



2015–16 Arsenal F.C. season

The **2015–16 season** was Arsenal's 24th season in the Premier League and 90th consecutive season in the top flight of English football.^{[1][2]} The club entered the season as the FA Cup holders,^[3] and participated in the Premier League, FA Cup, League Cup, Community Shield and the UEFA Champions League. Arsenal were favourites to get their first league title since 2004, having been league-leaders towards the New Year, but a loss of form which included successive defeats to Manchester United and Swansea City saw them lose ground on eventual winners Leicester City, although they recovered to get 2nd, their highest finish in 11 years. Arsenal's attempt of winning a third consecutive FA Cup was unsuccessful, losing to Watford at the quarter-final stage, as well as exiting in the League Cup fourth round to Sheffield Wednesday. In Europe, Arsenal recovered from a poor start to qualify for the knockout-stages, but they were defeated in both legs against Barcelona. The season covers the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.

Review

August



Pre-match handshakes before the victory at Newcastle United

Arsenal began their season with the Community Shield against local rival side Chelsea. The Gunners won the match 1–0, following a goal by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, who scored via a drive into the top corner. The trophy was Arsène Wenger's 15th in 18 years of being in charge of Arsenal, and presented Wenger with his first win against a side managed by José Mourinho after 13 attempts.^[4] Soon after, Arsenal began their 24th Premier League season at home to West Ham United, and inspired by the signing of goalkeeper Petr Čech, many believed Arsenal to be title contenders for the first time in 11 years.^[5] The

club's solid pre-season form, however, fizzled out as they failed to win in their first two home games, with a 2–0 defeat to West Ham on the opening weekend, leaving them third-bottom, and a goalless draw with Liverpool, although Aaron Ramsey was falsely ruled offside for an early goal. With two tight wins at Crystal Palace and Newcastle United, Arsenal went into September with seven points. Arsenal did not make additional signings after Čech, leaving manager Wenger to come under fire from fans and critics.

September

Arsenal started September with a nervy 2–0 win over Stoke City at the Emirates, with Theo Walcott and Olivier Giroud scoring.^[6] Between the Stoke clash and a trip to struggling champions Chelsea, Arsenal faced Dinamo Zagreb away in the Champions League. Despite appearing the stronger side, Arsenal slumped to a shock 2–1 defeat, with under-performing striker Giroud being sent off for two yellow cards.^[7] The week got worse as Arsenal lost 2–0 at Stamford Bridge, with Santi Cazorla (two yellows) and Gabriel being sent off, the latter incorrectly shown red by Mike Dean for a clash with Diego Costa in which the latter assaulted Laurent Koscielny.^[8] Gabriel's ban was reduced from three games to one, but Gabriel, Costa, Chelsea and Arsenal were all fined for player misconduct, with Costa suspended for three games.^[9] With the Chelsea incident resolved, Arsenal faced a tough League Cup tie with North London arch-rival club Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane. Mathieu Flamini became an unsung hero with a brace, the second of which was a volley from 20 yards, both goals on the other side of a Calum Chambers own goal.^[10] Arsenal, full of confidence after eliminating their rivals, visited the only unbeaten team in the league at the time, Leicester City, who were one point and one place above Arsenal. Despite a brace from Jamie Vardy, Walcott and Giroud scored either side of three goals from Sánchez, who ended a run of seven games without a goal.^[11] Arsenal ended their month on a sour note, however, as errors from

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2015–16 season



Arsenal players during the derby match with Chelsea, September 2015

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|------------------------------|---|
| Chairman | <u>Sir Chips Keswick</u> |
| Manager | <u>Arsène Wenger</u> |
| Stadium | <u>Emirates Stadium</u> |
| Premier League | <u>2nd</u> |
| FA Cup | <u>Sixth round</u> |
| League Cup | <u>Fourth round</u> |
| FA Community Shield | Winners |
| UEFA Champions League | <u>Round of 16</u> |
| Top goalscorer | League: <u>Olivier Giroud</u> (16) All: <u>Olivier Giroud</u> (24) |



Home colours



Away colours



Third colours



Chelsea's Diego Costa eyeballs Gabriel. The latter would be the recipient of a red card later rescinded, while the former was charged with violent conduct.

second-choice goalkeeper [David Ospina](#) saw Arsenal lose 3–2 to [Olympiacos](#) at home in the Champions League,^[12] meaning they were bottom of their group with successive games against in-form [Bayern Munich](#) coming up.

October



Arsenal fans inside the Emirates Stadium before the [Everton](#) match

Arsenal started October on a high, as three early goals—two from [Alexis Sánchez](#) and one from [Mesut Özil](#)—at the Emirates saw Arsenal breeze past [Manchester United](#) to leapfrog them into second place in the league table, behind [Manchester City](#).^[13] Arsenal travelled to [Vicarage Road](#) two weeks later to play [Watford](#), where goals from Sánchez, [Aaron Ramsey](#) and [Olivier Giroud](#) saw Arsenal claim another 3–0 win.^[14] Arsenal hosted German heavyweights [Bayern Munich](#) in an attempt to turn around their Champions League. Despite the German team losing only once all season, Arsenal claimed a shock 2–0 win, with Giroud and Özil scoring late in the second half. Giroud's return to form saw him return to the starting lineup ahead of [Theo Walcott](#). Giroud thanked Wenger by inspiring the Gunners to a 2–1 win over [Everton](#) at the Emirates.^[15] Arsenal's only loss in October came between the Everton win and a 3–0 victory over [Swansea City](#), courtesy of goals from Giroud, [Laurent Koscielny](#) and [Joel Campbell](#),^[16] when they were stunned by [Championship](#) side [Sheffield Wednesday](#), going out of the League Cup in a 3–0 defeat that saw Theo Walcott and [Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain](#) off injured, with goals from [Ross Wallace](#),

[Lucas João](#) and [Sam Hutchinson](#).^[17]

November

Arsenal were humiliated at the [Allianz Arena](#) to start November, with Bayern Munich cruising to a 5–1 win, putting Arsenal's Champions League progression in doubt.^[18] Arsenal hosted rivals Tottenham on the Sunday that followed, but with stars [Héctor Bellerín](#), Theo Walcott, Aaron Ramsey and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain on a list of ten injured Arsenal players, the Gunners had to struggle for a 1–1 draw.^[19] November only got worse for Arsenal, with [Francis Coquelin](#) looking at three months out, [Mikel Arteta](#) facing several weeks out after both were injured in a 2–1 defeat at [West Bromwich Albion](#), with [Santi Cazorla](#) missing a vital penalty late on.^[20] Arsenal's Champions League form bounced back, with an Alexis Sánchez brace giving Arsenal a 3–0 win over [Dinamo Zagreb](#) at the Emirates.^[21] With Olympiacos thrashed by Bayern, Arsenal would need a two-goal cushion or a 3–2 or higher victory in Athens to progress. Arsenal's horrid month ended with more misery, with Sánchez and Cazorla both suffering injuries in a 1–1 draw with [Norwich City](#),^[22] with Cazorla's keeping him out for three months. Oxlade-Chamberlain, Ramsey and Walcott, however, all returned at the end of the month, with the crucial Olympiacos game and a match with Premier League title contenders Manchester City coming up.

December

Arsenal returned to form in December, starting with a 3–1 win over [Sunderland](#), with Joel Campbell and Aaron Ramsey scoring either side of goals at either end from Olivier Giroud.^[23] Arsenal then traveled to Olympiacos, where they had failed to win in their last three games, with their last win in Greece coming in 1998. Fears were erased by a Giroud hat-trick,^[24] putting Arsenal through and demoting Olympiacos into the Europa League, only for Arsenal to draw holders [Barcelona](#), who had knocked Arsenal out in the 2010 quarter finals and in 2011 at the same stage. The Spanish side also beat the Gunners in the 2006 final.^[25] Arsenal recorded successive victories before Christmas, winning 2–0 at [Aston Villa](#),^[26] before a 2–1 home win over Manchester City.^[27] As things were looking up, a Boxing Day defeat at Liverpool saw surprise leaders Leicester loosen their grip on first, giving Arsenal a chance to go top with a win against [Southampton](#), but a [Shane Long](#) brace saw Arsenal thrashed 4–0.^[28] Despite this, Arsenal still finished 2015 top of the Premier League, after a 2–0 win against [AFC Bournemouth](#) was enough to keep Arsenal ahead of Leicester on goal difference, who drew 0–0 with Manchester City in their final game of 2015.^[29]

January

Arsenal started 2016 with an unconvincing 1–0 win over relegation scrappers Newcastle, courtesy of a late Laurent Koscielny goal.^[30] Arsenal kicked off their FA Cup defence against Sunderland at the Emirates. Their 3–1 win mirrored the clash in December, with Joel Campbell, Olivier Giroud and Aaron Ramsey scoring Arsenal's goals in identical fashion to the league tie, despite an early Jermain Lens goal.^[31] This was followed by two away league fixtures at Liverpool and Stoke; the former was a 3–3 draw with Giroud scoring a brace and Ramsey finding the net for Arsenal,^[32] whereas the latter finished scoreless.^[33] On 24 January, Arsenal hosted local rivals Chelsea and were defeated 1–0 after [Per Mertesacker](#) was sent off. This meant they had failed to win a league game against Chelsea for the ninth league meeting in a row, and it was the sixth consecutive time they had failed to score in the fixture.^[34] Six days later, Arsenal advanced to the fifth round of the FA Cup, with Calum Chambers and Alexis Sánchez scoring in a 2–1 defeat of Championship side [Burnley](#) at home.^[35] Arsenal made one signing in January, Basel's Egyptian midfielder [Mohamed Elneny](#) completed a £5 million move.^[36]



[Mohamed Elneny](#) looks up at the new Clock End during his AFC debut: an [FA Cup](#)-tie at home to [Burnley](#).

