

2021–22 Chelsea F.C. season

The **2021–22 season** was Chelsea Football Club's 116th year in existence and 33rd consecutive season in the top flight of English football. In addition to the domestic league, Chelsea participated in this season's editions of the FA Cup, EFL Cup, UEFA Champions League, UEFA Super Cup and FIFA Club World Cup. 11 The season covered the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Chelsea finished the 2021–22 season with two trophies out of a possible six, winning the UEFA Super Cup and FIFA Club World Cup. The club's victory in the latter competition was significant as it not only confirmed Chelsea as <u>World Champions</u> for the first time, but also clinched the only outstanding piece of silverware that the club had not previously won. Upon adding the title to the club's honours, Chelsea joined an exclusive list of <u>Ajax</u>, <u>Bayern Munich</u>, <u>Juventus</u> and <u>Manchester United</u> as the five clubs that have won every single major honour in European and international football.

On the domestic front, Chelsea reached the finals of both cup competitions, defeated only on penalties by <u>Liverpool</u> after goalless draws on both occasions. In the Premier League, Chelsea began the season strongly and led the title race from October to early December. However, inconsistent form through December and

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Owner	Roman Abramovich (Until 30 May 2022) BlueCo
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Chairman	Bruce Buck
Head coach	Thomas Tuchel
Stadium	Stamford Bridge
Premier League	<u>3rd</u>
FA Cup	Runners-up
EFL Cup	Runners-up
UEFA Champions League	Quarter-finals
UEFA Super Cup	Winners
FIFA Club World Cup	Winners
Top goalscorer	League: Mason Mount (11) All: Romelu Lukaku (15)
Highest home	40,113
attendance	(vs <u>Norwich City</u> , 23 October 2021, Premier League)
Lowest home	31,478
attendance	(vs <u>Leicester City</u> , 19 May 2022, Premier League)
Average home league attendance	39,452
Biggest win	7–0 (vs <u>Norwich City</u> (H), 23 October 2021, Premier League)

January blunted their title challenge, with the Blues eventually finishing a distant third. In the Champions League, their title defence ended with a quarter-final elimination at the hands of eventual winners Real Madrid.

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Season summary

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August

On 11 August 2021, Chelsea started off the season by beating <u>Villarreal</u> to win the <u>2021 UEFA Super Cup</u>. <u>Hakim Ziyech</u> opened the scoring in the 27th minute before <u>Gerard Moreno</u> scored in the 73rd minute to equalise; after extra time the score remained 1–1. In the final minute of the match, <u>Thomas Tuchel</u> made the decision to replace goalkeeper <u>Édouard Mendy</u> with <u>Kepa Arrizabalaga</u>. Chelsea went on to win 6–5 on penalties, with Arrizabalaga making the decisive save against <u>Raúl Albiol</u>. Following the match, Thomas Tuchel stated: "We were well-prepared. We had a statistic that Kepa is the best in terms of saving penalties. The analysts showed me the data and then we spoke with the players [explaining] that this can happen in knockout games." It was the second time that Chelsea had won the trophy, the first win being in <u>1998</u>, and the third time that the club was involved in a penalty shoot-out in the competition.

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The following day, Chelsea announced that Romelu Lukaku had re-signed for the club seven years after leaving for a reported club record fee of £97.5 million. Although initial offers were turned down by Inter Milan, Chelsea's third offer for Lukaku was accepted. "I only realised that Chelsea was serious at the third offer," Lukaku stated. "It went to £110m, and I knew, this is truly serious." He continued, "If they ask me, why would I say no? Everyone knows what Chelsea means to me."

Chelsea began the Premier League season with two consecutive wins in <u>London derbies</u>, first at home against <u>Crystal Palace</u> and then at the <u>Emirates Stadium</u> against <u>Arsenal</u>. [8][9] In the former, Premier League debutant <u>Trevoh Chalobah</u> scored the final goal in a 3–0 win with a low right-footed shot from well outside the penalty area. [8] In the latter, new signing <u>Romelu Lukaku</u> scored the opening goal in a 2–0 win on his second debut for the club. [9]

On 28 August, Chelsea travelled to <u>Anfield</u> to take on <u>Liverpool</u> in a match that was billed as an early test for two title contenders. [10] <u>Kai Havertz</u> opened the scoring off a corner kick with a looping near-post header that spiraled over goalkeeper <u>Alisson</u>. [11] In the first half stoppage time, <u>Reece James</u> was sent off after referee <u>Anthony Taylor</u> consulted the <u>VAR</u> and adjudged that James had used his arm to prevent a goal. <u>Mohammed Salah</u> scored the ensuing penalty despite furious protests from Chelsea players. In the second half, Chelsea defended deeply and compactly and the match finished 1–1. [11]

On 31 August, transfer deadline day, Chelsea signed Saúl from Atlético Madrid on a season-long loan with an option to buy at the end of the season. The future fee is reported to be $\,\epsilon$ 40 million. Throughout the transfer window, Chelsea were linked with a move for Sevilla centre-back Jules Koundé, although it never materialized. The transfer window also saw several notable departures, including Olivier Giroud, Tammy Abraham, and Kurt Zouma. Furthermore, Chelsea sold several promising youth academy products, including Marc Guéhi, Tino Livramento, and Ike Ugbo. [19][20][21]

<u>Marcos Alonso</u> was nominated for the Premier League Player of the Month award in August, which was eventually given to West Ham's <u>Michail Antonio</u>. [22][23] Thomas Tuchel was also nominated for Premier League Manager of the Month, but it was awarded to Tottenham's Nuno Espírito Santo. [24][25]

Position at the	end	of August
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Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	.L.	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
2	West Ham United	3	2	1	0	10	5	+5	7	
3	Manchester United	3	2	1	0	7	2	+5	7	Qualification for the Champions League group stage
4	Chelsea	3	2	1	0	6	1	+5	7	
5	Liverpool	3	2	1	0	6	1	+5	7	Qualification for the Europa League group stage
6	Everton	3	2	1	0	7	3	+4	7	

Source:

September

Chelsea started September with back-to-back 3–0 wins against <u>Aston Villa</u> and <u>Tottenham Hotspur</u> in the Premier League and a 1–0 win against Zenit in the Champions League. [26][27][28] After five matchdays in the Premier League, Chelsea and Liverpool coincidentally shared identical records, with Chelsea ahead based on the away goals head-to-head tiebreaker following their meeting on Matchday 3.[29] On 22 September, Chelsea faced Aston Villa again in the EFL Cup, winning 4–3 on penalties after a 1–1 draw. [30] Kepa Arrizabalaga made a decisive save against a spot kick from <u>Marvelous Nakamba</u>, which led him to become Chelsea's most successful goalkeeper at saving penalties during shootouts, passing <u>Petr Čech</u>. [31] Both matches against Aston Villa saw debuts, first in the Premier League for <u>Saúl</u> and in the EFL Cup for <u>Malang Sarr</u>. [26][30]

On 25 September, Chelsea faced off against Manchester City at Stamford Bridge. Manchester City dominated possession and employed a high press throughout the match, with Gabriel Jesus scoring the game's only goal in the 53rd minute. The 1–0 defeat was Chelsea's first loss of the season. Following the match, Thomas Tuchel stated "The performance was not complex enough. Overall, simply, we were not at our best level." It was the first time that Chelsea were beaten by Manchester City under Tuchel, with Pep Guardiola winning for the first time after three consecutive defeats in the previous season, including in the Champions League Final. [34]

On 29 September, Chelsea suffered their first Champions League defeat of the season, losing 0–1 to <u>Juventus</u> in Turin. <u>Federico Chiesa</u> scored the game's only goal just after halftime. Although Chelsea enjoyed a majority of possession in the game, <u>Juventus defended deeply</u> and created several chances on the counter-attack. Chelsea ended the month of September with only three goals conceded in six matches. Chelsea's successful defensive performances led to <u>Antonio Rüdiger</u> being nominated for Premier League Player of the Month, though it was eventually awarded to Cristiano Ronaldo.

Position at the end of September

Pos	Team	Pld	W	<u>D</u>	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification		
1	Liverpool	6	4	2	0	15	4	+11	14			
2	Manchester City	6	4	1	1	12	1	+11	13	Qualification for the Champions		
3	Chelsea	6	4	1	1	12	2	+10	13	League group stage		
4	Manchester United	5	4	1	0	13	5	+8	13			
5	Everton	6	4	1	1	12	7	+5	13	Qualification for the <u>Europa League</u> group stage		

Source:

October

Chelsea began October with a 3–1 win against Southampton. After an early goal from Trevoh Chalobah, <u>James Ward-Prowse</u> equalised from the penalty spot before he was sent off in the 77th minute. Chelsea rallied to win with two late goals from <u>Timo Werner</u> and <u>Ben Chilwell</u>, who scored with a close-range left-footed volley in his first start in the Premier League during the season. [37][38] On 16 October, Chelsea beat <u>Brentford</u> 1–0 in the first iteration of this <u>West London derby</u> in the modern Premier League era. Chilwell scored for the second consecutive game, while Mendy made four crucial saves to preserve a clean sheet. [39]

Chelsea played their third Champions League group stage match on 20 October against <u>Malmö</u>, winning 4–0. <u>Jorginho</u> scored two penalties and <u>Andreas Christensen</u> scored his first career goal for Chelsea after 137 appearances. However, both Romelu Lukaku and Timo Werner were injured during the match. [40]

On 23 October, Chelsea beat Norwich City 7–0 in the Premier League with Mason Mount scoring his first ever senior hat-trick. The 7–0 win was the joint second-highest scoreline in Chelsea's Premier League history. Ben Chilwell scored for the fourth consecutive Premier League match, becoming the first Chelsea player to do so since Eden Hazard. Goals from Callum Hudson-Odoi and Reece James meant that 17 different players had scored for Chelsea in all competitions. Odo October, Chelsea took on Southampton at home in the EFL Cup round of 16. Kai Havertz and Ché Adams scored the only goals of the game, with Chelsea going on to win 4–3 on penalties. October ended the month of October with a 3–0 win against Newcastle United at St. James' Park. After a goalless first half, Reece James scored two goals from the far-right corner of the penalty area, the first of which was a left-footed half-volley, ending the Premier League month of top of the league.

Chelsea ended the month of October with a 1–0 win away against Malmö, with Hakim Ziyech scoring the winner. [46] Ben Chilwell was nominated for Premier League Player of the Month, and Thomas Tuchel was nominated for Premier League Manager of the Month for the second time, eventually going on to win the award. [47][48]

	Position at the end of October												
Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification			
1	Chelsea	10	8	1	1	26	3	+23	25				
2	Liverpool	10	6	4	0	29	8	+21	22	Qualification for the Champions			
3	Manchester City	10	6	2	2	20	6	+14	20	League group stage			
4	West Ham United	10	6	2	2	20	11	+9	20				
5	Manchester United	7	5	2	0	19	15	+4	17	Qualification for the Europa League			

Position at the end of October

Source:

November

November began with Trevoh Chalobah signing a contract extension through 2026. "It's quite surreal," Chalobah said. "It's a dream for me to sign a new long-term contract for my boyhood club and hopefully the dream continues. It's been an unbelievable start to the season and something I never expected but it just shows that the hard work I've put in and going out on loans has paid off." [49]

On 6 November, Chelsea drew <u>Burnley</u> 1–1, with Kai Havertz scoring the opening goal before <u>Matěj Vydra</u> equalised. [50] It was only the third time of the season that Chelsea dropped points in the Premier League. Entering into the international break, Chelsea were in first place in the Premier League, three points clear of second place Manchester City. [51] Throughout the month of November, Chelsea was reported to be in negotiations with Antonio Rüdiger and Andreas Christensen over new contracts. Speaking about the negotiations, Thomas Tuchel said, "I feel the situation is calm here inside and from here we go." He went on, "You can end up in situations like this but the situations are handled from all sides very carefully, professionally and mature."

