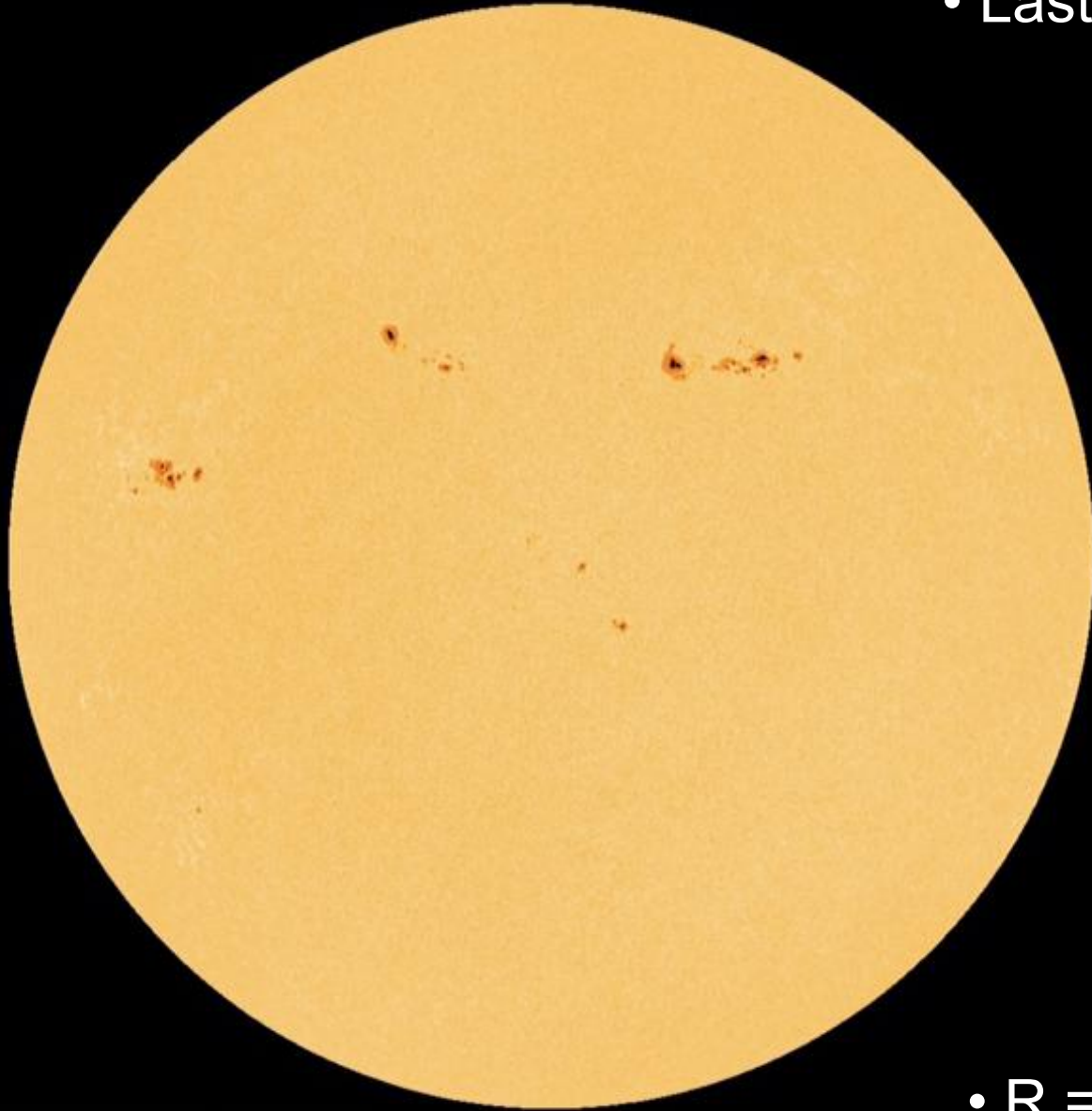


What's Up?