February

In the beginning of February, Arsenal failed to score for the third consecutive league match, playing Southampton to a stalemate at the Emirates.^[37] Mesut Özil and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain led Arsenal back to winning ways with a 2–0 away victory at AFC Bournemouth.^[38] Arsenal then won a dramatic top of the table clash with league leaders Leicester, coming back after a Jamie Vardy penalty to win 2–1 at home,



The Arsenal hug the touchline on St Valentine's Day, in front of Leicester City manager [Claudio Ranieri](#).

with late goals from Theo Walcott and [Danny Welbeck](#), reducing the gap between Arsenal and Leicester in second and first to two points.^[39] Despite a dominant performance at home, Arsenal were held to a 0–0 draw by [Hull City](#) in the [fifth round of the FA Cup](#).^[40] Arsenal subsequently returned to [Champions League action](#) by hosting title holders Barcelona. A [Lionel Messi](#) brace condemned Arsenal to a 2–0 defeat.^[41] Arsenal ended February with an away game at Manchester United, with goals from Welbeck and Özil not enough to avoid a 3–2 defeat.^[42]

March

Arsenal started March suffering a third consecutive loss at the hands of Swansea at home; Joel Campbell's goal was cancelled out and the match finished 2–1 to Swansea.^[43] Arsenal then visited local rivals Tottenham in a make-or-break clash, as defeat would put Arsenal six points off their rivals, above Arsenal in second. Aaron Ramsey gave Arsenal a crucial lead, but a Francis Coquelin sending off for two yellow cards turned the game on its head. [Toby Alderweireld](#) and Harry Kane struck back to put Spurs ahead, but Alexis Sánchez helped the team rescue a point with a late goal, with the match finishing 2–2.^[44] Olivier Giroud and Theo Walcott scored two goals each against Hull City in the FA Cup fifth round [replay](#) to reach the quarter finals,^[45] but Arsenal went out after a 2–1 home defeat to [Watford](#), with Danny Welbeck scoring the lone goal for the team as Arsenal's defence ended, after winning the [previous two titles](#).^[46] Arsenal went out of their second cup competition just days later, being condemned a sixth-straight last-16 elimination from the Champions League with a 3–1 away loss to Barcelona, Mohamed Elneny's first Arsenal goal proving a mere consolation.^[47] One promising note from the defeat was the performance of Nigerian youngster [Alex Iwobi](#), and he was rewarded with his second Premier League start against Everton at the end of March. His first club goal, and a fourth goal in nine games since return for Danny Welbeck, saw Arsenal win 2–0.^[48]

April

Arsenal got off to a flying start in the penultimate month of the season; goals from Alexis Sánchez, [Héctor Bellerín](#) and Theo Walcott, as well as a second Premier League goal on a second start for Alex Iwobi, saw Arsenal crush Watford 4–0 at Emirates Stadium.^[49] The result kept Arsenal firmly in the title race ahead of a crucial clash at sixth-placed West Ham the following weekend, having lost the reverse tie on opening day. The result saw praise for Iwobi, who was referred to as "the next [Ian Wright](#)" by [Garth Crooks](#).^[50] Arsenal visited West Ham the following matchday, where they blew away a 2–0 lead to draw 3–3. Sánchez, Özil and Koscielny scored.^[51] Arsenal's title hopes suffered a big blow when they were held 1–1 at home by Crystal Palace despite dominating the match, with Sánchez scoring for the team.^[52] Arsenal hosted and defeated West Brom 2–0, courtesy of a brace from Sánchez.^[53] Arsenal's chances of ending a 12-year Premier League title drought became mathematically impossible after a 0–0 away draw at Sunderland, which left them 12 points behind leaders Leicester with only three matches to play.^[54] Arsenal ended April with a 1–0 win over Norwich at Emirates Stadium, with Danny Welbeck scoring the solitary goal.^[55]

May




After Manchester City were defeated by Southampton, Arsenal stayed in third ahead of a clash with fourth placed City. Arsenal came from behind twice to recover a 2–2 draw. Olivier Giroud ended a 15-game goal drought dating back to January with the first, while Alexis Sánchez added his seventh goal in nine games for Arsenal's second.^[56] The draw failed to secure Champions League football for 2016–17, but after Manchester United lost 3–2 to West Ham two days later secured at least a place in the qualification round.^[57] Arsenal needed a point against Aston Villa to secure automatic qualification and third place. Arsenal would have to hope a win and a shock victory by already-relegated Newcastle against Tottenham for Arsenal to pip their rivals to second. Newcastle did the impossible with a 5–1 rout of Spurs, and an Olivier Giroud hat-trick powered Arsenal to a 4–0 win over Villa. Captain Mikel Arteta, who came on as a substitute in what was his final appearance

before retirement, forced an own goal by shooting in off the bar and Villa goalkeeper [Mark Bunn](#).^[58] Arteta was given a standing ovation, while second-longest-serving player [Tomáš Rosický](#) received a guard of honour, with the club confirming both would leave at the expiration of their contracts.^[59]