Chelsea returned from the international break on 20 November to beat <u>Leicester City</u> 3–0 at the <u>King Power Stadium</u>. <u>N'Golo Kanté</u> scored a long-range goal from outside of the penalty area against his former club and substitute <u>Christian Pulisic</u> scored after returning from a lengthy ankle injury. [53]

On 24 November, Chelsea took on Juventus in a crucial Champions League group stage match. Heading into Matchday 5, Chelsea were second in Group H, three points behind the Italian side after losing in Turin on Matchday 2. Chelsea needed to win by a margin of two goals or more to move to the top of the group leading into the final matchday due to Juventus' superior goal difference. From the opening whistle, Chelsea employed an extremely attacking approach, with the five defenders playing an extremely high line and the forwards aggressively pressuring the ball in Juventus' half. Trevoh Chalobah scored the game's opener off a corner kick to put Chelsea 1–0 up. Five minutes later, Thiago Silva cleared a shot from former Chelsea player Álvaro Morata off the line with a dramatic overhead kick to preserve the one-goal advantage at the break. In the second half, Chelsea scored two goals in two minutes from Reece James and Callum Hudson-Odoi before Timo Werner made it 4–0 in stoppage time. The win was Chelsea's largest ever in a competitive fixture against Juventus and guaranteed their progression to the knockout rounds of the Champions League. However, Ben Chilwell suffered anterior cruciate ligament damage during the match, ruling him out for the rest of the season.

The following Sunday, Chelsea took on Manchester United, who had recently sacked manager <u>Ole Gunnar Solskjær</u>. Despite having almost two-thirds of the possession, Chelsea could only manage a 1–1 draw. Jorginho's heavy touch allowed <u>Jadon Sancho</u> to score the game's opener, but he later converted a penalty to level the score line. [57]

Position at the end of November

Pos	Team	Pld	W	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification		
1	Chelsea	13	9	3	1	31	5	+26	30			
2	Manchester City	13	9	2	2	27	7	+20	29	Qualification for the Champions		
3	Liverpool	13	8	4	1	39	11	+28	28	League group stage		
4	West Ham United	13	7	2	4	24	16	+8	23			
5	Arsenal	13	7	2	4	15	17	-2	23	Qualification for the Europa League group stage		

Source:

December

Chelsea began the busy December period with a match against Watford. Players had to leave the pitch for 25 minutes due to a medical incident in the <u>Graham Taylor</u> Stand at <u>Vicarage Road</u>. Paramedics rushed onto the pitch about 12 minutes into the game to treat a supporter, who was taken to a local hospital and later reported to be in stable condition. Chelsea went on to win the game 2–1, courtesy of goals from Mason Mount and Hakim Ziyech.

Chelsea's third competitive defeat of the season came on December 4 as they travelled to the <u>London Stadium</u> to take on <u>West Ham</u>, who sat in fourth place in the Premier League. Chelsea lead twice through goals from Thiago Silva and Mason Mount, but were twice pegged back. In the 87th minute, <u>Arthur Masuaku</u> scored the game's winner with a cross-come-shot that beat Mendy at his near post. The result meant that Chelsea slipped to third in the Premier League, behind Manchester City and Liverpool, relinquishing the top spot for the first time since Matchday 6. Four days later, Chelsea travelled to <u>Saint Petersburg</u> to take on <u>Zenit</u> in the final Champions League group stage match. Going into the final matchday, Chelsea sat atop the group, ahead of Juventus due to their superior head-to-head record. Timo Werner scored an early goal, but by half-time, Zenit had scored twice to give the Russian side the lead. Chelsea battled back in the second half, with Romelu Lukaku equalizing before Werner scored his second in the 85th minute. However, with nearly the last kick of the game, <u>Magomed Ozdoev</u> made it 3–3 with a half-volley from outside the penalty area. Combined with Juventus' win against Malmö, the result meant that Chelsea would progress as runners-up in Group H. [61]

On 11 December, Chelsea were involved in another high-scoring match as they beat Leeds United 3–2 courtesy of two penalties from Jorginho, including one in second half stoppage time. Chelsea were twice drawn against Lille in the Champions League Round of 16, as the results of the initial draw were nullified after technical issues. Five days later, Chelsea returned to action at Stamford Bridge without Timo Werner, Romelu Lukaku, and Mateo Kovačić due to COVID-19 against an injury-struck Everton. Despite almost 80% possession, Chelsea could only manage a 1–1 draw, as Mason Mount's seventh goal of the season was followed by Jarrad Branthwaite's first ever strike in the Premier League. On 22 December, Chelsea played out a scoreless draw at Molineux Stadium against Wolverhampton Wanderers before beating Brentford 2–0 in the EFL Cup quarter-final three days later. Chelsea continued to be missing several key players due to COVID-19; in the match against Brentford, Tuchel handed debuts to academy players Harvey Vale, Jude Soonsup-Bell, and Xavier Simons.

On <u>Boxing Day</u>, Chelsea beat Aston Villa 3–1 courtesy of two penalties from Jorginho and a goal from Romelu Lukaku on his return to the squad. Three days later, Chelsea could only manage a draw against <u>Brighton</u> at Stamford Bridge. Lukaku opened the scoring but Chelsea were pegged back in stoppage time as <u>Danny Welbeck</u> equalised. The result meant that Chelsea had failed to win consecutive home games since October. Following the match, Tuchel admitted that Chelsea's hopes of winning the Premier League title were slim, in part due to the effects of COVID-19 within the squad, stating "How should we compete in a title race? It would be stupid. I simply don't know what I can expect from my players. Nobody knows it. Chelsea ended the calendar year in second, eight points behind league leaders Manchester City and one point ahead of Liverpool, who had a game in hand.

On 31 December, Sky Italia released an interview with Romelu Lukaku from earlier in the month in which the striker stated that he was unhappy with his lack of game time at Chelsea and eventually wished to return to former club Inter Milan. "I think the boss has decided to play a different formation but I have to stick at it and get on with it professionally" he stated. "I'm not happy with the situation but it's my job and I mustn't give up." He added, "I hope from the bottom of my heart to go back to Inter and not at the end of my career but when I'm still at a good enough level to win more trophies." In another portion of the interview, Lukaku stated "In my opinion, there are three absolute top teams in football — Real Madrid, Barcelona and Bayern Munich. Every player dreams of playing for one of these teams one day. So I thought if I ever had that possibility, I would sign a new contract with Inter and then go there...But it didn't happen, so I told myself that there is only one team where I could possibly see myself — Chelsea." The interview caused widespread anger among Chelsea fans.

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Pos	Team	Pld	W	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification		
1	Manchester City	20	16	2	2	51	12	+39	50			
2	Chelsea	20	12	6	2	43	14	+29	42	Qualification for the Champions		
3	Liverpool	19	12	5	2	50	16	+34	41	League group stage		
4	Arsenal	19	11	2	6	32	23	+9	35			
5	West Ham United	19	9	4	6	34	25	+9	31	Qualification for the <u>Europa League</u> group stage		

Source:

January

Chelsea's first game of the new year came on 2 January at Stamford Bridge. The match saw second-place Chelsea take on third-placed Liverpool, with both teams needing a win to keep pace with league leaders Manchester City. In the press conferences leading up to the match, Tuchel responded to questions about Lukaku's interview by stating "I don't like it because it brings noise that we don't need. It's just not helpful. On the other side, we don't want to make more out of it than it actually is. You know very well how it is - it's very easy to take lines out of context. It's very easy to shorten lines and make headlines, then later realise that it's not so bad and maybe not what he meant." He went on, "But let's be honest that we don't like it." Tuchel announced in the pre-match press conference that he decided to drop Lukaku despite the fact that the Belgian had scored in each of the previous two league matches, stating "the thing got too noisy so close to the match, so I decided to protect the preparation of the match, and that's why he's out." Tuchel replaced Lukaku with Kai Havertz playing as a false-nine. The match started at a high pace, with chances on both ends. However, Liverpool scored twice in the opening 26 minutes. Just before halftime, Mateo Kovačić struck a volley from outside the penalty area that rifled into the top corner of the net, halving the deficit. Chelsea attacked frenetically before the interval, and in first-half stoppage time, Christian Pulisic controlled N'Golo Kanté's lofted pass and finished powerfully to level the score line at 2 goals for each side. In the second half, both Édouard Mendy and Caoimhin Kelleher made crucial saves to keep the score level. The match ended 2–2, with both sides losing ground on Manchester City. [76]

On 3 January, Chelsea announced that Thiago Silva had extended his contract until 2023. The following day, Lukaku issued an official apology to Chelsea fans. If am sorry for the upset I have caused, he stated. You guys know the connection I have to the club and I totally understand you guys being upset. He went on, Is should have been much clearer in my message. The interview was about saying goodbye to the Inter fans and it wasn't about trying to disrespect the [Chelsea] fans, my teammates, the club and the manager. On 5 January, Chelsea took on Tottenham Hotspur in the League Cup semi-final first leg at Stamford Bridge, with Lukaku returning to the starting lineup. Chelsea won the match 2–0, courtesy of a goal from Kai Havertz and a Ben Davies own-goal, which occurred in bizarre fashion after Japhet Tanganga's clearance bounced back off the Welshman's face into the net. The following weekend, Chelsea beat National League side Chesterfield 5–1 in the FA Cup third round in a match that saw Lewis Hall make his senior debut. On 12 January, Chelsea beat Tottenham Hotspur 1–0 in the second leg of the Carabao Cup semi-final, booking a spot at Wembley for the final. Antonio Rüdiger, who still had not signed a contract extension, scored the game's only goal.

On 16 January, Chelsea took on league leaders Manchester City. The Citizens dominated the game for long periods, with Kevin De Bruyne scoring the game's only goal. Chelsea only managed one shot on target during the entire game, and the result saw Manchester City move 13 points clear at the top of the Premier League table. Two days later, Chelsea drew 1–1 with Brighton. The result meant that Chelsea had only won three of their last ten Premier League matches. Following the match, Tuchel spoke about Chelsea's poor league form, saying "We were mentally tired and physically tired."

Chelsea returned to winning ways on 23 January with a 2–0 win against Tottenham Hotspur in the Premier League. Hakim Ziyech opened the scoring with a curling left-footed shot from outside of the penalty area that arched into the top corner of the net. The win meant that Chelsea had beaten Tottenham three times in the space of a month—the last Premier League team to achieve this feat was Aston Villa against Blackburn Rovers in January 2010. Ziyech's goal was nominated for Premier League Goal of the Month for January, but it was awarded to Mateo Kovačić for his volley against Liverpool.

