer, producer and screenwriter
- 1963 Alessandra Ferri, Italian ballerina
- <u>1964</u> <u>Dana Hill</u>, American actress (d. <u>1996</u>)
- 1965 Leslie Hope, Canadian actress
- <u>1968</u> <u>Worku Bikila</u>, <u>Ethiopian</u> long-distance runner
- 1968 Shin Hae-chul, South Korean music performer and radio DI
- 1968 Laetitia Sadier, French singer and keyboardist
- 1969 Vlad Filat, former Prime minister of Moldova
- 1970 George Rivas, Texas 7 ringleader
- 1971 Chris Shiflett, American guitarist (Foo Fighters)
- 1972 Martin Brodeur, Canadian ice hockey player
- 1972 Naoko Takahashi, Japanese runner

#### From 1976

- 1977 Christophe Brandt, Belgian cyclist
- 1977 Nozomi Hiroyama, Japanese footballer

- 1978 Aleksandr Fvodorov, Russian bodybuilder
- 1980 Dimitris Diamantidis, Greek basketball player
- 1980 Wolke Hegenbarth, German actress
- 1980 Kate Lawler, British Big Brother contestant
- 1982 Duri Camichel, Swiss ice hockey player (d. 2015)
- 1983 Daniel Alves, Brazilian footballer
- <u>1983</u> <u>Adrianne Palicki</u>, American actress
- 1983 Gabourey Sidibe, American actress
- 1983 Raquel Zimmermann, Brazilian model
- 1984 Anton Babchuk, Ukrainian-Russian ice hockey player
- 1985 Tanerau Latimer, New Zealand rugby player
- 1986 Goran Dragic, Slovenian basketball player
- 1987 Moon Geun-young, South Korean actress
- <u>1987</u> <u>Dries Mertens</u>, Belgian footballer
- 1987 Meek Mill, American rapper
- 1989 Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakian tennis player
- 1990 Masato Kudo, Japanese footballer
- 1990 Caitlin Yankowskas, American figure skater
- 1991 Harriet Lee, British Paralympic swimmer
- 1992 Brendan Gallagher, Canadian ice hockey player
- 1992 Takashi Usami, Japanese footballer
- 1993 Naomi Scott, British actress, singer and musician
- 1995 Marko Pjaca, Croatian footballer
- 1996 Dominic Scott Kay, American child actor
- 2002 Emily Alyn Lind, American child actress
- 2019 Archie Mountbatten-Windsor, son of the <u>Duke</u> and <u>Duchess of</u> Sussex

# **Deaths**

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# **Up to 1900**

- 1471 Edmund Beaufort, 4th Duke of Somerset, English commander (b. 1438)
- <u>1475</u> <u>Dieric Bouts</u>, <u>Flemish</u> painter (b. <u>1415</u>)
- 1502 James Tyrrell, English knight (b. 1450)
- 1596 Giaches de Wert, Flemish composer (b. 1535)
- <u>1638</u> <u>Cornelius Jansen</u>, French <u>bishop</u> and religious reformer (b. 1585)
- 1692 Nathaniel Lee, English playwright (b. 1653)
- 1757 Battle of Prague:
  - Maximilian Ulysses Browne, Austrian field marshal (b. 1705)
  - Kurt Christoph Graf von Schwerin, Prussian field marshal (b. 1684)
- <u>1757</u> <u>Charles FitzRoy, 2nd Duke of Grafton</u>, English politician (b. <u>1683</u>)

- <u>1840</u> <u>Francisco de Paula Santander</u>, <u>Colombian</u> President and independence leader (b. 1792)
- <u>1859</u> <u>Alexander von Humboldt</u>, German naturalist and explorer (b. 1769)
- <u>1862</u> <u>Henry David Thoreau</u>, American writer and philosopher (b. <u>1817</u>)
- 1872 George Robert Gray, British zoologist (b. 1808)
- 1873 Iosé Antonio Báez, President of Venezuela (b. 1790)
- 1877 Johan Ludvig Runeberg, Finnish poet (b. 1804)