Players

Squad information

| N | Pos. | Nat. | Name | Age | EU | Since | App | Goals | Ends | Transfer fee | Notes |
|----|--------------------|---|---|-----|--------|---------------|-----|-------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | GK |  | Wojciech Szczęsny | 26 | EU | 2009 | 181 | 0 | undisclosed ^[60] | Youth system | On loan to Roma |
| 2 | DF |  | Mathieu Debuchy | 30 | EU | 2014 | 22 | 1 | undisclosed | £12.0M ^[61] | On loan to Bordeaux |
| 3 | DF |  | Kieran Gibbs | 26 | EU | 2007 | 209 | 6 | undisclosed ^[62] | Youth system | |
| 4 | DF |  | Per Mertesacker | 31 | EU | 2011 | 208 | 8 | undisclosed ^[63] | £8.0M ^[64] | |
| 5 | DF |  | Gabriel Paulista | 25 | Non-EU | 2015 (Winter) | 38 | 1 | undisclosed ^[65] | £11.3M ^[66] | |
| 6 | DF |  | Laurent Koscielny | 30 | EU | 2010 | 248 | 20 | undisclosed ^[67] | £8.5M ^[68] | |
| 7 | MF |  | Tomáš Rosický | 35 | EU | 2006 | 246 | 28 | undisclosed ^[63] | £6.8M ^[69] | |
| 8 | MF |  | Mikel Arteta | 34 | EU | 2011 | 150 | 16 | 2016 ^[70] | £10.0M ^[71] | |
| 10 | MF |  | Jack Wilshere | 24 | EU | 2008 | 157 | 12 | 2018 ^[72] | Youth system | |
| 11 | MF |  | Mesut Özil | 27 | EU | 2013 | 118 | 20 | undisclosed ^[73] | £42.5M ^{[74][75][76]} | |
| 12 | FW |  | Olivier Giroud | 29 | EU | 2012 | 188 | 82 | undisclosed ^[77] | £12.8M ^[78] | |
| 13 | GK |  | David Ospina | 27 | Non-EU | 2014 | 36 | 0 | undisclosed ^[79] | £3.2M ^[80] | |
| 14 | FW |  | Theo Walcott | 27 | EU | 2006 (Winter) | 344 | 85 | 2019 ^[81] | £9.0M ^[82] | |
| 15 | MF |  | Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain | 22 | EU | 2011 | 149 | 14 | undisclosed ^[83] | £12.0M ^[84] | |
| 16 | MF |  | Aaron Ramsey | 25 | EU | 2008 | 265 | 43 | undisclosed ^[85] | £4.8M ^[86] | |
| 17 | FW |  | Alexis Sánchez | 27 | Non-EU | 2014 | 94 | 42 | undisclosed ^[87] | £30.0M ^[88] | |
| 18 | DF |  | Nacho Monreal | 30 | EU | 2013 (Winter) | 131 | 2 | undisclosed ^[89] | £8.5M ^[90] | |
| 19 | MF |  | Santi Cazorla | 31 | EU | 2012 | 169 | 27 | undisclosed ^[85] | £12.0M ^[91] | |
| 20 | MF |  | Mathieu Flamini | 32 | EU | 2013 | 246 | 13 | undisclosed ^[92] | Free ^[92] | |
| 21 | DF |  | Calum Chambers | 21 | EU | 2014 | 59 | 2 | undisclosed ^[93] | £16.0m ^[94] | |
| 22 | FW |  | Yaya Sanogo | 23 | EU | 2013 | 20 | 1 | undisclosed ^[95] | Free ^[95] | On loan to Charlton Athletic |
| 23 | FW |  | Danny Welbeck | 25 | EU | 2014 | 49 | 13 | 2019 | £16.0M | |
| 24 | DF |  | Héctor Bellerín | 21 | EU | 2013 | 73 | 3 | undisclosed | Youth system | |
| 25 | DF |  | Carl Jenkinson | 24 | EU | 2011 | 57 | 1 | undisclosed ^[96] | £1.0M ^[96] | On loan to West Ham United |
| 26 | GK |  | Emiliano Martínez | 23 | Non-EU | 2012 | 8 | 0 | undisclosed | Youth system | On loan to Wolverhampton Wanderers |
| 27 | FW |  | Serge Gnabry | 20 | EU | 2012 | 19 | 1 | undisclosed ^[97] | Youth system | On loan to West Bromwich Albion |
| 28 | FW |  | Joel Campbell | 23 | Non-EU | 2011 | 41 | 4 | undisclosed ^[98] | £0.9M ^[99] | |
| 32 | FW |  | Chuba Akpom | 20 | EU | 2013 | 9 | 0 | undisclosed | Youth system | On loan to Hull City |
| 33 | GK |  | Petr Čech | 33 | EU | 2015 | 42 | 0 | 2019 ^[100] | £10M ^[100] | |
| 34 | MF |  | Francis Coquelin | 25 | EU | 2008 | 109 | 0 | undisclosed ^[101] | Youth system | |
| 35 | MF |  | Mohamed Elneny | 23 | Non-EU | 2016 (Winter) | 17 | 1 | undisclosed | £7.4M ^{[102][103]} | |
| 37 | MF |  | Krystian Bielik | 18 | EU | 2015 (Winter) | 1 | 0 | undisclosed ^[104] | £2.5M ^[105] | |

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|----|----|---|--------------------------------|----|----|------|----|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 42 | DF |  | Isaac Hayden | 21 | EU | 2013 | 2 | 0 | undisclosed | Youth system | On loan to Hull City |
| 45 | FW |  | Alex Iwobi | 20 | EU | 2015 | 21 | 2 | undisclosed | Youth system | |
| — | MF |  | Gedion Zelalem | 19 | EU | 2014 | 2 | 0 | undisclosed ^[85] | Youth system | On loan to Rangers |

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Source: Arsenal F.C. (<http://www.arsenal.com/first-team/players>) and footballdatabase.com (<http://www.footballdatabase.com/index.php?page=club&ld=4&b=true&cont=Europe&cln=Arsenal>) (for EU passport, country as international player, contract ending and transfer fee)

Ordered by squad number.

Transfers

Transfers in

| # | Position | Player | Transferred from | Fee | Date | Team | Source |
|----|----------|---|---|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---|
| 54 | MF |  Jeff Reine-Adélaïde |  Lens | Undisclosed (~£3,000,000) | 21 May 2015 | Reserves | [106] [107] |
| 68 | FW |  Yassin Fortune | | | | Academy | |
| 66 | MF |  Vlad Dragomir |  Poli Timișoara | Undisclosed (~£71,000) | 24 June 2015 | Academy | [106] [108] |
| 72 | DF |  Jordi Osei-Tutu |  Reading | Undisclosed (~£0) | 26 June 2015 | Academy | [106] [109] |
| 33 | GK |  Petr Čech |  Chelsea | Undisclosed (~£10,000,000) | 29 June 2015 | First team | [110] [111] [112] |
| — | FW |  Donyell Malen |  Ajax | Free transfer | 29 July 2015 | Academy | [113] [114] |
| 36 | MF |  Ismaël Bennacer |  Arles-Avignon | Undisclosed (~£150,000) | 30 July 2015 | Reserves | [115] |
| 35 | MF |  Mohamed Elneny |  Basel | Undisclosed (~£7,400,000) | 14 January 2016 | First team | [102] [103] [116] |

Total spending: ▼ Undisclosed (~ £21,521,000)

Transfers out

| # | Position | Player | Transferred to | Fee | Date | Team | Source |
|----|----------|--|---|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---|
| 24 | MF |  Abou Diaby |  Marseille ^[a] | Free transfer (Released) | 10 June 2015 | First team | [118] |
| 31 | MF |  Ryo Miyaichi |  FC St. Pauli ^[b] | Free transfer (Released) | 10 June 2015 | Reserves | [118] |
| 37 | DF |  Semi Ajayi |  Cardiff City ^[c] | Free transfer (Released) | 10 June 2015 | Reserves | [118] |
| 46 | MF |  Jack Jebb |  Stevenage ^[d] | Free transfer (Released) | 10 June 2015 | Reserves | [118] |
| 48 | FW |  Austin Lipman |  VCD Athletic ^[e] | Free transfer (Released) | 10 June 2015 | Reserves | [118] |
| 54 | DF |  Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill |  Swindon Town ^[f] | Free transfer (Released) | 10 June 2015 | Reserves | [118] |
| 57 | GK |  Josh Vickers |  Swansea City ^[g] | Free transfer (Released) | 10 June 2015 | Reserves | [118] |
| 9 | FW |  Lukas Podolski |  Galatasaray ^[h] | Undisclosed (~ £1,800,000) | 4 July 2015 | First team | [123] |
| 64 | DF |  George Dobson |  West Ham United | Undisclosed | 27 July 2015 | Reserves | [124] [125] |
| — | MF |  Jonatas Centeno |  Sheffield Wednesday | Free transfer (Released) | 4 August 2015 | Reserves | [126] |

Total incoming: ▲ Undisclosed (~ £1,800,000)

- Following Diaby's release on 10 June 2015, he later signed for Marseille on 29 July 2015.^[117]
- Following Miyaichi's release on 10 June 2015, he later signed for St. Pauli on 18 June 2015.^[119]
- Following Ajayi's release on 10 June 2015, he later signed for Cardiff City on 18 June 2015.^[119]
- Following Jebb's release on 10 June 2015, he later signed for Stevenage on 1 September 2015.^[120]
- Following Lipman's release on 30 June 2015, he later signed for VCD Athletic on 31 July 2015.
- Following Ormonde-Ottewill's release on 10 June 2015, he later signed for Swindon Town on 2 July 2015.^[121]
- Following Vickers' release on 10 June 2015, he later signed for Swansea City on 12 August 2015.^[122]

h. The fee may eventually rise over £10 million subject to player performances and contract commitments.^[123]