Position at the end of January

Pos	Team	Pld	.W.	₽	<u>L</u>	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification		
1	Manchester City	23	18	3	2	55	14	+41	57			
2	Liverpool	22	14	6	2	58	19	+39	48	Qualification for the <u>Champions</u> <u>League group stage</u>		
3	Chelsea	24	13	8	3	48	18	+30	47			
4	Manchester United	22	11	5	6	37	31	+6	38			
5	West Ham United	23	11	4	8	41	31	+10	37	Qualification for the Europa League group stage		

Source:

February

Chelsea began February with a 2–1 win after extra time against Plymouth Argyle in the FA Cup fourth round in a match led by assistant coach Arno Michels due to Tuchel's positive COVID-19 test. Marcos Alonso scored the match-winning goal in extra time and Kepa Arrizabalaga saved a late penalty to avoid a shootout. Chelsea then travelled to the United Arab Emirates for the 2021 Club World Cup. Chelsea faced Saudi side Al-Hilal in the semi-finals at the Mohammed bin Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi in a match they won 1–0 courtesy of a goal from Romelu Lukaku. Solution In the final, Chelsea played Brazilian side Palmeiras who beat Al Ahly in the semi-finals. It was a tight contest, but Lukaku opened the scoring just after the second half began. However, Palmeiras equalised just nine minutes later from the penalty spot after Thiago Silva was penalised for a handball, sending the match into extra time. The score remained level until the 117th minute, when Chelsea were also awarded a penalty for a handball. César Azpilicueta picked up the ball and appeared to be set to take the decisive penalty, but after being mobbed by Palmeiras players, he passed it to Kai Havertz, who scored. After the match, Azpilicueta stated that "it was a tactic because I knew how they are, I knew they were coming for the penalty taker, so I took the ball. Chelsea won the match 2–1, winning the Club World Cup for the first time in their history, thus making them the second English side after Liverpool to win the international treble of the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Super Cup and FIFA Club World Cup. Thiago Silva was named the tournament's best player, and Chelsea won the Fair Play Award.

Chelsea returned to Premier League action on 19 February beating Crystal Palace 1–0 at <u>Selhurst Park</u> after Hakim Ziyech scored an 89th-minute winner. Three days later, Chelsea hosted their Champions League Round of 16 tie against Lille, winning 2–0 after goals from Kai Havertz, who replaced Lukaku in the starting lineup, and Christian Pulisic. On 26 February, Chelsea released a club statement in which owner <u>Roman Abramovich</u> announced that we was "giving trustees of Chelsea's charitable Foundation the stewardship and care of Chelsea FC." The move came two days after the <u>2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine</u> and suggestions that the UK government should seize Abramovich's assets for his role in the Russian state. [96][97]

On 27 February, Chelsea played Liverpool in the 2022 EFL Cup Final. The match was played at a quick pace, with both teams creating a number of high-quality chances. Mason Mount and Christian Pulisic both had opportunities to score in the first half, while Édouard Mendy made a series of important saves including one at point-blank range against Sadio Mané. The match went to extra time after Joel Matip's close-range finish was ruled out for a foul. Chelsea also put the ball in the back of the net three times, but all were ruled offside. The final of these goals saw a Romelu Lukaku goal narrowly ruled out for offside, with the Belgian forward's bicep being used to determine the line for offside. Despite many opportunities, neither team could break the deadlock after 120 minutes, so the match went to a penalty shootout. Thomas Tuchel substituted goalkeeper Édouard Mendy for Kepa Arrizabalaga, as he had done in the Super Cup. Chelsea shot second, and after ten rounds of shots every player had scored leaving the two goalkeepers to shoot. Liverpool goalkeeper Caoimhin Kelleher dispatched his penalty before Arrizabalaga shot over the crossbar, meaning that Liverpool won the Carabao Cup 11–10 on penalties. 1981 It was the longest shootout in EFL Cup Final history. 4 After the game, 1991 Trevoh Chalobah openly criticised referee Stuart Attwell for failing to penalise a challenge from Naby Keïta which required stitches. 1001

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Pos	Team	Pld	W	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification	
1	Manchester City	27	21	3	3	64	17	+47	66		
2	Liverpool (T)	26	18	6	2	70	20	+50	60	Qualification for the <u>Champions</u> <u>League group stage</u>	
3	Chelsea	25	14	8	3	49	18	+31	50		
4	Manchester United	27	13	8	6	45	35	+10	47		
5	West Ham United	27	13	6	8	46	34	+12	45	Qualification for the Europa League group stage	

March

On 2 March, just hours before Chelsea took on Luton Town in the FA Cup fifth round, Roman Abramovich announced that he planned to sell the football club, stating "I have always taken decisions with the Club's best interest at heart. In the current situation, I have therefore taken the decision to sell the Club, as I believe this is in the best interest of the Club, the fans, the employees, as well as the Club's sponsors and partners." [101] He also stated his intent to donate all proceeds of the sale to the victims of the war in Ukraine. [101] Chelsea went on to beat Luton Town 3–2 with goals from Saúl, Timo Werner, and Romelu Lukaku. [102] In the following days, numerous reports about interested buyers surfaced including Swiss billionaire Hansjörg Wyss, Los Angeles Dodgers and Lakers shareholder Todd Boehly, Pakistani businessman Javed Afridi, and other unnamed parties. [103][104][105] On 9 March, it was reported that Abramovich had received multiple bids but none matched the £3 billion valuation. [106] However, on 10 March, the British government froze all of Roman Abramovich's assets due to his close personal ties with Vladimir Putin, leaving Chelsea unable to sell tickets or merchandise, buy or sell players, and negotiate contracts. [107][108] The UK government issued Chelsea a license that allowed the club to continue footballing activities, ensuring employees continued to be paid, and that season-ticket holders could continue to attend games. [109] Subsequently, Three UK and Hyundai announced that they were terminating their sponsorship partnerships with Chelsea, which reportedly totaled up to £50 million per year. [110] Sponsor Trivago and kit maker Nike, however, maintained their existing deals with the club. [111][112] On 12 March, Chelsea's company credit cards were frozen, significantly limiting day-to-day spending but still allowing for matchday transportation costs lower than 20,000 per game. [113] It was reported that this left Chelsea unable to buy fuel for the team's bus. [113] Technical director Petr Čech stated, "We have many questions, we don't have many answers but we are determined to concentrate on things we can control" and noted that the club was running "dayto-day."[114]

Meanwhile, Chelsea continued to fulfil their regular season matches, beating Norwich 3–1 away at Carrow Road and beating Burnley 4–0 at Turf Moor, headlined by a strike from Reece James that was nominated as March Premier League goal of the month. [115][116] The Blues also won 1–0 against Newcastle at Stamford Bridge with a last minute winner from Kai Havertz that was also nominated for Premier League goal of the month. [117][118][116] Prior to their trip to Lille for the second leg of the Champions League Round of 16, Thomas Tuchel noted that there were doubts about whether the team would be able to travel, stating "My last information is we are getting a plane. So we can go by plane and come back by plane. If not, we'll go by train. If not, we'll go by bus. If not, I'll drive a seven-seater. Honestly, I will do it. You can mark my words, I will do to arrive there. "[119] He went on, "of course, organization-wise, there are some negotiations going on and talks, but it doesn't influence me. That's what I mean, we have brilliant guys who organize the travel and we have, in every department, such committed people that at the moment things feel pretty normal."[119]

Chelsea's off-the-pitch turmoil continued in the build-up to the FA Cup quarter-final against <u>Middlesbrough</u>, when the UK government rejected Chelsea's request to sell additional away tickets. [120] As a result, Chelsea lodged a request to play the match behind closed doors, which was subsequently withdrawn after an official rebuke from Middlesbrough. [121] Chelsea went on to win the match 2–0 after goals from Romelu Lukaku and Hakim Ziyech. [122]

The deadline for new ownership groups to submit applications was set on March 18 by Raine Group, an American bank overseeing the process of Chelsea's sale. [123] In the following week, The Raine Group narrowed a shortlist to four bidders, eliminating bids led by Nick Candy, Woody Johnson, Saudi Media Group, Aethel Partners, and Centricus. [124][125] The remaining bidders included groups led by the Ricketts family, Todd Boehly, Sir Martin Broughton, and Stephen Pagliuca. [126][127] However, Islamophobic comments from Joe Ricketts surfaced on social media, which led many Chelsea fans to demand that the Ricketts family bid be removed from consideration. [128][129][130] Chelsea Supporters' Trust released a statement on March 25 stating "our concerns about their [the Ricketts family] ability to run an inclusive, successful club on behalf of our diverse supporter base around the world have not been allayed." [131]

Despite off-the-pitch turmoil, Trevoh Chalobah and Kai Havertz were nominated for the Premier League player of the month for March and Thomas Tuchel was nominated as Premier League manager of the month. [132][133]

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	.L.	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	Manchester City	29	22	4	3	68	18	+50	70	
2	Liverpool (T)	29	21	6	2	75	20	+55	69	Qualification for the Champions
3	Chelsea	28	17	8	3	57	19	+38	59	League group stage
4	Arsenal	28	17	3	8	45	32	+13	54	
5	Tottenham Hotspur	29	16	3	10	45	34	+11	51	Qualification for the Europa League group stage

Position at the end of March

(T) Qualified, but not yet for the particular phase indicated

April

Chelsea began the month of April with a 4-1 defeat at home to Brentford. Antonio Rüdiger opened the scoring in the 48th minute with a strike from 35 yards that was nominated for April's Premier League Goal of the Month award. [134] However, Brentford rallied with three goals in ten minutes before scoring a fourth just before the full-time whistle. It was the first time that Brentford had won at Stamford Bridge since 1939. [135] On 6 April, Chelsea took on Real Madrid in the first leg of the Champions League quarter-final at home. Karim Benzema scored two headers three minutes apart in the first half, putting Chelsea at an early disadvantage. However, Kai Havertz pulled a goal back just before half time to halve the deficit. Just after the break, Benzema completed his hat-trick after he picked off a loose pass by Édouard Mendy. Despite chances late in the match from substitute Romelu Lukaku, Chelsea went on to lose the match 3–1. [136] Before the second leg, Chelsea travelled to St. Mary's Stadium to take on Southampton, where they won 6–0 courtesy of braces from Timo Werner and Mason Mount and goals from Kai Havertz and Marcos Alonso. The result was Chelsea's second largest win of the season. [137] On 12 April, Chelsea travelled to the Santiago Bernabéu to take on Real Madrid. The match began with a high intensity from both sides, but it was Chelsea who scored first with a goal from Mason Mount in the 15th minute. Six minutes after half time, Antonio Rüdiger doubled Chelsea's lead with a powerful header off a corner kick, levelling the score on aggregate at 3–3. Chelsea then had a Marcos Alonso goal disallowed by VAR after he was adjudged to have handled the ball, but in the 75th minute, Timo Werner scored to make it 3-0 on the night and 4-3 on aggregate after dribbling past two Real Madrid defenders and calmly scoring past Thibaut Courtois. However, in the 80th minute, Real Madrid levelled on aggregate after Luka Modrić picked out Rodrygo. The match went on to extra time, where both sides had chances. However, the final goal of the match was scored by Karim Benzema, who capitalized on a series of defensive errors. The match ended in a 3-2 victory for Chelsea but a 5–4 defeat on aggregate. Following the match, Thomas Tuchel stated "Yes, it always [hurts to lose] but these are the kinds of defeats we can digest, because we left no regrets out there. We played how we wanted to play, we showed the quality and the character that this team has. We deserved to go through. It was not meant to be today, we were simply unlucky." [138]

On 15 April, it was announced that the Ricketts group had withdrawn their bid to takeover Chelsea, stating "The Ricketts-Griffin-Gilbert Group has decided, after careful consideration, not to submit a final bid for Chelsea FC. In the process of finalising their proposal, it became increasingly clear that certain issues could not be addressed given the unusual dynamics around the sales process. We have great admiration for Chelsea and its fans, and we wish the new owners well." [139]

