

Markets Update

Thursday, 28 May 2026

- The US dollar has firmed overnight and currently sits at a one-week high following fresh exchanges of airstrikes between the US and Iran overnight. GBP/USD did break below 1.3400 overnight and EUR/USD also broke below the 1.1600 level. Both have had similar patterns of trading with slight recovery this morning, but early trading would suggest that resistance levels may be tested again.
- Adding to USD strength was comments from Donald Trump around his new Fed chair Kevin Warsh. Despite Trump administration's preference for a weaker dollar, he said that "Warsh will have the room to act as needed and to act independently to fight inflation, provided he did not confuse growth with inflation." Analysts have certainly seen this as a green light for the Fed to hike rates in the coming months, a pattern that many central banks may have to follow.
- Equity markets retreated overnight, with optimism of a peace deal diminishing. Oil prices rose 4%, though just below the \$100 a barrel level.
- GBP/EUR remains steady around the 1.1550 level, and markets do not expect this morning's European data on economic, industrial and services sentiment along with consumer confidence to provide any major driver to change the trading pattern.
- US inflation data is released at 13:30 BST, and given the comments from Donald Trump regarding interest rates, markets expect a rise in the figures and USD could gain more strength in the afternoon.
- A reminder that Monday is a Bank holiday in the Republic of Ireland and may impact cross-border payments, however it is not a Euro currency holiday.

Market rates at opening

GBP/USD	1.3404
GBP/EUR	1.1549
EUR/USD	1.1606
EUR/GBP	0.8658
GBP/AUD	1.8822
GBP/CAD	1.8566
GBP/CHF	1.0561
GBP/DKK	8.6301
GBP/HKD	10.4971
GBP/JPY	213.7800
GBP/NOK	12.4513
GBP/NZD	2.2771
GBP/SEK	12.4834
USD/CNY	6.7810

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