Loans out

| # | Position | Player | Loaned to | Date | Loan expires | Team | Source |
|----|----------|---|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 70 | MF |  <u>Ainsley Maitland-Niles</u> |  <u>Ipswich Town</u> | 2 July 2015 | End of season | <u>Reserves</u> | <u>[127]</u> |
| 25 | DF |  <u>Carl Jenkinson</u> |  <u>West Ham United</u> | 14 July 2015 | End of season | <u>First team</u> | <u>[128]</u> |
| 22 | FW |  <u>Yaya Sanogo</u> |  <u>Ajax</u> | 17 July 2015 | 1 February 2016 ^[a] | <u>First team</u> | <u>[129]</u> |
| 1 | GK |  <u>Wojciech Szczęśny</u> |  <u>Roma</u> | 29 July 2015 | End of season | <u>First team</u> | <u>[130]</u> |
| 57 | MF |  <u>Jon Toral</u> |  <u>Birmingham City</u> | 30 July 2015 | End of season | <u>Reserves</u> | <u>[131]</u> |
| 38 | MF |  <u>Daniel Crowley</u> |  <u>Barnsley</u> | 31 July 2015 | 30 October 2015 ^[b] | <u>Reserves</u> | <u>[132][133]</u> |
| 41 | DF |  <u>Isaac Hayden</u> |  <u>Hull City</u> | 31 July 2015 | End of season | <u>First team</u> | <u>[134]</u> |
| 32 | FW |  <u>Chuba Akpom</u> |  <u>Hull City</u> | 4 August 2015 | End of season | <u>First team</u> | <u>[135]</u> |
| 27 | FW |  <u>Serge Gnabry</u> |  <u>West Bromwich Albion</u> | 7 August 2015 | 5 January 2016 ^[c] | <u>First team</u> | <u>[136]</u> |
| 26 | GK |  <u>Emiliano Martínez</u> |  <u>Wolverhampton Wanderers</u> | 11 August 2015 | End of season | <u>First team</u> | <u>[137]</u> |
| 58 | FW |  <u>Wellington Silva</u> |  <u>Bolton Wanderers</u> | 20 August 2015 | End of season | <u>Reserves</u> | <u>[138]</u> |
| 35 | MF |  <u>Gedion Zelalem</u> |  <u>Rangers</u> | 24 August 2015 | End of Season | <u>Reserves</u> | <u>[139][140]</u> |
| 47 | MF |  <u>Glen Kamara</u> |  <u>Southend</u> | 22 January 2016 | End of Season | <u>Reserves</u> | <u>[141]</u> |
| 2 | DF |  <u>Mathieu Debuchy</u> |  <u>Bordeaux</u> | 1 February 2016 | End of Season | <u>First team</u> | <u>[142]</u> |
| 22 | FW |  <u>Yaya Sanogo</u> |  <u>Charlton Athletic</u> | 1 February 2016 | End of Season | <u>First team</u> | <u>[143]</u> |

a. Loan initially until the end of the season

b. Loan initially until 3 January 2016

c. Loan initially until the end of the season

Overall transfer activity

Spending

Summer: ▼ Undisclosed (~ £14,121,000)

Winter: ▼ Undisclosed (~ £7,400,000)

Total: ▼ Undisclosed (~ £21,521,000)

Income

Summer: ▲ Undisclosed (~ £1,800,000)

Winter: ▲ Undisclosed (~ £0,000,000)

Total: ▲ Undisclosed (~ £1,800,000)

Net expenditure

Summer: ▼ Undisclosed (~ £13,321,000)

Winter: ▼ Undisclosed (~ £7,400,000)

Total: ▼ Undisclosed (~ £20,721,000)

Club

Coaching staff

| Position | Staff |
|--|--|
| Manager |  Arsène Wenger |
| Assistant manager |  Steve Bould |
| First team coach |  Boro Primorac  Neil Banfield |
| Goalkeeping coach |  Gerry Peyton |
| Head of athletic performance enhancement |  Shad Forsythe |
| Fitness coach |  Tony Colbert  Craig Gant |
| Physiotherapist |  Colin Lewin  Ben Ashworth  Andrew Rolls |
| Club doctor |  Gary O'Driscoll |
| Head of academy |  Andries Jonker |
| Masseur |  Darren Page  Chris Harvey  Chris Senior |
| Kit manager |  Vic Akers |
| Assistant Kit manager |  Paul Akers |
| Equipment manager |  Paul Johnson |
| Performance nutritionist |  James Collins |
| Football analyst |  Ben Knapper |



This is Arsène Wenger's 20th season with Arsenal.

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Source: [Arsenal F.C. \(http://www.arsenal.com/staff\)](http://www.arsenal.com/staff)

Kit

Supplier: [Puma](#) / **Sponsor:** [Fly Emirates](#)



Kit information

This is Puma's second year supplying Arsenal kit, having taken over from [Nike](#) at the beginning of the 2014–15 season.

- **Home:** The home kit features Arsenal's traditional colours of red and white. The kit features red trim on the sleeves and a grandad collar. Additionally, golden trim features on the kit for the first time since [2006–07](#). The traditional white socks are returned to the kit after the club played in hooped socks last season.
- **Away:** The away kit features the colours gold and navy, and is similar to the away kit worn in the Double-winning 2001–02 season. The shirt has navy shoulders and a crew-neck, but the most striking feature of the kit is the subtle diamond graphic on the body of the shirt. The strip is combined with navy shorts and socks.^[150]
- **Third:** The third kit, which is set to be used in cup competitions, is mainly anthracite with white, gold and 'Capri Breeze' (turquoise) diagonal sashes. The kit features a monochromatic golden Arsenal badge and is combined with anthracite shorts and socks. Turquoise shorts and socks were worn in the match against [Sheffield Wednesday](#).

- **Keeper:** The goalkeeper kits are based in Puma new goalkeeper template utilised by the supplier's top clubs, which feature contrasting hoops on the top half of the body. The first-choice strip is dark grey with golden hoops and a lighter grey stripe on the sleeves, while the second-choice strip is aqua with black hoops and golden detailing. The alternative strip is orange and also features black hoops.

Other information

| | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Chairman |  Stan Kroenke |
| Ground (capacity and dimensions) | Emirates Stadium (60,355 / 113x76 metres) |

Updated to match played 30 May 2014

Source: [Arsenal F.C.](http://www.arsenal.com/the-club/corporate-info/the-arsenal-board) (<http://www.arsenal.com/the-club/corporate-info/the-arsenal-board>)



The Emirates Stadium is the second largest stadium in the [Premier League](#).

Squad statistics

Appearances and goals

As of 15 May 2016

Numbers in parentheses denote appearances as substitute. Players with number struck through and marked † left the club during the playing season.

| No. | Pos. | Nat. | Name | Premier League | | FA Cup | | League Cup | | Champions League | | Community Shield | | Total | |
|-----|------|---|--------------------------------|----------------|-------|--------|-------|------------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | | | | Apps | Goals | Apps | Goals | Apps | Goals | Apps | Goals | Apps | Goals | Apps | Goals |
| 2 | DF |  | <u>Mathieu Debuchy</u> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 (1) | 0 |
| 3 | DF |  | <u>Kieran Gibbs</u> | 3 (12) | 1 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 (3) | 0 | 0 (1) | 0 | 12 (16) | 1 |
| 4 | DF |  | <u>Per Mertesacker</u> | 24 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 (1) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 35 (1) | 0 |
| 5 | DF |  | <u>Gabriel Paulista</u> | 18 (3) | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 (3) | 1 |
| 6 | DF |  | <u>Laurent Koscielny</u> | 33 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 44 | 4 |
| 7 | MF |  | <u>Tomáš Rosický</u> | 0 | 0 | 0 (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 (1) | 0 |
| 8 | MF |  | <u>Mikel Arteta</u> | 0 (9) | 0 | 0 (2) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 (1) | 0 | 2 (12) | 0 |
| 10 | MF |  | <u>Jack Wilshere</u> | 1 (2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 (2) | 0 |
| 11 | MF |  | <u>Mesut Özil</u> | 35 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 45 | 8 |
| 12 | FW |  | <u>Olivier Giroud</u> | 26 (12) | 16 | 4 (1) | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 (2) | 5 | 0 (1) | 0 | 37 (16) | 24 |
| 13 | GK |  | <u>David Ospina</u> | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| 14 | FW |  | <u>Theo Walcott</u> | 15 (13) | 5 | 3 (2) | 2 | 0 (2) | 0 | 3 (3) | 2 | 1 | 0 | 22 (20) | 9 |
| 15 | MF |  | <u>Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain</u> | 9 (13) | 1 | 2 (1) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 (2) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 17 (16) | 2 |
| 16 | MF |  | <u>Aaron Ramsey</u> | 29 (2) | 5 | 0 (2) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 (2) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 34 (6) | 6 |
| 17 | FW |  | <u>Alexis Sánchez</u> | 28 (2) | 13 | 2 (1) | 1 | 0 (1) | 0 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 37 (4) | 17 |
| 18 | DF |  | <u>Nacho Monreal</u> | 36 (1) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 44 (1) | 0 |
| 19 | MF |  | <u>Santi Cazorla</u> | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| 20 | MF |  | <u>Mathieu Flamini</u> | 12 (4) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 (5) | 2 |
| 21 | DF |  | <u>Calum Chambers</u> | 2 (10) | 0 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 (3) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 (13) | 1 |
| 23 | FW |  | <u>Danny Welbeck</u> | 7 (4) | 4 | 1 (1) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 (6) | 5 |
| 24 | DF |  | <u>Héctor Bellerín</u> | 36 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 44 | 1 |
| 28 | FW |  | <u>Joel Campbell</u> | 11 (8) | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 (2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 (10) | 4 |
| 33 | GK |  | <u>Petr Čech</u> | 34 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 42 | 0 |
| 34 | MF |  | <u>Francis Coquelin</u> | 21 (5) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 (2) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 28 (7) | 0 |
| 35 | MF |  | <u>Mohamed Elneny</u> | 9 (2) | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 14 (2) | 1 |
| 36 | MF |  | <u>Ismaël Bennacer</u> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 (1) | 0 |
| 37 | MF |  | <u>Krystian Bielik</u> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 (1) | 0 |
| 45 | FW |  | <u>Alex Iwobi</u> | 8 (5) | 2 | 4 (1) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 (7) | 2 |
| 47 | MF |  | <u>Glen Kamara</u> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 54 | MF |  | <u>Jeff Reine-Adélaïde</u> | 0 | 0 | 0 (2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 (2) | 0 |