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- 1902 Bret Harte, American writer (b. 1836)
- 1910 King Edward VII of the United Kingdom (b. 1841)
- 1913 Alexandros Schinas, Greek anarchist (b. 1870)
- <u>1919</u> <u>L. Frank Baum</u>, American writer (b. <u>1856</u>)
- 1939 Konstantin Somov, Russian writer (b. 1869)
- 1949 Maurice Maeterlinck, Belgian writer (b. 1862)
- <u>1951</u> <u>Hans Andrias Djurhuus</u>, Faroese poet (b. <u>1883</u>)
- <u>1952</u> <u>Maria Montessori</u>, Italian educator (b. <u>1870</u>)
- <u>1959</u> <u>Ragnar Nurkse</u>, Estonian-American <u>economist</u> and academic (b. <u>1897</u>)
- 1961 Lucian Blaga, Romanian poet, playwright and philosopher (b. 1895)
- 1967 Zhou Zuoren, Chinese writer (b. 1885)
- <u>1970</u> <u>Aleksandr Rodzyanko</u>, Russian general (b. <u>1897</u>)
- 1975 Jozsef Mindszenty, Hungarian cardinal (b. 1892)
- 1985 Julie Vega, Filipino actress and singer (b. 1968)
- 1987 William Casey, American CIA director (b. 1913)
- 1990 Charles Farrell, American actor (b. 1901)
- 1992 Marlene Dietrich, German actress (b. 1901)
- 1992 Jilly Rizzo, American restaurateur and entertainer (b. 1917)
- 1998 Chatichai Choonhavan, Prime minister of Thailand (b. 1920)

### From 2001

- 2002 Pim Fortuyn, Dutch politician (b. 1948)
- <u>2002</u> <u>Otis Blackwell</u>, American pianist, singer and songwriter (b. 1932)
- 2003 Art Houtteman, American baseball player (b. 1927)
- 2004 Virginia Capers, American actress (b. 1925)
- 2006 Shigeru Kayano, Japanese Ainu activist (b. 1926)
- 2006 Lillian Asplund, RMS Titanic survivor (b. 1906)
- 2012 George Lindsey, American actor, comedian, and writer (b. 1928)
- 2013 Giulio Andreotti, former Prime Minister of Italy (b. 1919)
- 2014 Cornelius Gurlitt, German art collector (b. 1932)
- 2014 Wil Albeda, Dutch politician (b. 1925)
- 2014 Farley Mowat, Canadian writer and environmentalist (b. 1921)

- 2014 <u>Iimmy Ellis</u>, American boxer (b. 1940)
- 2014 Bill Dana, American pilot and astronaut (b. 1930)
- <u>2015</u> <u>Errol Brown</u>, Jamaican-British singer (b. <u>1943</u>)
- 2015 Jim Wright, American politician, former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives (b. 1922)
- 2015 Jerome Cooper, American jazz drummer (b. 1946)
- <u>2016</u> <u>Hannes Bauer</u>, German trombonist (b. <u>1954</u>)
- 2016 Patrick Ekeng, Cameroonian footballer (b. 1990)
- 2016 David Hall, American politician, Governor of Oklahoma (b. 1930)
- 2016 Margot Honecker, German politician (b. 1927)
- 2016 Valeriy Zuyev, Ukrainian footballer (b. 1952)
- 2016 Nico de Bree, Dutch footballer (b. 1944)
- 2016 Reg Grundy, Australian television producer (b. 1923)
- <u>2016</u> <u>Candye Kane</u>, American singer-songwriter and pornographic actress (b. <u>1961</u>)
- 2016 Chris Mitchell, Scottish footballer (b. 1988)
- 2017 Steven Holcomb, American bobsledder (b. 1980)
- 2017 Val Jellay, Australian actress (b. 1927)
- 2017 Rais Khan, Pakistani sitarist (b. 1939)
- 2017 Marshall Julum Shakya, Nepalese politician (b. 1940)
- 2017 Min Bahadur Sherchan, Nepalese mountaineer (b. 1931)
- 2018 Cirilo Bautista, Filipino writer (b. 1941)
- 2018 Paolo Ferrari, Italian actor (b. 1929)
- 2018 Tarcisio Gitti, Italian politician (b. 1936)
- 2018 Khaled Mohieddin, Egyptian army general and politician (b. 1922)
- 2018 Charles W. Steger, American academic (b. 1947)
- 2018 Ray Szmanda, American radio personality and radio presenter (b. 1926)
- 2018 Jamal Naji, Palestinian-Jordanian novelist (b. 1954)
- 2019 Max Azria, Tunisian-American fashion designer (b. 1949)
- 2019 Giermund Eggen, Norwegian cross-country skier (b. 1941)

# **Observances**

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- International No Diet Day
- Teacher's Day (<u>Iamaica</u>)
- Saint George's Day (Eastern Orthodox Churches)

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