2026 May 25 to June 22

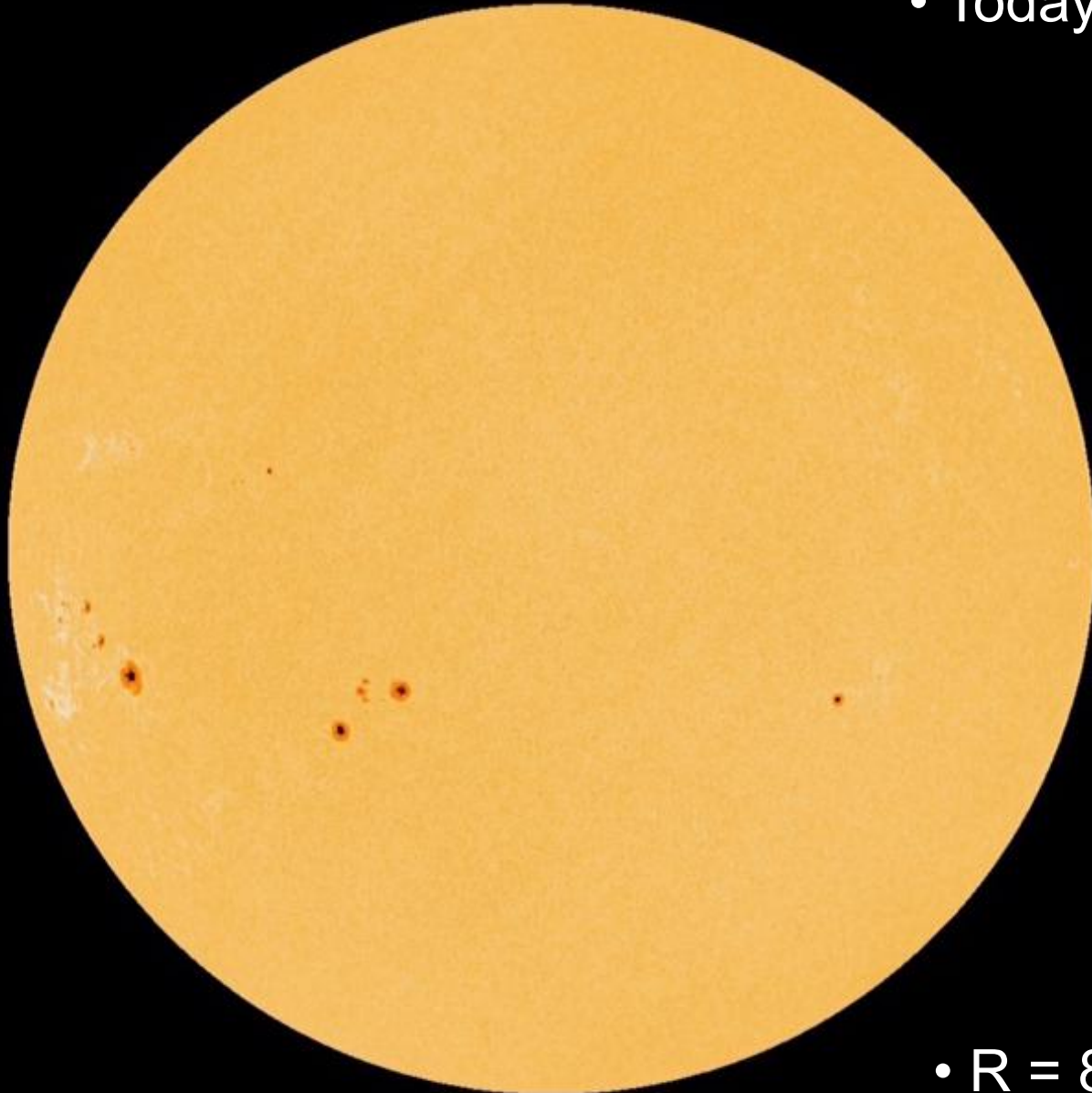
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• Last time