Chelsea returned to winning ways against Crystal Palace in a 2–0 victory at <u>Wembley</u> in the <u>FA Cup semi-final</u> to book a spot in the final against Liverpool. They returned to Premier League action with a 4–2 defeat to Arsenal at home on 20 April, with several defensive errors proving costly as the Gunners won at Stamford Bridge for the second consecutive season. The result meant that Chelsea had conceded 11 goals in their last 3 home matches in all competitions, making it their leakiest home defense record in three matches since 1989. On 24 April, Chelsea beat West Ham 1–0 with a 90th-minute winner from Christian Pulisic and ended April four days later with a 1–1 draw against Manchester United, in which <u>Cristiano Ronaldo</u> equalized two minutes after Marcos Alonso opened the scoring. During this period, it was widely reported that Antonio Rüdiger had agreed to join Real Madrid when his contract expired in the summer and would be leaving the club at the end of the season. [145][146]

Position	at	the	end	of	April
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Pos	Team	Pld	W	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification		
1	Manchester City (Q)	34	26	5	3	84	21	+63	83			
2	Liverpool (Q)	34	25	7	2	86	22	+64	82	Qualification for the Champions		
3	Chelsea	33	19	9	5	68	28	+40	66	League group stage		
4	Arsenal	33	19	3	11	53	41	+12	60			
5	Tottenham Hotspur	33	18	4	11	54	36	+18	58	Qualification for the Europa League group stage		

Source:

(Q) Qualified for the phase indicated

May

Chelsea began the month of May with a 1–0 defeat to relegation-threatened Everton at Goodison Park, who were managed by former head coach and club legend Frank Lampard. On 4 May, it was reported that the sale of Chelsea was being stalled because Roman Abramovich wanted to restructure the sale to regain the £1.5 billion he had loaned to the club. One day later, however, Chelsea released an official statement clarifying that these reports were false and that all proceeds from the club's sale would be donated to charitable foundations. It was also reported that Sir Jim Ratcliffe submitted a late bid worth £4.25 billion to buy Chelsea but was

rejected out of hand. [150] The sale of Chelsea officially proceeded on 6 May, as an ownership group led by Todd Boehly, Clearlake Capital, Mark Walter, and Hansjörg Wyss acquired the club. [151] The first match of the new era came on 7 May in a home match against Wolves. Chelsea led 2–0 after Romelu Lukaku scored a brace, but were pegged back as Wolves scored twice in the final 20 minutes of the match to level the score at 2–2. [152] The result left Chelsea just one point ahead of Arsenal in fourth. [153] Marcos Alonso was substituted from the match at half time, and it was reported that this was due to an altercation with Thomas Tuchel, who stated "Marcos was not injured, it was just a decision we made." [154] It was rumored that Marcos Alonso wanted to push for a move to Barcelona in the summer and that teammates César Azpilicueta and Andreas Christensen could also move to Camp Nou on a free, as their contracts were set to expire in the summer. [155][156][157]

Chelsea won for the first time in May by beating relegation-threatened Leeds 3–0 midweek before the FA Cup Final against Liverpool. [158] The final took place on 14 May 2022 at Wembley and was a repeat of the Carabao Cup Final earlier in the season. Chelsea lined up in their away yellow uninform, possibly due to a superstitious belief that it would give them a better chance of winning. [159] Liverpool dominated early proceedings, but Chelsea were able to keep the Reds at bay with Édouard Mendy called into action on several occasions. However, Chelsea grew into the game over the course of the first half, and Christian Pulisic and Marcos Alonso both had chances to score. In the second half, both sides continued to have chances, with Alonso hitting the crossbar and both Luis Díaz and Andrew Robertson hitting the post. The match finished scoreless at the end of ninety minutes, leading to an extra time which was bereft of major chances. Like the Carabao Cup Final, the match finished 0–0 and went to penalties. César Azpilicueta hit the post with an early penalty giving Liverpool the advantage. With the fifth kick of the shootout, Sadio Mané stepped up with a chance to score the decisive penalty but saw his shot saved by Mendy. However, in the seventh round of spot kicks, Alisson saved Mason Mount's penalty, and Kostas Tsimikas scored, winning the FA Cup Final for Liverpool. It was the second time of the season that Liverpool had beaten Chelsea in a cup final on penalties and was the third consecutive season in which Chelsea lost in the FA Cup Final. [160][161][162]

Following the disappointment in the Cup Final, Chelsea were boosted by the fact that <u>Arsenal</u> lost back-to-back matches against <u>Tottenham</u> and <u>Newcastle</u>, guaranteeing them a top four finish and a spot in the <u>2022–23 UEFA Champions League</u>. Chelsea then drew Leicester City 1–1 in their penultimate match of the season, which all but secured third place for the Blues due to their far superior goal difference to Tottenham. 164 On the final day of the season, Chelsea beat Watford 2–1 after <u>Ross Barkley</u> scored a stoppage time winner, confirming their third-place finish with 74 points, 19 points behind champions Manchester City. 165 [165] Chelsea broke a new Premier League record by becoming the first side in the history of the competition not to be losing a match at half-time within a season.

On 28 May, the club announced that a "final and definitive agreement" was entered to sell the club to the consortium of Boehly and Clearlake Capital. On 30 May, the club announced that the acquisition of the club to the said consortium had been completed. The sale of the club was approved by the UK and Portuguese Governments, the European Union and Premier League. Several players also officially announced their departures from Chelsea, including Danny Drinkwater and Antonio Rüdiger. [171][172]

Final league position

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	Ļ	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation	
1	Manchester City (C)	38	29	6	3	99	26	+73	93		
2	Liverpool	38	28	8	2	94	26	+68	92	Qualification for the Champions League grou	
3	Chelsea	38	21	11	6	76	33	+43	74	stage	
4	Tottenham Hotspur	38	22	5	11	69	40	+29	71		
5	Arsenal	38	22	3	13	61	48	+13	69	Qualification for the Europa League group stage ^[a]	

Source: Premier League (https://www.premierleague.com/tables?co=1&se=418&ha=-1)

Rules for classification: 1) Points; 2) Goal difference; 3) Goals scored; 4) If the champions, relegated teams or qualified teams for UEFA competitions cannot be determined by rules 1 to 3, rules 4.1 to 4.3 are applied – 4.1) Points gained in head-to-head record between such teams; 4.2) Away goals scored in head-to-head record between such teams; 4.3) Play-offs [174]

(C) Champions

Notes:

a. Since the winners of the <u>2021–22 FA Cup</u> and the <u>2021–22 EFL Cup</u>, Liverpool, qualified for the Champions League, the spot given to the FA Cup winners (Europa League group stage) was passed to the sixth-placed team and the spot

given to the League Cup winners (Europa Conference League play-off round) was passed to the seventh-placed team. [173]

Management team

Position	Name
Head coach	Thomas Tuchel
Assistant head coach	Arno Michels
Assistant coaches	Zsolt Lőw Anthony Barry
Goalkeeper coach	Henrique Hilário

Players

Squad information

Players and squad numbers last updated on 22 May 2022. Appearances include all competitions. $^{[175]}$

Note: Flags indicate national team as has been defined under FIFA eligibility rules. Players may hold more than one non-FIFA nationality.

No.	Player	Nat.	Position(s)	Date of birth (Age)	Signed in	Contract ends	Signed from	Transfer fee	Apps.	Goals
				G	oalkeeper	s				
1	Kepa Arrizabalaga	ε.	<u>GK</u>	3 October 1994 (aged 27)	2018	2025 ^[176]	Athletic Bilbao	£71.5M ^[177]	124	0
13	Marcus Bettinelli	±	<u>GK</u>	24 May 1992 (aged 30)	2021	2023 ^[178]	+ Fulham	Free ^[179]	1	0
16	Édouard Mendy	*	<u>GK</u>	1 March 1992 (aged 30)	2020	2025 ^[180]	Rennes	£22M ^[181]	93	0
			•	· 	Defenders		•	:	:	•
2	Antonio Rüdiger	_	СВ	3 March 1993 (aged 29)	2017	2022 ^[182]	Roma	£29M ^[183]	203	12
3	Marcos Alonso	5	LWB / LB	28 December 1990 (aged 31)	2016	2023 ^[184]	Fiorentina	£24M ^[185]	212	29
4	Andreas Christensen	==	СВ	10 April 1996 (aged 26)	2013	2022 ^[186]		N/A	161	2
6	Thiago Silva	◆	СВ	22 September 1984 (aged 37)	2020	2023 ^[77]	Paris Saint- Germain	Free ^[187]	82	5
14	Trevoh Chalobah	+	CB / DM	5 July 1999 (aged 22)	2018	2026 ^[188]		N/A	30	4
21	Ben Chilwell	+	LB / LWB	21 December 1996 (aged 25)	2020	2025 ^[189]	Leicester City	£45M ^[190]	55	7
24	Reece James	+	RB / RWB	8 December 1999 (aged 22)	2018	2025 ^[191]	Chelsea Academy	N/A	123	9
28	César Azpilicueta (captain)	ε.	RB / CB	29 August 1989 (aged 32)	2012	2022 ^[192]	Marseille	£7M ^[193]	476	17
31	Malang Sarr		CB/LB	23 January 1999 (aged 23)	2020	2025 ^[194]	Nice	Free ^[194]	21	0
				ı	Midfielders	•				
5	Jorginho (vice-captain)	ш	<u>DM</u> / <u>CM</u>	20 December 1991 (aged 30)	2018	2023 ^[195]	■ Napoli	£50M ^[196]	188	26
7	N'Golo Kanté	ш	CM / DM	21 March 1991 (aged 31)	2016	2023 ^[197]	Leicester City	£32M ^[198]	260	13
8	Mateo Kovačić	*	CM / DM	6 May 1994 (aged 28)	2019	2024 ^[199]	Real Madrid	£40M ^[200]	184	4
12	Ruben Loftus- Cheek	+	CM / DM	23 January 1996 (aged 26)	2014	2024 ^[201]	+ Chelsea Academy	N/A	122	13
17	Saúl	£	CM / DM	21 November 1994 (aged 27)	2021	2022 ^[202]	Atlético Madrid	£4.5M ^{a[203]}	26	1
18	Ross Barkley	+	AM / CM	5 December 1993 (aged 28)	2018	2023 ^[204]	+ Everton	£15M ^[204]	100	12

23	Kenedy	•	LM / LWB	8 February 1996 (aged 26)	2015	2023	Fluminense	£6.3M	30	3					
68	Harvey Vale	+	AM / CM	11 September 2003 (aged 18)	2021	2023	Chelsea Academy	N/A	5	0					
	Forwards														
9	Romelu Lukaku	•	ST	13 May 1993 (aged 29)	2021	2026 ^[205]	Inter Milan	£97.5M ^[206]	59	15					
10	Christian Pulisic		<u>LW</u> / <u>RW</u>	18 September 1998 (aged 23)	2019	2024 ^[207]	Borussia Dortmund	£58M ^[208]	115	25					
11	Timo Werner	_	ST / LW	6 March 1996 (aged 26)	2020	2025 ^[209]	RB Leipzig	£47.5M ^[210]	89	23					
19	Mason Mount	+	AM / CM / LW / RW	10 January 1999 (aged 23)	2017	2024 ^[211]	+ Chelsea Academy	N/A	160	30					
20	Callum Hudson-Odoi	+	LW / RWB	7 November 2000 (aged 21)	2018	2024 ^[212]	Chelsea Academy	N/A	126	16					
22	Hakim Ziyech	*	RW / AM	19 March 1993 (aged 29)	2020	2025 ^[213]	Ajax	£37M ^[214]	83	14					
29	Kai Havertz		CF/AM	11 June 1999 (aged 23)	2020	2025 ^[215]	Bayer Leverkusen	£72M ^[216]	92	23					

a. $\underline{\ }$ Loan fee with the option to buy at the end of season.