Top scorers

As of 15 May 2016

































Olivier Giroud top-scored for Arsenal this season, with 24 goals in all competitions.

| Rank | Position | Nationality | Number | Name | Premier League | FA Cup | League Cup | Champions League | Community Shield | Total |
|--------|-----------|-------------|--------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------|------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
| 1 | FW | | 12 | <u>Olivier Giroud</u> | 16 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 24 |
| 2 | FW | | 17 | <u>Alexis Sánchez</u> | 13 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 17 |
| 3 | FW | | 14 | <u>Theo Walcott</u> | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 |
| 4 | MF | | 11 | <u>Mesut Özil</u> | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| 5 | MF | | 16 | <u>Aaron Ramsey</u> | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 6 | FW | | 23 | <u>Danny Welbeck</u> | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 7 | FW | | 28 | <u>Joel Campbell</u> | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | DF | | 6 | <u>Laurent Koscielny</u> | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 9 | Own Goals | | | | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 10 | MF | | 20 | <u>Mathieu Flamini</u> | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | FW | | 45 | <u>Alex Iwobi</u> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | MF | | 15 | <u>Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain</u> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 13 | DF | | 24 | <u>Héctor Bellerín</u> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | DF | | 21 | <u>Calum Chambers</u> | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | MF | | 35 | <u>Mohamed Elneny</u> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | DF | | 5 | <u>Gabriel Paulista</u> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | DF | | 3 | <u>Kieran Gibbs</u> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTALS | | | | | 65 | 10 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 91 |

Source: Arsenal F.C. (<https://web.archive.org/web/20160513223606/http://www.arsenal.com/first-team/statistics?season=2015%2F16>) and 11v11.com (<http://www.11v11.com/teams/arsenal/tab/players/season/2016>)

Disciplinary record



As of 15 May 2016

| Number | Nationality | Position | Name | Premier League | | FA Cup | | League Cup | | Champions League | | Community Shield | | Total | |
|--------|---|----------|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34 |  | MF | Francis Coquelin | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| 5 |  | DF | Gabriel Paulista | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| 12 |  | FW | Olivier Giroud | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| 19 |  | MF | Santi Cazorla | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 4 |  | DF | Per Mertesacker | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 11 |  | MF | Mesut Özil | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| 20 |  | MF | Mathieu Flamini | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 6 |  | DF | Laurent Koscielny | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 16 |  | MF | Aaron Ramsey | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 35 |  | MF | Mohamed Elneny | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 24 |  | DF | Héctor Bellerín | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 28 |  | FW | Joel Campbell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 18 |  | DF | Nacho Monreal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 21 |  | DF | Calum Chambers | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 17 |  | FW | Alexis Sánchez | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 8 |  | MF | Mikel Arteta | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 2 |  | DF | Mathieu Debuchy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 23 |  | FW | Danny Welbeck | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | | | | 39 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 67 | 5 |

Source: 11v11.com (<http://www.11v11.com/teams/arsenal/tab/players/season/2016>)

Clean sheets

As of 15 May 2016

| Rank | Nationality | Number | Name | Premier League | FA Cup | League Cup | Champions League | Community Shield | Total |
|-------|---|--------|------------------------------|----------------|--------|------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
| 1 |  | 33 | Petr Čech | 16 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 20 |
| 2 |  | 13 | David Ospina | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Total | | | | 18 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 24 |

Source: 11v11.com ([Petr Čech](http://www.11v11.com/players/petr-cech-16729/)) and 11v11.com ([David Ospina](http://www.11v11.com/players/david-ospina-226616/))

Pre-season

Arsenal started the 2015–16 season retaining [Puma](#) as their kit supplier and [Emirates](#) as their shirt sponsor.^[151] In July, they went on a preseason tour to Asia. During this, they participated in the [Premier League Asia Trophy](#) in Singapore along with fellow Premier League sides [Everton](#) and [Stoke City](#) as well as a [Singapore Selection XI](#).^[152] Following this tournament, Arsenal will then play in their traditional yearly [Emirates Cup](#) tournament at the [Emirates Stadium](#), with [Lyon](#), [Villarreal](#) and [VfL Wolfsburg](#) also participating. The match against Wolfsburg marked the return of former Arsenal striker [Nicklas Bendtner](#), who made his first return to the Emirates Stadium with Wolfsburg.^[153]

Pre-season matches

 Win  Draw  Loss



Arsenal celebrate winning the 2015 edition of the Emirates Cup.

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|--|--|----------------------|--|
| Asia Trophy Semifinal | 15 July 2015 | Singapore XI | 0–4 | Arsenal | Kallang, <u>Singapore</u> |
| | 13:30 <u>BST</u> | | Report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/singapore-xi-v-arsenal) Akpom ⚽ 30', 76' (pen.), 79' Wilshere ⚽ 60' (pen.) | | Stadium: <u>National Stadium, Singapore</u> Referee: Jon Moss |
| Asia Trophy Final | 18 July 2015 | Everton | 1–3 | Arsenal | Kallang, <u>Singapore</u> |
| | 13:30 <u>BST</u> | Barkley ⚽ 75' | Report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/everton-1-3-arsenal) Walcott ⚽ 22' Cazorla ⚽ 58' Özil ⚽ 62' | | Stadium: <u>National Stadium, Singapore</u> Referee: Craig Pawson |
| Emirates Cup | 25 July 2015 | Arsenal | 6–0 | Lyon | <u>London</u> |
| | 16:20 <u>BST</u> | Giroud ⚽ 29' Oxlade-Chamberlain ⚽ 34' Iwobi ⚽ 35' Ramsey ⚽ 38' Coquelin ⚽ 45+1' Özil ⚽ 62' Cazorla ⚽ 84' | Report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/arsenal-v-lyon-match-report) Rose 🟡 17' Jenssen 🟡 36' | | Stadium: <u>Emirates Stadium</u> Referee: Jon Moss |
| Emirates Cup | 26 July 2015 | Arsenal | 1–0 | VfL Wolfsburg | <u>London</u> |
| | 16:20 <u>BST</u> | Walcott ⚽ 50' Cazorla 🟡 85' Monreal 🟡 89' | Report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/arsenal-v-wolfsburg-match-report) Klose 🟡 35' Naldo 🟡 73' Arnold 🟡 85' | | Stadium: <u>Emirates Stadium</u> Referee: Craig Pawson |

Competitions

Overall

| Competition | Started round | Final position / round | First match | Last match |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <u>Premier League</u> | — | 2nd | 9 August 2015 | 15 May 2016 |
| <u>FA Community Shield</u> | Final | Winners | 2 August 2015 | |
| <u>FA Cup</u> | <u>Third round</u> | <u>Sixth round</u> | 9 January 2016 | 13 March 2016 |
| <u>League Cup</u> | <u>Third round</u> | <u>Fourth round</u> | 23 September 2015 | 27 October 2015 |
| <u>UEFA Champions League</u> | <u>Group stage</u> | <u>Round of 16</u> | 16 September 2015 | 16 March 2016 |



The Arsenal backline during the 2015 FA Community Shield

Overview

| Competition | Record | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|--------|
| | G | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Win % |
| Premier League | 38 | 20 | 11 | 7 | 65 | 36 | +29 | 52.63 |
| FA Community Shield | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | +1 | 100.00 |
| FA Cup | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 4 | +6 | 60.00 |
| League Cup | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | -2 | 50.00 |
| Champions League | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 13 | 15 | -2 | 37.50 |
| Total | 54 | 28 | 12 | 14 | 91 | 59 | +32 | 51.85 |

Source: [Competitions](#)

FA Community Shield

Win Draw Loss

| | | | | |
|------------------|--|-----|---------|---|
| 2 August 2015 | Arsenal | 1-0 | Chelsea | London |
| Community Shield | | | | |
| 15:00 BST | Oxlade-Chamberlain 24' Arsenal Report (h Azpilicueta 65' Coquelin 67' http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1415/post/first-team/56495/arsenal-v-chelsea-match-report) BBC Report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/33667216) | | | |
| | | | | Stadium: Wembley Stadium Attendance: 85,437 Referee: Anthony Taylor |

