

Markets Update

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Key news

- It has turned out to be a relatively quiet week on the currency markets. A lack of high tier economic data and no meaningful breakthroughs to end the war in the Middle East has resulted in the major currency pairs remaining within familiar ranges.
- The dollar has held onto its slightly firmer tone from the previous week and stronger than expected Eurozone inflation data on Tuesday has only had limited impact on the single currency.
- The news that Eurozone headline inflation climbed to 3.2% in May, marking its highest level in over two and a half years has all but cemented the current market view that the European Central Bank will raise interest rates by 0.25% at next week's monetary policy meeting (11th June).
- The main economic data release this week will be later this afternoon when the US non-farm payrolls number for May is revealed. Traders have been adopting a cautious approach ahead of the release. The good barometer on the state of the US economy will be closely watched and any significant deviation in either direction from the projected 85,000 jobs being created could have consequences for the short-term future of the dollar. Aside from the headline number, the unemployment rate is expected to hold steady at 4.30%.
- Aside from the US payrolls data, traders will continue to monitor developments in the Middle East with tensions remaining high ahead of a possible US-Iran peace agreement to end recent hostilities.
- The pound opens close to yesterdays close of \$1.3425 against the dollar and holding €1.1550 against the single currency.

Market Rates

CCY pair	Market rate at opening
GBP/USD	1.3430
GBP/EUR	1.1556
EUR/USD	1.1618
EUR/GBP	0.8651
GBP/AUD	1.8860
GBP/CAD	1.8671
GBP/CHF	1.0590
GBP/DKK	8.6385
GBP/HKD	10.5192
GBP/JPY	214.80
GBP/NOK	12.5530
GBP/NZD	2.2899
GBP/SEK	12.5850
USD/CNY	6.7733

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