Transfers

In

Summer

Date	No.	Pos.	Player	From	Fee	Source
1 July 2021	55	FW	Jayden Wareham	→ Woking	Free	[217]
28 July 2021	13	GK	→ Marcus Bettinelli	+ Fulham	Free	[218]
12 August 2021	9	FW	Romelu Lukaku	Inter Milan	£97,500,000	[219][220]
10 September 2021		MF	→ Bradley Ryan	Welling United	Free	[221]

Winter

Date	No.	Pos.	Player	From	Fee	Source
10 January 2022		DF	→ Travis Akomeah	→ Watford	Free	[222]
22 January 2022		DF	→ Dylan Williams	→ Derby County	Undisclosed	[223]
31 January 2022		FW	→ Mason Burstow	+ Charlton Athletic	Undisclosed	[224]

Loan in

Summer

Date	No.	Pos.	Player	From	Fee	Source
31 August 2021	17	MF	Saúl	Atlético Madrid	£4,500,000	[12]

Out

Summer

Date	No.	Pos.	Player	То	Fee	Source
9 June 2021	48	DF	Pierre Ekwah- Elimby	→ West Ham United	£1,260,000	[225]
16 June 2021		MF	Danilo Pantić	Partizan Partizan	Free	[226]
18 June 2021		MF	Marco van Ginkel	PSV	Free	[227]
		GK	→ Jamal Blackman	Los Angeles FC ^[a]	Free	[228]
	13	GK	Willy Caballero	→ Southampton ^[b]	Free	[228]
		DF	+ Filip Lissah	344 Swansea City	Free	[229]
		DF	Zane Myers	344 Swansea City	Free	[229]
		DF	→ David Roberts	*** Swansea City	Free	[229]
	14	DF	+ Fikayo Tomori	Milan	£26,800,000	[230]
1 July 2021		DF	→ Jack Wakely	→ Wycombe Wanderers ^[c]	Free	[231]
	63	DF	+ Charlie Wiggett	Newcastle United	Undisclosed	[232][233
		MF	→ Dubem Eze	→ Derby County	Free	[234]
	51	MF	→ Marcel Lewis	Union SG	Free	[235]
		MF	+ Finley Munroe	+ Aston Villa	Free	[236]
		FW	Izzy Brown	→ Preston North End	Free	[237]
		FW	+ Kyrell Wilson	Swansea City	Free	[229]
2 July 2021	41	MF	Luke McCormick	AFC Wimbledon	Free	[232]
,		FW	■ Victor Moses	Spartak Moscow	£4,500,000	[238]
17 July 2021	18	FW	Olivier Giroud	Milan	£900,000	[16]
18 July 2021		DF	→ Marc Guéhi	Crystal Palace	£21,000,000	[19]
19 July 2021		MF	→ Jon Russell	Huddersfield Town	Free	[239]
22 July 2021	54	MF	+ Lewis Bate	+ Leeds United	£1,580,000	[240]
23 July 2021	58	MF	Myles Peart- Harris	Brentford	£1,350,000	[241][242
27 July 2021	46	DF	→ Dynel Simeu	Southampton	£1,580,000	[243]
29 July 2021		FW	Aleksi Heino	VfL Wolfsburg	Undisclosed	[244]
3 August 2021	57	MF	Tino Livramento	Southampton	£5,310,000	[20]
17 August 2021	9	FW	Tammy Abraham	Roma	£36,000,000	[17]
24 August 2021		DF	Davide Zappacosta	■ Atalanta	£8,100,000	[245]
25 August 2021		FW	I ♦■ Ike Ugbo	Genk	£3,150,000	[21]
28 August 2021	15	DF	Kurt Zouma	→ West Ham United	£31,500,000	[18]

	56	MF	→ Declan Frith	→ Aston Villa ^[d]	Free	[246]
7 December 2021	83	MF	→ Bradley Ryan		Free	[247]

Notes

- a. Released on 1 July 2021, Blackman joined Los Angeles FC on 13 September 2021
- b. Released on 1 July 2021, Caballero joined Southampton on 6 December 2021
- c. Released on 1 July 2021, Wakely joined Wycombe Wanderers on 28 July 2021
- d. Released at the end of August 2021, Frith joined Aston Villa on 13 October 2021

Winter

Date	No.	Pos.	Player	То	Fee	Source
15 January 2022	32	MF	→ Lewis Baker	+ Stoke City	Undisclosed	[248]
28 January 2022	38	MF	Tariq Uwakwe	— Crewe Alexandra	Undisclosed	[249]

Loan out

Summer

Date	Until	No.	Pos.	Player	То	Fee	Source
1 July 2021	End of season	56	DF	Levi Colwill	Huddersfield Town	Free	[250]
,	End of season		GK	Nathan Baxter	+ Hull City	Free	[251]
2 July 2021	End of season	23	MF	Billy Gilmour	Norwich City	Free	[252]
6 July 2021	21 January 2022 ^[a]		DF	Juan Castillo	Birmingham City	Free	[254]
	End of season	47	DF	Henry Lawrence	AFC Wimbledon	Free	[255]
26 July 2021	13 January 2022 ^[b]		GK	→ Jamie Cumming	- Gillingham	Free	[257]
00.1-1-0004	End of season		DF	lan Maatsen	Coventry City	Free	[258]
30 July 2021	End of season		MF	Conor Gallagher	Crystal Palace	Free	[259]
10 August 2021	End of season		FW	Armando Broja	Southampton	Free	[260]
13 August 2021	End of season		DF	Jake Clarke- Salter	Coventry City	Free	[261]
	End of season		FW	Michy Batshuayi	C Beşiktaş	£135,000	[262]
18 August 2021	13 January 2022 ^[c]		MF	Kenedy	Flamengo	£450,000	[264]
	End of season	40	GK	Karlo Žiger	Rudar Velenje	Free	[265]
19 August 2021	End of season	33	DF	Emerson	Lyon	£450,000	[266]
20 August 2021	End of season		DF	Matt Miazga	Alavés	Free	[267]
27 August 2021	End of season		DF	Baba Rahman	Reading	Free	[268]
20 August 2021	30 June 2023		MF	Tiémoué Bakayoko	■ Milan	£1,800,000	[269]
30 August 2021	End of season		MF	Danny Drinkwater	+ Reading	Free	[270]
	End of season		DF	Dujon Sterling	→ Blackpool	Free	[271]
31 August 2021	5 January 2022 ^[d]	42	MF	Thierno Ballo	Rapid Vienna	Free	[273]
	End of season	44	DF	## Ethan Ampadu	■ Venezia	Free	[274]

2 September 2021	30 January 2022 ^[e]	27	MF	Tino Anjorin	Lokomotiv Moscow	Free	[276]
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Notes

- a. On 21 January, Castillo was recalled to facilitate a loan move to Charlton Athletic. [253]
- b. On 13 January, Cumming's was recalled back early from his loan at Gillingham to facilitate a loan move to MK Dons. [256]
- c. On 13 January, Kenedy was recalled back early from his loan at Flamengo. $^{\left[263\right] }$
- d. On 5 January, Ballo was recalled back early from his loan at Rapid Vienna. [272]
- e. On 30 January, Anjorin was recalled to facilitate a loan move to Huddersfield Town. [275]

Winter

Date	Until	No.	Pos.	Player	То	Fee	Source
13 January 2022	End of season		GK	+ Jamie Cumming	→ Milton Keynes Dons	Free	[256]
21 January 2022	End of season		DF	Juan Castillo	+ Charlton Athletic	Free	[277]
24 1	End of season		MF	Tino Anjorin	Huddersfield Town	Free	[278]
31 January 2022	End of season		FW	→ Mason Burstow	Charlton Athletic	Free	[224]
1 Fahruari 2022	End of season	50	GK	Ethan Wady	+ Hendon	Free	[279]
1 February 2022	End of season	80	GK	Sami Tlemcani	→ Merstham	Free	[280]
2 March 2022	26 August 2022 ^[a]	49	FW	Bryan Fiabema	Rosenborg	Free	[282]

Notes

a. On 26 August, Fiabema was recalled early from his loan at Rosenborg. [281]

Overall transfer activity

Expenditure

Summer: ▼ £102,000,000

Winter: ▼ £0

Total: ▼£102,000,000

Income

Summer: A £143,030,000

Winter: A £0

Total: <u>\$\Lambda\$\$ £143,030,000</u>

Net totals

Summer: **A** £41,030,000

Winter: - £0

Total: <u>\$\Lambda\$\$ £41,030,000</u>

Pre-season and friendlies

On July 14, Chelsea announced they would visit <u>Championship</u> side <u>Bournemouth</u> on 27 July for a pre-season friendly. Prior to this, they would face Peterborough <u>United</u> in a behind-closed-doors friendly at their <u>Cobham Training Centre</u>.

Win Draw Los	s Fixtures			
17 July 2021	Chelsea	6–1	Peterborough United	Cobham, Surrey
11:00 <u>BST</u>	Pulisic	ww.chelseafc.co m/en/news/202 /07/17/chelsea-	Dembélé 😍 56' (pen.)	Stadium: Cobham Training Centre Attendance: 0
27 July 2021	Bournemouth	1–2	Chelsea	Kings Park
19:45 <u>BST</u>	$\frac{1}{6}$	Report (https://w ww.chelseafc.co m/en/news/202 L/07/27/match-r eportbournem uth-vs-chelsea)	Ugbo ❖ 76'	Stadium: <u>Vitality Stadium</u>
15 August 2021	Chelsea	13-0	Weymouth	Cobham, Surrey
12:30 <u>BST</u>	D II & (0.4) & FAIS 751 1	ww.chelseafc.co m/en/news/202 ./08/15/gallery blues-hit-double		Stadium: Cobham Training Centre Attendance: 0

Mind Series

The Blues were confirmed to take part in a first-of-its-kind Mind Series to support mental health in August 2021. [285]

1 August 2021	Arsenal 1–2	Chelsea	Highbury
15:00 BST	Xhaka 69' Report (https://	MHavertz 🛟 26'	Stadium: Emirates Stadium
	Tavares 86' www.chelseafc.c	/ 	Attendance: 20,000 Referee: Andre Marriner
	1/08/01/match-	r Zappacosta <mark>-</mark> 54'	
	eportarsenal- s-chelsea)	v Abraham 😯 72'	
4 August 2021	Chelsea 2–2	Tottenham Hotspur	<u>Fulham</u>
19:45 BST	Ziyech 💸 16', 49' Report (https://	<u>V</u> Lucas ♦ 56'	Stadium: Stamford Bridge
	ww.chelseafc.c	O Bergwijn 🚷 70'	Referee: Keith Stroud
	m/en/news/202 1/08/04/match-		
	eportchelsea-		
	-tottenham)	<u>.</u>	