Premier League

League table

| Pos | Team | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts | Qualification or relegation |
|-----|--------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|--|
| 1 | Leicester City (C) | 38 | 23 | 12 | 3 | 68 | 36 | +32 | 81 | Qualification for the Champions League group stage |
| 2 | Arsenal | 38 | 20 | 11 | 7 | 65 | 36 | +29 | 71 | |
| 3 | Tottenham Hotspur | 38 | 19 | 13 | 6 | 69 | 35 | +34 | 70 | |
| 4 | Manchester City | 38 | 19 | 9 | 10 | 71 | 41 | +30 | 66 | Qualification for the Champions League play-off round |
| 5 | Manchester United | 38 | 19 | 9 | 10 | 49 | 35 | +14 | 66 | Qualification for the Europa League group stage ^[a] |

Source: [Premier League \(https://www.premierleague.com/tables?co=1&se=42&ha=-1\)](https://www.premierleague.com/tables?co=1&se=42&ha=-1)
Rules for classification: 1) Points; 2) Goal difference; 3) Goals scored; 4) Play-offs (only if needed to decide champion, teams for relegation or teams for UEFA competitions).^[154]
(C) Champions
Notes:

- a. Manchester United qualified for the [Europa League group stage](#) by winning the 2015–16 FA Cup. As they had also qualified by their virtue of their league position (5th), this spot was passed to the next-highest ranked team (6th), Southampton.

Results summary

| Overall | | | | | | | | Home | | | | | | Away | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|-----|------|---|---|----|----|-----|------|---|---|----|----|----|
| Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD |
| 38 | 20 | 11 | 7 | 65 | 36 | +29 | 71 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 31 | 11 | +20 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 34 | 25 | +9 |

Last updated: 15 May 2016.

Source: Premier League (<http://www.premierleague.com/page/LeagueTable>)

Results by matchday

| Matchday | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
|----------|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Ground | H | A | H | A | H | A | A | H | A | H | A | H | A | A | H | A | H | A | H | H | A | A | H | H | A | H |
| Result | L | W | D | W | W | L | W | W | W | W | W | D | L | D | W | W | W | L | W | W | D | D | L | D | W | W |
| Position | 20 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 |

Updated to match(es) played on 15 May 2016. Source: Statto.com (<http://www.statto.com/football/teams/arsenal/2015-2016/results>)


























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

Matches

On 17 June 2015, the fixtures for the forthcoming season were announced.^[155]

Win Draw Loss




































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| 1 | 9 August 2015 13:30 BST | Arsenal Monreal 69' | 0–2 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1415/post/first-team/56567/arsenal-v-west-ham-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/football/33750502) | West Ham United Noble 5' Ogbonna 7' Tomkins 37' Kouyaté 43' Zarate 57' | Holloway, London Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,996 Referee: Martin Atkinson |
| 2 | 16 August 2015 13:30 BST | Crystal Palace Ward 28' McArthur 45+1' | 1–2 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1415/post/first-team/56637/palace-v-arsenal-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/football/33839766) | Arsenal Giroud 16' Coquelin 41' Delaney 55' (o.g.) | Selhurst, London Stadium: Selhurst Park Attendance: 24,732 Referee: Lee Mason |
| 3 | 24 August 2015 20:00 BST | Arsenal Gabriel 65' | 0–0 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/arsenal-v-liverpool-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/football/33955692) | Liverpool Škrテル 61' Can 66' Gomez 79' Mignolet 85' | Holloway, London Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 60,080 Referee: Michael Oliver |
| 4 | 29 August 2015 12:45 BST | Newcastle United Sissoko 3' Mitrović 16' Mbemba 19' Thauvin 26' Anita 48' Wijnaldum 49' Coloccini 90+2' | 0–1 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/newcastle-united-v-arsenal-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/34025312) | Arsenal Cazorla 49' Coloccini 52' (o.g.) | Newcastle upon Tyne Stadium: St James' Park Attendance: 50,388 Referee: Andre Marriner |
| 5 | 12 September 2015 15:00 BST | Arsenal Walcott 31' Özil 38' Giroud 85' | 2–0 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/arsenal-v-stoke-city-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/34160767) | Stoke City Bardsley 81' | Holloway, London Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,963 Referee: Jonathan Moss |
| 6 | 19 September 2015 | Chelsea | 2–0 | Arsenal | Fulham, London |

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| | 12:45 BST | Costa  45' Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/chelsea-v-arsenal-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/34191867) | Cazorla  31'  79' Gabriel  45'  45+1' Chambers  72' | Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 41,584 Referee: Mike Dean |
| 7 | 26 September 2015 15:00 BST | Leicester City 2–5 Arsenal Vardy  13', 89' Drinkwater  72' | Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/leicester-v-arsenal-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/34299596) | Leicester Stadium: King Power Stadium Attendance: 32,047 Referee: Craig Pawson |
| 8 | 4 October 2015 16:00 BST | Arsenal 3–0 Manchester United Sánchez  6', 19' Özil  7' Coquelin  51' | Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/arsenal-v-man-utd-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/34372498) | Holloway, London Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 60,084 Referee: Anthony Taylor |
| 9 | 17 October 2015 17:30 BST | Watford 0–3 Arsenal Nyom  47' Gomes  63' | Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/watford-v-arsenal-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/34493696) | Watford Stadium: Vicarage Road Attendance: 20,721 Referee: Mike Jones |
| 10 | 24 October 2015 17:30 BST | Arsenal 2–1 Everton Coquelin  25' Giroud  36',  69' Koscielny  38' | Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/arsenal-v-everton-the-story-so-far) BBC report (http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/football/34558443) | Holloway, London Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,985 Referee: Lee Mason |
| 11 | 31 October 2015 15:00 GMT | Swansea City 0–3 Arsenal Ki  57' Williams  89' | Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/swansea-0-0-arsenal-the-story-so-far) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/34623949) | Swansea Stadium: Liberty Stadium Attendance: 20,937 Referee: Kevin Friend |
| 12 | 8 November 2015 16:00 GMT | Arsenal 1–1 Tottenham Hotspur Gibbs  77' | Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/arsenal-0-1-tottenham-the-story-so-far) BBC report (http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/football/34691295) | Holloway, London Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 60,060 Referee: Martin Atkinson |
| 13 | 21 November 2015 15:00 GMT | West Bromwich Albion 2–1 Arsenal Morrison  35',  43' Arteta  40' (o.g.) Brunt  83' Myhill  90+1' | Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/west-brom-2-1-arsenal-match-report) | West Bromwich Stadium: The Hawthorns Attendance: 24,343 Referee: Mark Clattenburg |

BBC report (<http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/34818236>)

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| 14 | 29 November 2015 16:15 GMT | Norwich City Grabban ⚽ 43' O'Neil ⚽ 57' | 1–1 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/norwich-1-1-arsenal-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/football/34893429) | Arsenal Özil ⚽ 30' Cazorla ⚽ 54' | Norwich Stadium: Carrow Road Attendance: 27,091 Referee: Jonathan Moss |
| 15 | 5 December 2015 15:00 GMT | Arsenal Campbell ⚽ 33' Koscielny ⚽ 44' Giroud ⚽ 63' Ramsey ⚽ 90+3' | 3–1 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/arsenal-3-1-sunderland-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/34951798) | Sunderland Giroud ⚽ 45' (o.g.) Yedlin ⚽ 80' | Holloway, London Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,937 Referee: Robert Madley |
| 16 | 13 December 2015 13:30 GMT | Aston Villa | 0–2 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/aston-villa-0-2-arsenal-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/35018974) | Arsenal Giroud ⚽ 8' (pen.) Ramsey ⚽ 38' | Birmingham Stadium: Villa Park Attendance: 33,285 Referee: Kevin Friend |
| 17 | 21 December 2015 20:00 GMT | Arsenal Walcott ⚽ 33' Giroud ⚽ 45+1' | 2–1 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/arsenal-v-manchester-city-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/35089795) | Manchester City Silva ⚽ 31' Otamendi ⚽ 48' Touré ⚽ 82' | Holloway, London Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 60,053 Referee: Andre Marriner |
| 18 | 26 December 2015 19:45 GMT | Southampton Martina ⚽ 19' Long ⚽ 34', ⚽ 55', 90+2' Fonte ⚽ 69' | 4–0 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/southampton-v-arsenal-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/35140036) | Arsenal | Southampton Stadium: St Mary's Stadium Attendance: 31,669 Referee: Jonathan Moss |
| 19 | 28 December 2015 17:30 GMT | Arsenal Gabriel ⚽ 27' Ramsey ⚽ 30' Chambers ⚽ 61' Özil ⚽ 63' | 2–0 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/arsenal-v-bournemouth-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/35148189) | Bournemouth | Holloway, London Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,983 Referee: Roger East |
| 20 | 2 January 2016 15:00 GMT | Arsenal Koscielny ⚽ 72' Flamini ⚽ 82' Özil ⚽ 90+2' | 1–0 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/arsenal-v-newcastle-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/35180057) | Newcastle United Colback ⚽ 35' Janmaat ⚽ 68' | Holloway, London Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,257 Referee: Anthony Taylor |