Competitions

Overall record

Competition	First match	Last match	Starting	Final					Recor	d		
Competition	First match	Last match	round	position	Pld	w	D	<u>L</u>	GF	GA	GD	Win %
Premier League	14 August 2021	21 May 2022	Matchday 1	3rd	38	21	11	6	76	33	+43	55.26
FA Cup	8 January 2022	14 May 2022	Third round	Runners-up	6	5	1	0	14	4	+10	83.33
EFL Cup	22 September 2021	27 February 2022	Third round	Runners-up	6	3	3	0	7	2	+5	50.00
UEFA Champions League	14 September 2021	12 April 2022	Group stage	Quarter- finals	10	7	1	2	21	10	+11	70.00
UEFA Super Cup	11 Augus	st 2021	Final	Winners	1	0	1	0	1	1	+0	0.00
FIFA Club World Cup	9 February 2022	12 February 2022	Semi-final	Winners	2	2	0	0	3	1	+2	100.00
		Total			63	38	17	8	122	51	+71	60.32

Premier League

League table

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	Ļ	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation		
1	Manchester City (C)	38	29	6	3	99	26	+73	93			
2	Liverpool	38	28	8	2	94	26	+68	92	Qualification for the Champions League group		
3	Chelsea	38	21	11	6	76	33	+43	74	stage		
4	Tottenham Hotspur	38	22	5	11	69	40	+29	71			
5	Arsenal	38	22	3	13	61	48	+13	69	Qualification for the Europa League group stage ^[a]		

Source: Premier League (https://www.premierleague.com/tables?co=1&se=418&ha=-1)

Rules for classification: 1) Points; 2) Goal difference; 3) Goals scored; 4) If the champions, relegated teams or qualified teams for UEFA competitions cannot be determined by rules 1 to 3, rules 4.1 to 4.3 are applied – 4.1) Points gained in head-to-head record between such teams; 4.2) Away goals scored in head-to-head record between such teams; 4.3) Play-offs [286]

(C) Champions

Notes:

a. Since the winners of the <u>2021–22 FA Cup</u> and the <u>2021–22 EFL Cup</u>, Liverpool, qualified for the Champions League, the spot given to the FA Cup winners (Europa League group stage) was passed to the sixth-placed team and the spot given to the League Cup winners (Europa Conference League play-off round) was passed to the seventh-placed team.[173]

Results summary

Overall							Home					Away							
Pld	W	D	<u>L</u>	GF	GA	GD	Pts	W	D	Ţ.	GF	GA	GD	W	D	Ë	GF	GA	GD
38	21	11	6	76	33	+43	74	9	7	3	37	22	+15	12	4	3	39	11	+28

Source: Premier League (https://www.premierleague.com/tables)

Results by matchday

Game Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Ground	Н	Α	Α	Н	Α	Н	Н	Α	Н	Α	Н	Α	Н	Α	Α	Н	Н	Α	Α	Н	Н	Α	Н	A ^[a]
Result	W	W	D	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	D	W	D	W	L	W	D	D	W	D	D	L	D	W
Position	2	2	4	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3

Source: Premier League (https://www.premierleague.com/tables)

A = Away; H = Home; W = Win; D = Draw; L = Loss; P = Postponed

Notes: Positions show the situation at the end of the corresponding Game Weeks (GW); not the position at the conclusion of matches or game days

a. Match 24 was played before match 23 as a result of Chelsea's involvement in the delayed $\underline{2021}$ FIFA Club World Cup. $\underline{[287][288]}$

Score overview



Opposition	Home score	Away score	Aggregate score	Double
Arsenal	2–4	2–0	4–4	X
Aston Villa	3–0	3–1	6–1	1
Brentford	1–4	1–0	2–4	×
Brighton	1–1	1–1	2–2	X
Burnley	1–1	4–0	5–1	×
Crystal Palace	3–0	1–0	4–0	1
Everton	1–1	0–1	1–2	X
Leeds United	3–2	3–0	6–2	1
Leicester City	1–1	3–1	4–2	X
Liverpool	2–2	1–1	3–3	×
Manchester City	0–1	0–1	0–2	×
Manchester United	1–1	1–1	2–2	X
Newcastle United	1–0	3–0	4–0	1
Norwich City	7–0	3–1	10–1	1
Southampton	3–1	6–0	9–1	1
Tottenham Hotspur	2–0	3–0	5–0	1
Watford	2–1	2–1	4–2	1
West Ham United	1–0	2–3	3–3	X
Wolves	2–2	0–0	2–2	X

Matches

The league fixtures were announced on 16 June 2021. $^{\underline{[289]}}$

	14 August 2021	Chelsea 3–0	Crystal Palace	Fulham
	15:00 <u>BST</u>	Alonso 27' Report (https://v	•	Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 38,965
		Pulisic 40' www.premienea ue.com/match/ Chalobah 58' 6344)		Referee: Jonathan Moss
	2 22 August 2021	Arsenal 0–2	Chelsea	Highbury
	22 August 2021 16:30 BST	Marí 34' Report (https://		Stadium: Emirates Stadium
	10.00 <u>201</u>	Holding 45' ww.premierleaç ue.com/match/i	James 2 35'	Attendance: 58,729
		Lokonga 67' ue.com/match/		Referee: Paul Tierney
	28 August 2021	Liverpool 1–1	Chelsea	Liverpool
	17:30 BST	Salah 3 45+5' (pen.) Report (https://v		Stadium: Anfield
		ww.premierleag	lames 45+3'	Attendance: 53,100
		ue.com/match/ 6365)	Rüdiger 45+3'	Referee: Anthony Taylor
		<u>5555)</u>	Mendy 45+5'	
	11 September 2021	Chelsea 3–0	Aston Villa	Fulham
	17:30 <u>BST</u>	Lukaku 😍 15', 90+3' Report (https://v	<u>V</u> Ramsey <mark>□</mark> 8'	Stadium: Stamford Bridge
		Kovačić 49 ww.premierlead	Mings 28'	Attendance: 39,969 Referee: Stuart Attwell
		Alonso 61' 6374)	McGinn	resistation <u>State of the second</u>
			Targett 90'	
	5 19 September 2021	Tottenham Hotspur 0-3	Chelsea	London
	16:30 <u>BST</u>	Report (https://	⊻ Thiago Silva 👶 49'	Stadium: <u>Tottenham Hotspur</u> Stadium
		ww.premierleag ue.com/match/	S rante	Attendance: 60,059
		6389)	Werner 80'	Referee: Paul Tierney
	- 05.0 / 1 0004		Rüdiger 3 90+2'	Fullson
(25 September 2021 12:30 BST	Chelsea 0–1	Manchester City	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge
	12.30 <u>BS1</u>	www.promiorlood	Gabriel Jesus 🛟 53'	Attendance: 40,036
		ue.com/match/		Referee: Michael Oliver
	7 October 2021	Rüdiger 84' 6394)	Dias 90+6'	Fulham
	7 2 October 2021 15:00 BST	Chelsea 3–1 Chalobah 😯 9' Report (https://v	Southampton 201	Stadium: Stamford Bridge
	13.00 031	Thiago Silva 55' www.premierleac	Word Drouge ** 61! (par)	Attendance: 40,109
		Werner 👶 84'	² Ward-Prowse	Referee: Martin Atkinson
		Weillel 💽 OH		

		Chilwell 😂 89'	ue.com/match/6	Salisu 90+1'	
		<u> </u>	6404)	Djenepo 90+5'	
8	16 October 2021	Brentford	0–1	Chelsea	Brentford
	17:30 <u>BST</u>	Canós 🔁 32'	Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6414)	Kovačić 18' Chilwell 3 45'	Stadium: Brentford Community Stadium Attendance: 16,940 Referee: Anthony Taylor
9	23 October 2021 12:30 BST	Chelsea Mount	7–0 Report (https://www.premierleague.com/match/66425)	Norwich City Lees-Melou 45' Gibson 55' 65' Normann 83'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 40,113 Referee: Andrew Madley
10	30 October 2021 15:00 BST	Newcastle United Hayden 17' Ritchie 39' Lascelles 55'	0–3 Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6437)	Chelsea Kanté	Newcastle upon Tyne Stadium: St James' Park Attendance: 52,208 Referee: Paul Tierney
11	6 November 2021 15:00 <u>GMT</u>	Chelsea <u>Havertz</u> ③ 33' <u>James</u> <mark>■</mark> 76'	1–1 Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6445)	Burnley Westwood 68' Cornet 76' Vydra 80' Tarkowski 84' Brownhill 90'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 39,798 Referee: Andre Marriner
	20 November 2021 12:30 GMT	Leicester City Amartey 40' Evans 45' Schmeichel 45'	0–3 Report (https://www.premierleague.com/match/66454)	Chelsea Rüdiger • 14' Kanté • 28' Mendy 65' Pulisic • 71'	Leicester Stadium: King Power Attendance: 32,192 Referee: Paul Tierney
13	28 November 2021 16:30 <u>GMT</u>	Chelsea James ■ 53' Jorginho ❖ 69' (pen.), ■ 90+5'	Report (https://w	Manchester United McTominay 45' Rashford 49' Sancho 50' Fernandes 77' Ronaldo 90+2' Bailly 90+6'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 40,041 Referee: Anthony Taylor
14	1 December 2021 19:30 GMT	Watford Dennis : 43' Louza 45' Troost-Ekong 45+4' Cleverley 84' Rose 84'	1–2 Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6476)	Chelsea Saúl 16' Mount 29' Alonso 45+2' Ziyech 65', 72'	Watford Stadium: Vicarage Road Attendance: 20,388 Referee: David Coote
15	12:30 <u>GMT</u>	Masuaku 🕻 87' Coufal 🔁 90+1'	ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6490)	Thiago Silva ❖ 28' Mount ❖ 44' James ☑ 90+2' Christensen ☑ 90+4'	London Stadium: London Attendance: 59,942 Referee: Andre Marriner
16	11 December 2021 15:00 GMT	Chelsea James 34' Mount 42', 60' Jorginho 58' (pen.), 90+4' (pen.)	Report (https://w	Leeds United Raphinha 28' (pen.) Firpo 42' Shackleton 53' Klich 69' Gelhardt 383' Meslier 90+3' Llorente 90+6'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 39,959 Referee: Chris Kavanagh
17	16 December 2021 19:45 <u>GMT</u>	Chelsea Loftus-Cheek 45' Jorginho 59' Mount 370'	Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6509)	Everton Holgate 21' Gomes 64' Branthwaite 74' Dobbin 77'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 39,933 Referee: Michael Oliver
18	19 December 2021	Wolverhampton Wanderers	0-0	Chelsea	Wolverhampton