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| 21 | 13 January 2016 20:00 GMT | Liverpool Firmino ⚽ 10', 19', Clyne ⚽ 53' Allen ⚽ 90' | 3–3 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/liverpool-v-arsenal-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/35239781) | Arsenal Ramsey ⚽ 14' Giroud ⚽ 25', 55' | <u>Liverpool</u> Stadium: Anfield Attendance: 44,109 Referee: <u>Mike Jones</u> |
| 22 | 17 January 2016 16:15 GMT | Stoke City | 0–0 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/stoke-city-v-arsenal-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/35274740) | Arsenal | <u>Stoke-on-Trent</u> Stadium: Britannia Stadium Attendance: 27,683 Referee: <u>Craig Pawson</u> |
| 23 | 24 January 2016 16:00 GMT | Arsenal Mertesacker ⚽ 18' Flamini ⚽ 45' | 0–1 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/arsenal-v-chelsea-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/35336663) | Chelsea Oscar ⚽ 11' Costa ⚽ 23' Matić ⚽ 60' Mikel ⚽ 72' | <u>Holloway, London</u> Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 60,072 Referee: <u>Mark Clattenburg</u> |
| 24 | 2 February 2016 19:45 GMT | Arsenal Coquelin ⚽ 87' Gabriel ⚽ 89' | 0–0 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/arsenal-v-southampton) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35406894) | Southampton Soares ⚽ 61' | <u>Holloway, London</u> Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 60,044 Referee: <u>Lee Mason</u> |
| 25 | 7 February 2016 13:30 GMT | Bournemouth | 0–2 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/bournemouth-v-arsenal-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35453143) | Arsenal Flamini ⚽ 9' Özil ⚽ 23' Oxlade-Chamberlain ⚽ 24' | <u>Bournemouth</u> Stadium: Dean Court Attendance: 11,357 Referee: <u>Kevin Friend</u> |
| 26 | 14 February 2016 12:00 GMT | Arsenal Coquelin ⚽ 36' Koscielny ⚽ 44' Ramsey ⚽ 45+2' Walcott ⚽ 70' Welbeck ⚽ 90+5', ⚽ 90+6' | 2–1 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/arsenal-v-leicester-city) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35515144) | Leicester City Vardy ⚽ 45' (pen.) Simpson ⚽ 49' ⚽ 54' Fuchs ⚽ 52' Kanté ⚽ 57' Wasilewski ⚽ 90+4' | <u>Holloway, London</u> Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 60,009 Referee: <u>Martin Atkinson</u> |
| 27 | 28 February 2016 14:05 GMT | Manchester United Varela ⚽ 9' Carrick ⚽ 22' Rashford ⚽ 29', 32' Herrera ⚽ 65', ⚽ 72' Januzaj ⚽ 90+3' | 3–2 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/manchester-utd-v-arsenal-story-so-far) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35624234) | Arsenal Welbeck ⚽ 40' Özil ⚽ 69', ⚽ 90+2' Ramsey ⚽ 72' Elneny ⚽ 73' | <u>Manchester</u> Stadium: Old Trafford Attendance: 75,329 Referee: <u>Craig Pawson</u> |
| 28 | 2 March 2016 19:45 GMT | Arsenal Campbell ⚽ 15' | 1–2 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea-m/arsenal-v-swans) | Swansea City Routledge ⚽ 32', ⚽ 77' Ayew ⚽ 40' Williams ⚽ 74' | <u>Holloway, London</u> Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,905 Referee: <u>Robert Madley</u> |

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| 29 | 5 March 2016 12:45 GMT | Tottenham Hotspur 2–2 Arsenal Lamela  28' Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/tottenham-v-arsenal-story-so-far) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35659805) Alderweireld  60' Coquelin  29'  55' Kane  62' Ramsey  39' Dier  73' Sánchez  66',  76' | London Stadium: White Hart Lane Attendance: 35,762 Referee: Michael Oliver |
| 30 | 19 March 2016 12:45 GMT | Everton 0–2 Arsenal Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/everton-v-arsenal-story-so-far) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35792188) Welbeck  7' Iwobi  42' | Liverpool Stadium: Goodison Park Attendance: 39,270 Referee: Mark Clattenburg |
| 31 | 2 April 2016 15:00 BST | Arsenal 4–0 Watford Sánchez  4' Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/59166/arsenal-v-watford-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35902639) Iwobi  38' Bellerín  48' Nyom  61' Elneny  84' Walcott  90' | Holloway, London Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,981 Referee: Anthony Taylor |
| 32 | 9 April 2016 12:45 BST | West Ham United 3–3 Arsenal Carroll  4',  44', 45+2', 52' Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/west-ham-v-arsenal-the-story-so-far) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35949243) Antonio  90+3' Özil  18' Sánchez  35' Koscielny  70' | London Stadium: Boleyn Ground Attendance: 34,977 Referee: Craig Pawson |
| 33 | 17 April 2016 16:00 BST | Arsenal 1–1 Crystal Palace Sánchez  45+1' Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/arsenal-v-crystal-palace) BBC Report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/36008542) Ledley  57' Dann  73' Bolasie  81' | Holloway, London Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,961 Referee: Roger East |
| 34 | 21 April 2016 19:45 BST | Arsenal 2–0 West Bromwich Albion Sánchez  6', 38' Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/arsenal-v-west-brom-match-report) BBC Report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35733432) McAuley  41' | Holloway, London Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,568 Referee: Jonathan Moss |
| 35 | 24 April 2016 14:05 BST | Sunderland 0–0 Arsenal Borini  58' Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/sunderland-v-arsenal-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/36065531) Khazri  90+3' Ramsey  40' Bellerín  49' Elneny  76' Koscielny  90+2' | Sunderland Stadium: Stadium of Light Attendance: 45,420 Referee: Mike Dean |

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| 36 | 30 April 2016 17:30 <u>BST</u> | Arsenal Welbeck ⚽ 59' Özil ⚽ 85' | 1–0 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/arsenal-v-norwich-city-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/36118652) | Norwich City | <u>Holloway, London</u> Stadium: <u>Emirates Stadium</u> Attendance: 59,989 Referee: <u>Mike Jones</u> |
| 37 | 8 May 2016 16:00 <u>BST</u> | Manchester City Agüero ⚽ 8' De Bruyne ⚽ 51' Otamendi ⚽ 90+1' Fernandinho ⚽ 90+2' | 2–2 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/man-city-v-arsenal-match-report) BBC Report (http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/36180831) | Arsenal Giroud ⚽ 10' Sánchez ⚽ 68' Gabriel ⚽ 71' | <u>Manchester</u> Stadium: <u>Etihad Stadium</u> Attendance: 54,425 Referee: <u>Anthony Taylor</u> |
| 38 | 15 May 2016 15:00 <u>BST</u> | Arsenal Giroud ⚽ 5', 78', 80' Bunn ⚽ 90+2' (o.g.) | 4–0 BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/36240512) | Aston Villa Sánchez ⚽ 39' | <u>Holloway, London</u> Stadium: <u>Emirates Stadium</u> Attendance: 60,007 Referee: <u>Mark Clattenburg</u> |