	14:00 <u>GMT</u>		Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6521)	Chalobah 30' Rüdiger 33'	Stadium: Molineux Attendance: 30,631 Referee: David Coote
19	26 December 2021 17:30 <u>GMT</u>	Aston Villa James 3 28' (o.g.) Martínez 33' Mings 65' Konsa 90+2'	Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6	Lukaku 🛟 56' Alonso 🔃 70'	Birmingham Stadium: Villa Park Attendance: 41,907 Referee: Martin Atkinson
20	29 December 2021 19:30 <u>GMT</u>	Chelsea Lukaku ❖ 28' Rüdiger ☑ 41' Kovačić ☑ 58' Hudson-Odoi ☑ 64' Mount ☑ 81'	Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6534)	Bissouma ■ 81' Welbeck ❖ 90+1'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 40,080 Referee: Mike Dean
21	2 January 2022 16:30 <u>GMT</u>	Chelsea <u>Pulisic</u> <mark>1</mark> 17', 3 45+1' Kovačić 3 42'	Report (https://w ww.premierleag	Liverpool Mané	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 40,072 Referee: Anthony Taylor
22	15 January 2022 12:30 GMT	Manchester City De Bruyne 3 70		Chelsea Alonso	Manchester Stadium: City of Manchester Stadium Attendance: 53,319 Referee: Craig Pawson
23	18 January 2022 20:00 GMT	Burn 80'	Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6573)	Alonso 59' Rüdiger 81'	Falmer Stadium: Falmer Stadium Attendance: 30,880 Referee: Kevin Friend
No:	te: The match was origina orld Cup. ^{[287][288]}	ally due to be played on 8 Febru	ary, but was brou	ight forward due to Chelsea's inv	olvement in the 2021 FIFA Club
24	23 January 2022 16:30 GMT	Chelsea Thiago Silva <mark>□</mark> 24', む 55' Jorginho <mark>□</mark> 42' Ziyech む 47'		Tottenham Hotspur Tanganga ☐ 37'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 40,020 Referee: Paul Tierney
25	19 February 2022 15:00 GMT	Crystal Palace Olise 68'	0-1 Report (https://w	Chelsea Sarr 62' Ziyech 389' Havertz 90+2' Pulisic 90+3'	Selhurst Stadium: Selhurst Park Attendance: 25,109 Referee: David Coote
26	5 March 2022 15:00 GMT	Burnley Barnes 84' Westwood 89'	0–4 Report (https://www.premierleague.com/match/6613)	Chelsea James ❖ 47' Havertz ❖ 52', 55' Pulisic ❖ 69'	Stadium: Turf Moor Attendance: 19,439 Referee: Andre Marriner
27	10 March 2022 19:30 GMT	Norwich City Pukki む 69' (pen.)		Chelsea Chalobah ❖ 3', ■ 80' Mount ❖ 14' Mendy ■ 68' Havertz ❖ 90'	Norwich Stadium: Carrow Road Attendance: 26,722 Referee: Martin Atkinson
28	13 March 2022 14:00 GMT	Chelsea Havertz ☑ 39', ❖ 89' Ziyech ☑ 58' Kovačić ☑ 87' Rüdiger ☑ 90+1'	Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6625)	Newcastle United Murphy 50' Bruno Guimarães 80' Gayle 90+2'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 40,026 Referee: David Coote
29	2 April 2022 15:00 BST	Chelsea Rüdiger ☆ 48'		Brentford Janelt ❖ 50', 60' Eriksen ❖ 54' Wissa ❖ 87'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 39,061 Referee: Andrew Madley
30	9 April 2022 15:00 <u>BST</u>	Southampton Bednarek 60'	0–6 Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6660)	Chelsea Alonso 3 8' Mount 16', 54' Werner 21', 49' Havertz 31'	Southampton Stadium: St Mary's Stadium Attendance: 31,359 Referee: Kevin Friend
31	20 April 2022	Chelsea	2–4	Arsenal	Fulham

	19:45 <u>BST</u>	Aznilicueta 😂 32' 🔲 00+2'		Nketiah 👀 13', 57' Smith Rowe 👀 27' Gabriel 🧾 90+1' Saka 👀 90+2' (pen.)	Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 32,249 Referee: Jonathan Moss
32	24 April 2022 14:00 <u>BST</u>	lorginho 🥞 87'	1–0 Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6676)	West Ham United Dawson ■ 86'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 32,231 Referee: Michael Oliver
33	28 April 2022 19:45 <u>BST</u>	Manchester United Ronaldo ❖ 62' F	1–1 Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6705)	Chelsea Alonso ❖ 60' Rüdiger <mark>□</mark> 87'	Manchester Stadium: Old Trafford Attendance: 73,564 Referee: Mike Dean
34	1 May 2022 14:00 BST	Everton Coleman 38' F Delph 45+2' \(\frac{1}{2} \) Richarlison 47' Holgate 90+6'	ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6683)	Chelsea Rüdiger	Walton Stadium: Goodison Park Attendance: 39,256 Referee: Kevin Friend
35	7 May 2022 15:00 <u>BST</u>	Chelsea Azpilicueta 27' F Lukaku ❖ 56' (pen.), 58' ½	Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6696)	Wolverhampton Wanderers Saïss 36' Neto 45+2' Moutinho 51' Trincão 79' Coady 90+7'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 32,190 Referee: Peter Bankes
36	11 May 2022 19:30 <u>BST</u>	Phillins 43'	0-3 Report (https://www.premierleague.com/match/6664)	Chelsea Mount 🚭 4' Pulisic 🚭 55' Lukaku 🍪 83'	Leeds Stadium: Elland Road Attendance: 36,549 Referee: Anthony Taylor
37	19 May 2022 20:00 <u>BST</u>	Kanté Var	1–1 Report (https://w ww.premierleag ue.com/match/6 6605)	Leicester City Maddison ⓒ 6' Evans ☐ 64'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 31,478 Referee: Stuart Attwell
38	22 May 2022 16:00 BST	Barkley 5 90+1	Report (https://w	Watford Gosling ᢒ 87'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 32,089 Referee: Mike Dean

FA Cup

Chelsea were drawn at home to <u>Chesterfield</u> in the third round. In the fourth round, Chelsea were drawn at home to <u>Plymouth Argyle</u>. They were drawn away to <u>Luton Town</u> in the fifth round. In the quarter-finals, Chelsea were drawn away to <u>Middlesbrough</u>.

Third 8 January 2022 round	Chelsea 5–1 Chesterfield	<u>Fulham</u>
17:30 <u>GMT</u>	Werner 6 Report (https://w King 29' Saúl 8' ww.bbc.co.uk/sp ort/football/5991 Asante 80' Hudson-Odoi 18' Lukaku 20' Christensen 39' Ziyech 55' (pen.)	Stadium: <u>Stamford Bridge</u> Attendance: 39,795 Referee: <u>Jarred Gillett</u>
5 February 2022	Chelsea 2-1 (a.e.t.) Plymouth Argyle	Fulham
Fourth round		
12:30 <u>GMT</u>	Jorginho 19' Report (https://w Gillesphey 3' 8' Azpilicueta 41' ww.bbc.co.uk/sp ort/football/6026 Alonso 105+1' 6346) Hardie 117' Havertz 120+1'	Stadium: <u>Stamford Bridge</u> Attendance: 39,959 Referee: <u>Simon Hooper</u>
Fifth 2 March 2022 round	<u>Luton Town</u> 2–3 Chelsea	<u>Luton</u>

19:15 <u>GMT</u>	Burke 3 2 Report (https: Cornick 3 40 ww.bbc.co.u ort/football/6 Muskwe 67 2803)	s://w Saúl ❖ 27' k/sp Werner ❖ 68' Lukaku ❖ 78'	Stadium: Kenilworth Road Attendance: 10,140 Referee: Peter Bankes
19 March 2022	Middlesbrough 0-2	Chelsea	Middlesbrough
Quarter-finals			
17:15 <u>GMT</u>	Howson Report (https://	s://w Lukaku 💸 15'	Stadium: Riverside
	Peltier 89' ww.bbc.co.u	k/sp 069 Ziyech 💸 31'	Attendance: 31,422
	8095)	069	Referee: Paul Tierney
Semi- 17 April 2022	Chelsea 2-0	Crystal Palace	London
finals		<u> </u>	
16:30 BST	Havertz 38' Report (https://	s://w	Stadium: Wembley Stadium
	Loftus-Cheek 65' www.bbc.co.u	k/sp	Attendance: 76,238
	Loftus-Cheek 65 65 www.bbc.co.u ort/football/6	<u> </u>	Referee: Anthony Taylor
Final 14 May 2022	Chelsea 0-0 (a.e.t	i.) Liverpool	London
	(5–6 <u>p</u>)		
16:45 <u>BST</u>	James 77' Report (https://		Stadium: Wembley Stadium
	ww.bbc.co.u		Attendance: 84,897
	ort/football/6 9640)	0142	Referee: Craig Pawson
	Penaltie	s	
	Alonso 🧳	Milner	
	Azpilicueta 🎇	Thiago	
	James 🤣	Firmino	
	Barkley 🧳	Alexander-Arnold	
	<u>Jorginho</u>	🞇 <u>Mané</u>	
	Ziyech 🤣	Jota	
	Mount 🎇	Tsimikas	

EFL Cup

Chelsea entered the competition in the third round, due to participation in <u>UEFA competitions</u>, and were drawn at home to <u>Aston Villa. [294][295]</u> In the fourth round they were again drawn at home, against <u>Southampton. [296][297]</u>

22 September 2021	Chelsea	1–1	Aston Villa	<u>Fulham</u>
Third round		(4–3 p)		
19:45 BST	Sarr <mark>-</mark> 31' Rep	ort (https:	//w Archer 😂 64'	Stadium: Stamford Bridge
	Werner 3 54' www.	bbc.co.uk	/sp Young 86'	Attendance: 35,892
	James 90+2'	6909)	350	Referee: Graham Scott
		Penalties		
		Cilaitics	-	
	Lukaku 🤣			
	Mount 🦪		Young	
	Barkley 🤣		Nakamba	
	Chilwell 🎇			
	James 🤣		Buendía	
26 October 2021	Chelsea	1–1	Southampton	Fulham
Fourth round		(4–3 p)		
19:45 <u>BST</u>	Havertz 😂 44' Rep	ort (https:	//w Diallo <mark>23</mark> '	Stadium: Stamford Bridge
	ww.	bbc.co.uk	/sp Adams 3 47'	Attendance: 39,766
	ort/	football/58 3258)	Djenepo 80'	Referee: Kevin Friend
		3230)	Forster 90+1'	
		enalties		
	-	CHAILICS	-	
	Alonso 🤣		A. Armstrong	
	Mount 💥		Walcott	
	Hudson-Odoi 🤣		<u> Long</u>	
	Chilwell 🏈		Smallbone	
	James 🤣			
22 December 2021	Brentford	0–2	Chelsea	Brentford
Quarter-finals				
19:45 GMT	Janelt <mark> </mark> 12' Rep	ort (https:	//w Vale <mark>-</mark> 45'	Stadium: Brentford Community
	Canós 68' WW.	bbc.co.uk	/sp Saúl <mark>77</mark> '	Stadium
	ort/	100tball/59 2104)	Jansson 💸 80' (o.g.)	Attendance: 16,577 Referee: Andre Marriner
		2104)	Jorginho 3 85' (pen.)	Notelee. Andre Marriner
Semi- 5 January 2022	Chelsea	2-0	Tottenham Hotspur	Fulham
	Cheisea	2-0	Tottermam Hotspur	<u> </u>
finals first leg				



UEFA Champions League

Group stage

The draw for the group stage was held on 26 August 2021. [298]

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	Ŀ	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification		JUV	CHE	ZEN	MAL		
1	Juventus	6	5	0	1	10	6	+4	15	Advance to knockout phase		Advance to knockout		_	1-0	<u>4–2</u>	1-0
2	+ Chelsea	6	4	1	1	13	4	+9	13			4-0	_	1-0	4-0		
3	Zenit Saint Petersburg	6	1	2	3	10	10	0	5	Transfer to Europa League		0–1	3-3	_	4-0		
4	Malmö FF	6	0	1	5	1	14	-13	1			0–3	0-1	1-1	_		

Source: UEFA (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/standings/)