FA Cup

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| <u>Third round</u> | 9 January 2016 15:00 <u>GMT</u> | Arsenal Campbell ⚽ 25' Ramsey ⚽ 72' Giroud ⚽ 75' Gabriel ⚽ 90+3' | 3–1 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/arsenal-v-sunderland-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/35211591) | Sunderland Lens ⚽ 17' | <u>Holloway, London</u> Stadium: <u>Emirates Stadium</u> Attendance: 53,349 Referee: <u>Martin Atkinson</u> |
| <u>Fourth round</u> | 30 January 2016 15:00 <u>GMT</u> | Arsenal Chambers ⚽ 19' Sánchez ⚽ 53' Koscielny ⚽ 73' | 2–1 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/arsenal-v-burnley) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35389250) | Burnley Vokes ⚽ 30' Arfield ⚽ 65' | <u>Holloway, London</u> Stadium: <u>Emirates Stadium</u> Attendance: 59,932 Referee: <u>Roger East</u> |
| <u>Fifth round</u> | 20 February 2016 12:45 <u>GMT</u> | Arsenal Koscielny ⚽ 41' Chambers ⚽ 56' | 0–0 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/arsenal-v-hull-city) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35566703) | Hull City Maguire ⚽ 31' Maloney ⚽ 33' Bruce ⚽ 90' | <u>Holloway, London</u> Stadium: <u>Emirates Stadium</u> Attendance: 59,830 Referee: <u>Mike Dean</u> |
| <u>Replay</u> | 8 March 2016 19:00 <u>GMT</u> | Hull City Diamé ⚽ 47' Maguire ⚽ 51' | 0–4 Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/hull-city-v-arsenal) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35693501) | Arsenal Elneny ⚽ 32' Giroud ⚽ 34', ⚽ 41', 71' Walcott ⚽ 77', 88' | <u>Kingston upon Hull</u> Stadium: <u>KC Stadium</u> Attendance: 20,993 Referee: <u>Mike Jones</u> |
| <u>Sixth round</u> | 13 March 2016 | Arsenal | 1–2 | Watford | <u>Holloway, London</u> |

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| 13:30 GMT | <p>Özil 74' Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/arsenal-v-watford-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35738604)</p> | <p>Stadium: Emirates Stadium Referee: Andre Marriner</p> |
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League Cup

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| 23 September 2015 Third round | <p>19:45 BST</p> | <p>Tottenham Hotspur 1–2 Arsenal</p> <p>Chambers 56' (o.g.) Arsenal report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/tottenham-hotspur-v-arsenal) BBC report (http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/football/34265590)</p> | <p>Tottenham, London</p> <p>Stadium: White Hart Lane Attendance: 35,687 Referee: Andre Marriner</p> |
| 27 October 2015 Fourth round | <p>19:45 GMT</p> | <p>Sheffield Wednesday 3–0 Arsenal</p> <p>Wallace 27', 45+4' Arsenal Report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/sheff-wed-2-0-arsenal-match-report) BBC report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/34578025)</p> | <p>Sheffield</p> <p>Stadium: Hillsborough Stadium Attendance: 35,065 Referee: Graham Scott</p> |

UEFA Champions League

Arsenal qualified for the group stage of the 2015–16 UEFA Champions League due to finishing third in the 2014–15 Premier League.^[156] This means that Arsenal have qualified for the UEFA Champions League for the 18th consecutive year.^[157] Following changes to UEFA qualification rules, pot 1 for group stage draws would now consist of the Champions League holders and the champions of the seven highest ranked associations. Arsenal having previously been seeded in pot 1 for the Champions League draw as one of the top 8 ranked teams in UEFA, dropped into pot 2 for the 2015–16 UEFA Champions League group stage draw with the remainder of the highest seeded non-champions according to UEFA coefficient.^[158]

Group stage







































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| 1 | Bayern Munich | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 3 | +16 | 15 | Advance to knockout phase | — | 5–1 | 4–0 | 5–0 |
| 2 | Arsenal | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 10 | +2 | 9 | | 2–0 | — | 2–3 | 3–0 |
| 3 | Olympiacos | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 13 | −7 | 9 | Transfer to Europa League | 0–3 | 0–3 | — | 2–1 |
| 4 | Dinamo Zagreb | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 14 | −11 | 3 | | 0–2 | 2–1 | 0–1 | — |

Source: UEFA (<http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/standings/round=2000634/group=2003740/index.html>)

Rules for classification: [Group stage tiebreakers](#)

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








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| 1 | 16 September 2015 19:45 BST | <p>Dinamo Zagreb 2–1 Arsenal</p> <p>Pivarić 24' Arsenal Report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-team/dinamo-zagreb-v-arsenal/match-report) UEFA Report (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/standings/round=2000634/group=2003740/index.html)</p> | <p>Zagreb, Croatia</p> <p>Stadium: Maksimir Stadium Attendance: 17,840 Referee: Ovidiu Hategan (Romania)</p> |
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| | | | 016/matches/round=2000634/match=2015675/index.html) | |
| 2 | 29 September 2015 19:45 <u>BST</u> | Arsenal  2–3  Olympiacos | <p>Walcott  35' Arsenal Report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1516/post/first-tea)</p> <p>Sánchez  44',  65' Ospina  40' (o.g.)</p> <p>Gabriel  45' Roberto  64'</p> <p>Özil  78' Finnbogason  66',  75'</p> <p>Cambiasso  76'</p> <p>Fortounis  77'</p> <p>UEFA Report (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000634/match=2015684/index.html)</p> | <p>London, England</p> <p>Stadium: Emirates Stadium</p> <p>Referee: Bas Nijhuis (Netherlands)</p> |
| 3 | 20 October 2015 19:45 <u>BST</u> | Arsenal  2–0  Bayern Munich | <p>Giroud  77',  84'</p> <p>Özil  90+4'</p> <p>Report (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000634/match=2015699/index.html)</p> | <p>London, England</p> <p>Stadium: Emirates Stadium</p> <p>Referee: Cüneyt Çakır (Turkey)</p> |
| 4 | 4 November 2015 19:45 <u>GMT</u> | Bayern Munich  5–1  Arsenal | <p>Lewandowski  10' UEFA Report (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000634/match=2015723/index.html)</p> <p>Müller  29', 89'</p> <p>Alaba  44'</p> <p>Robben  55'</p> <p>Özil  12'</p> <p>Campbell  24'</p> <p>Giroud  69'</p> <p>BBC Report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/34675853)</p> | <p>Munich, Germany</p> <p>Stadium: Allianz Arena</p> <p>Referee: Gianluca Rocchi (Italy)</p> |
| 5 | 24 November 2015 19:45 <u>GMT</u> | Arsenal  3–0  Dinamo Zagreb | <p>Özil  29' UEFA Report (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000634/match=2015731/index.html)</p> <p>Sánchez  33', 69'</p> <p>Monreal  65'</p> <p>BBC Report (http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/34892626)</p> | <p>London, England</p> <p>Stadium: Emirates Stadium</p> <p>Referee: Viktor Kassai (Hungary)</p> |
| 6 | 9 December 2015 19:45 <u>GMT</u> | Olympiacos  0–3  Arsenal | <p>Fortounis  9' Report (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000634/match=2015756/index.html)</p> <p>Ramsey  18'</p> <p>Giroud  29', 49', 66' (pen.),  63'</p> | <p>Piraeus, Greece</p> <p>Stadium: Karaiskakis Stadium</p> <p>Referee: Nicola Rizzoli (Italy)</p> |

Knockout phase

The draw for the round of 16 was held on 14 December 2015.^[159] The first leg was played on 23 February, and the second leg was played on 16 March 2016.

Round of 16

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| First leg | 23 February 2016 19:45 <u>GMT</u> | Arsenal  0–2  Barcelona | <p>Monreal  6' Report (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000635/match=2015766/index.html)</p> <p>Messi  71', 83' (pen.)</p> <p>Piqué  85'</p> | <p>London, England</p> <p>Stadium: Emirates Stadium</p> <p>Referee: Cüneyt Çakır (Turkey)</p> |
| Second leg | 16 March 2016 19:45 <u>GMT</u> | Barcelona  3–1  Arsenal (5–1 agg.) | <p>Neymar  18'</p> <p>Suárez  65'</p> <p>UEFA Report (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000635/match=2015766/index.html)</p> <p>Flamini  32'</p> <p>Gabriel  35'</p> <p>Sánchez  50'</p> | <p>Barcelona, Spain</p> <p>Stadium: Camp Nou</p> <p>Referee: Sergei Karasev (Russia)</p> |

Turan 🟡 79' league/season=2 Elneny ⚽ 51'
 Messi ⚽ 88' 016/matches/roun Giroud 🟡 85'
[d=2000635/match=2015776/index.html](https://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35814925)
 BBC Report (<http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/35814925>)

Awards

Arsenal Player of the Month award

Awarded monthly to the player chosen by fan voting on Arsenal.com

| Month | Player | Votes |
|-----------|--|------------------------|
| August |  Francis Coquelin | 23% ^[160] |
| September |  Theo Walcott | 22% ^[161] |
| October |  Mesut Özil | 60.1% ^[162] |
| November |  Mesut Özil | 87.2% ^[163] |
| December |  Mesut Özil | 81.2% ^[164] |
| January |  Petr Čech | 47.4% ^[165] |
| February |  Mesut Özil | 36% ^[166] |
| March |  Mohamed Elneny | 31.6% ^[167] |
| April |  Mohamed Elneny | 40.2% ^[168] |



Mesut Özil won four Player of the Month awards in 2015–16.

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