Rules for classification: <u>Group stage tiebreakers</u>



5	23 November 2021	Chelsea + 4-0 Juventus	London, England
	20:00 <u>GMT</u>	Chalobah 3 25' Report (https://w Cuadrado 23' James 56' ww.uefa.com/ue fachampionslea Hudson-Odoi 58' gue/match/2032 Werner 90+5' 662/)	Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 39,513 Referee: Srđan Jovanović (Serbia)
6	8 December 2021	Zenit Saint Petersburg 3–3 — Chelsea	Saint Petersburg, Russia
	20:45 <u>MSK</u> (UTC+03:00)	Claudinho 3 38' Report (https://w Werner 3 2', 85' Azmoun 3 41' ww.uefa.com/ue fachampionslea gue/match/2032 Ozdoyev 3 90+4' 678/) Werner 3 2', 85' Hudson-Odoi 37' Lukaku 3 62'	Stadium: <u>Krestovsky Stadium</u> Attendance: 29,349 Referee: <u>Serdar Gözübüyük</u> (Netherlands)

Knockout phase

Round of 16

The round of 16 draw was held on 13 December 2021. [299]

First 22 February 2022 leg	Chelsea — 2–0 Lille	<u>London</u> , England
20:00 <u>GMT</u>	Havertz 3 8' Report (https://w Ben Arfa 87' ww.uefa.com/ue fachampionslea gue/match/2033 901/)	Stadium: <u>Stamford Bridge</u> Attendance: 38,832 Referee: <u>Jesús Gil Manzano</u> (Spain)
Second 16 March 2022	Lille ■ 1–2 + Chelsea	Villeneuve-d'Ascq, France
leg	(1–4 agg.)	
21:00 <u>CET</u>	Yılmaz 3 38' (pen.) Report (https://w Chalobah 34' ww.uefa.com/ue fachampionslea Fonte 90+4' gue/match/2033 Azpilicueta 71' 911/)	Stadium: Stade Pierre-Mauroy Attendance: 49,048 Referee: Davide Massa (Italy)

Quarter-finals

The draw for the quarter-finals was held on 18 March 2022. [300]



UEFA Super Cup



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Rüdiger 🤣	🔀 <u>Albiol</u>

FIFA Club World Cup

	Semi- 9 February 2022 nals	Al Hilal 0–1 — Chelsea	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
	20:30 <u>GST</u> (UTC+4)	Cuéllar 66' Report (https://w Lukaku 32' www.fifa.com/tour naments/mens/c lubworldcup/uae 2021/match-cen ter/400213181)	Stadium: Mohammed bin Zayed Stadium Attendance: 19,175 Referee: César Ramos (Mexico)
F	12 February 2022 Final	Chelsea + 2–1 (a.e.t.) • Palmeiras	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

20:30 GST (UTC+4)

Lukaku • 55' Report (https://w Veiga • 64' (pen.)

Havertz • 117' (pen.), □ 118' www.fifa.com/tour naments/mens/c lubworldcup/uae 2021/match-cen ter/400213182)

Lukaku • 55' Report (https://w Veiga • 64' (pen.)

www.fifa.com/tour wesley □ 105' Luan □ 115', □ 120+6' Luan □ 116'

Stadium: Mohammed bin Zayed Stadium

Attendance: 32,871 Referee: Chris Beath (Australia)

Statistics

Appearances

No.	Pos.	Player	Premier League	FA Cup	EFL Cup	UEFA Champions League	UEFA Super Cup	FIFA Club World Cup	Total
1	GK	Kepa Arrizabalaga	4	2	6	1	1	1	15
2	DF	Antonio Rüdiger	34	5	3	9	1	2	54
3	DF	Marcos Alonso	28	3	5	8	1	1	46
4	DF	Andreas Christensen	19	3	1	8	1	2	34
5	MF	Jorginho	29	4	4	8	1	1	47
6	DF	Thiago Silva	32	3	2	9	0	2	48
7	MF	N'Golo Kanté	26	3	4	6	1	2	42
8	MF	Mateo Kovačić	25	5	5	6	1	2	44
9	FW	Romelu Lukaku	26	6	4	6	0	2	44
10	FW	Christian Pulisic	22	4	3	7	1	1	38
11	FW	Timo Werner	21	5	4	5	1	1	37
12	MF	Ruben Loftus-Cheek	23	5	3	8	0	0	39
13	GK	→ Marcus Bettinelli	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
14	DF	Trevoh Chalobah	20	2	4	3	1	0	30
16	GK	Édouard Mendy	33	3	1	9	1	1	48
17	MF	Saúl Ñíguez	10	3	4	5	0	1	23
18	MF	Ross Barkley	6	2	3	3	0	0	14
19	MF	→ Mason Mount	32	5	6	7	1	2	53
20	FW	Callum Hudson-Odoi	15	3	3	5	1	1	28
21	DF	Ben Chilwell	7	0	2	4	0	0	13
22	FW	Hakim Ziyech	23	5	4	9	1	2	44
23	FW	Kenedy	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
24	DF	+ Reece James	26	3	4	6	0	0	39
28	DF	César Azpilicueta	27	4	4	9	1	2	47
29	FW	Kai Havertz	29	3	3	9	1	2	47
31	DF	Malang Sarr	8	4	5	2	0	2	21
54	MF	→ Xavier Simons	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
64	FW	Jude Soonsup-	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
68	MF	→ Harvey Vale	0	3	2	0	0	0	5
75	MF	+ Lewis Hall	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
				Playe	ers have le	eft the club			
15	DF	Kurt Zouma	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

32	MF	+ Lewis Baker	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
33	DF	Emerson	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

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 $Source: \underline{FBref.com\ (https://fbref.com/en/squads/cff3d9bb/2021-2022/all_comps/Chelsea-Stats-All-Competitions)}$

Goalscorers

Rank	No.	Pos.	Player	Premier League	FA Cup	EFL Cup	UEFA Champions League	UEFA Super Cup	FIFA Club World Cup	Total
1	9	FW	Romelu Lukaku	8	3	0	2	0	2	15
2	29	FW	Kai Havertz	8	0	2	3	0	1	14
3	19	MF	→ Mason Mount	11	1	0	1	0	0	13
4	11	FW	Timo Werner	4	2	1	4	0	0	11
5	5	MF	Jorginho	6	0	1	2	0	0	9
6	10	FW	Christian Pulisic	6	0	0	2	0	0	8
	22	FW	Hakim Ziyech	4	2	0	1	1	0	8
8	24	DF	Reece James	5	0	0	1	0	0	6
9	2	DF	Antonio Rüdiger	3	0	1	1	0	0	5
	3	DF	Marcos Alonso	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
11	14	DF	Trevoh Chalobah	3	0	0	1	0	0	4
	6	DF	Thiago Silva	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
12	20	FW	Callum Hudson-Odoi	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
12	21	DF	+ Ben Chilwell	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
	28	DF	César Azpilicueta	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
	4	DF	Andreas Christensen	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
16	7	MF	N'Golo Kanté	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	8	MF	Mateo Kovačić	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	12	MF	Ruben Loftus-Cheek	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
19	17	MF	Saúl	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	18	MF	Ross Barkley	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Own	goals	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
		Tot	als	76	14	7	21	1	3	122

Top assists

Rank	No.	Pos.	Player	Premier League	FA Cup	EFL Cup	UEFA Champions League	UEFA Super Cup	FIFA Club World Cup	Total
1	19	MF	→ Mason Mount	10	3	1	2	0	0	16
2	24	DF	+ Reece James	9	0	1	0	0	0	10
3	11	FW	Timo Werner	1	3	0	2	0	0	6
3	22	FW	Hakim Ziyech	3	0	1	2	0	0	6
	3	DF	Marcos Alonso	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
	7	MF	N'Golo Kanté	4	0	0	1	0	0	5
5	8	MF	Mateo Kovačić	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
	20	FW	+ Callum Hudson-Odoi	2	0	0	2	0	1	5
	29	FW	Kai Havertz	3	1	0	0	1	0	5
	5	MF	Jorginho	2	0	0	2	0	0	4
10	10	FW	Christian Pulisic	2	1	0	1	0	0	4
	12	MF	Ruben Loftus-Cheek	2	1	0	1	0	0	4
13	28	DF	César Azpilicueta	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
	4	DF	Andreas Christensen	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	6	DF	Thiago Silva	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
14	14	DF	Trevoh Chalobah	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	21	DF	→ Ben Chilwell	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	23	FW	Kenedy	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	75	DF	+ Lewis Hall	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Tot	als	52	10	4	16	1	1	84

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Clean sheets

Rank	No.	Pos.	Player	Premier League	FA Cup	EFL Cup	UEFA Champions League	UEFA Super Cup	FIFA Club World Cup	Total
1	16	GK	Edouard Mendy	14	3	1	5	0	0	23
2	1	GK	Kepa Arrizabalaga	2	0	4	0	0	1	7
Totals			16	3	5	5	0	1	30	

Discipline

No.	Pos.	Name		Premier League			FA Cup)	E	FL Cu	р		UEFA ampioi League		UE	FA Sup	oer		IFA Clu orld Cu			Total	
1	GK	Kepa Arrizabalaga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2	DF	Antonio Rüdiger	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
3	DF	Marcos Alonso	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
4	DF	Andreas Christensen	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
5	MF	Jorginho	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
6	DF	Thiago Silva	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
7	MF	N'Golo Kanté	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
8	MF	Mateo Kovačić	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0
9	FW	Romelu Lukaku	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
10	FW	Christian Pulisic	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
11	FW	Timo Werner	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
12	MF	Ruben Loftus- Cheek	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
14	DF	Trevoh Chalobah	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
16	GK	Édouard Mendy	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
17	MF	Saúl	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
19	MF	Mount Mason	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
20	FW	Callum Hudson- Odoi	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
22	FW	Hakim Ziyech	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
24	DF	Reece James	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1
28	DF	César Azpilicueta	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
29	FW	Kai Havertz	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0
31	DF	Malang Sarr	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
68	MF	Harvey Vale	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	_	Thomas Tuchel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0

Totals	62	0	1	5	0	0	8	0	0	15	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	85	0	1

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Thomas Tuchel was cautioned in UEFA Super Cup^[302] Premier League Gameweek 13 (Chelsea 1–1 Manchester United), and Champions League Quarter-finals second leg match. [304]

Awards

Players

No.	Pos.	Player	Award						
2	DE	Antonio Diidinor	2021 FIFA Club World Cup Final Man of the Match						
2	DF	Antonio Rüdiger	2021–22 UEFA Champions League Team of the Season	[306]					
5	ME	- lorgipho	IFFHS Men's World Team of the Year 2021	[307]					
5	MF	Jorginho	FIFA FIFPro Men's World11 2021	[308]					
6	DF	Thiago Silva	2021 FIFA Club World Cup Golden Ball						
_	ME	NIColo Kontó	IFFHS Men's World Team of the Year 2021	[307]					
7	MF	N'Golo Kanté	FIFA FIFPro Men's World11 2021						
		Mata Kaya Xi	Premier League Goal of the Month (January)	[310]					
8	MF	Mateo Kovačić	Chelsea Goal of the Season	[311]					
16	GK	Édouard Mendy	The Best FIFA Goalkeeper 2021	[312]					
19	MF	→ Mason Mount	Chelsea Player of the Year	[313]					
28	DF	César Azpilicueta	IFFHS Men's World Team of the Year 2021	[307]					
68	MF	→ Harvey Vale	Chelsea Academy Player of the Year	[314]					

Manager

Manager	Award	Source
	Premier League Manager of the Month (October)	[315]
Thomas	IFFHS Men's World's Best Club Coach 2021	[316]
Tuchel	IFFHS Men's World Team Coach of the Year 2021	[307]
	The Best FIFA Men's Coach 2021	[312]

Club

Award	Source
2021 UAE FIFA Fair Play Award	[309]

See also

- 2021–22 in English football
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