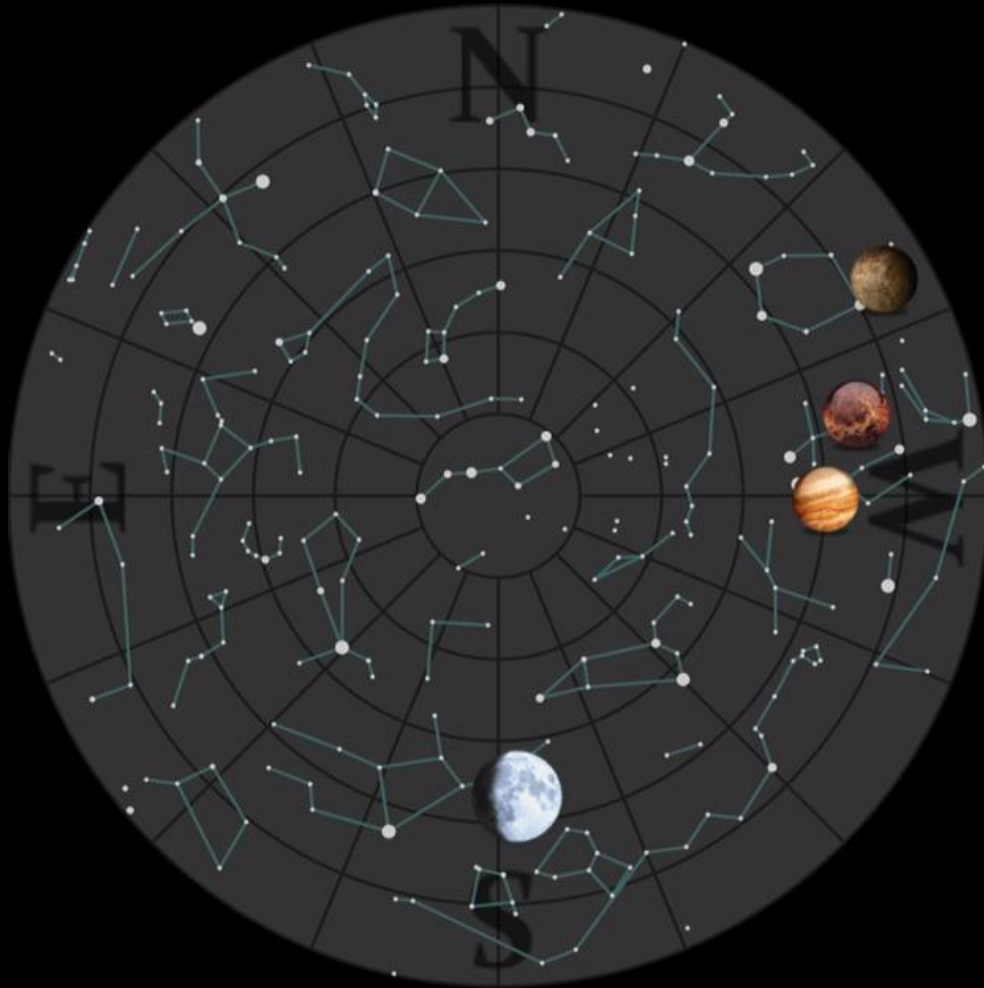
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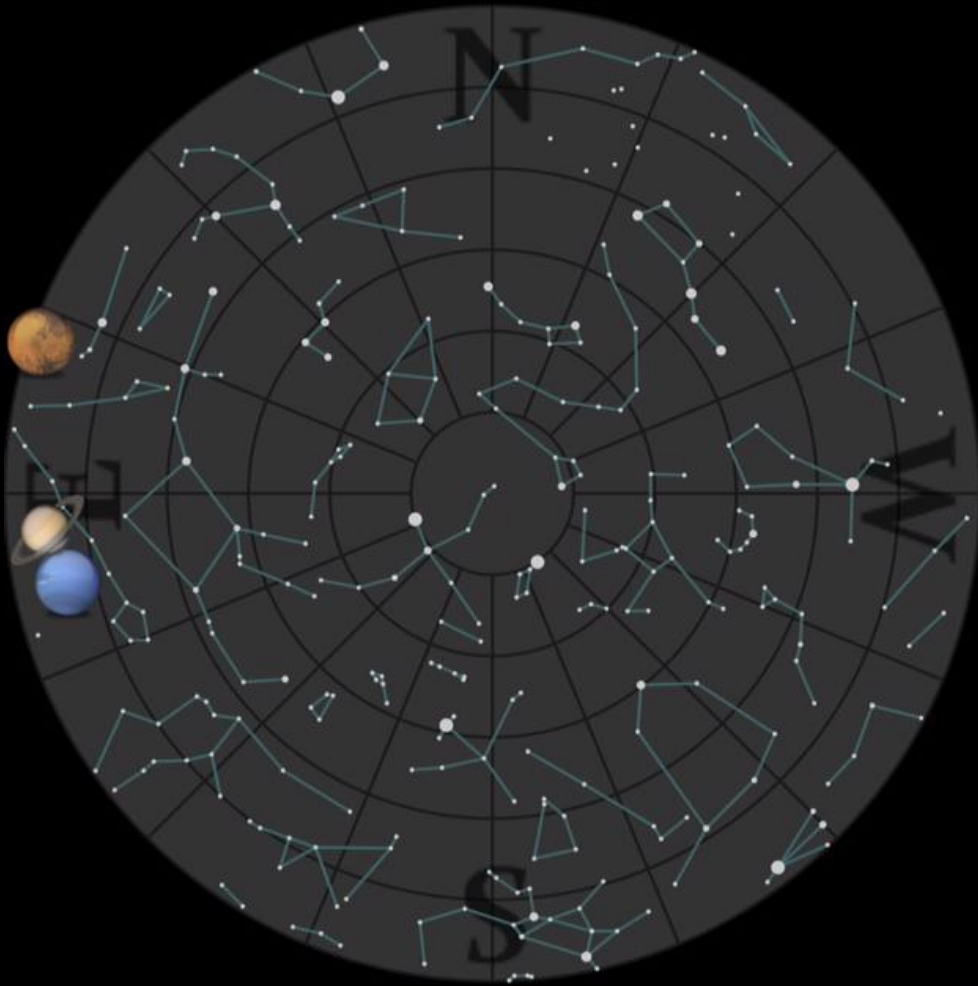


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- The Sky 21:00
Tonight







- The Sky 04:00
Tomorrow



Inner Solar System

- Sun
 - Declination increasing, solstice June 21, aphelion July 06
 - Last sunspot max., 2024 October, next min., 2030?
- Mercury
 - Following superior conjunction on May 14, in the evening sky, greatest elongation on June 15 (25°), currently 12° . Inferior conjunction on July 13
 - Today, rise 05:15, transit 11:45, set 18:20
- Venus
 - In the evening sky, greatest elongation August 14 (46°), currently 27°
 - Today, rise 06:30, transit 14:40, set 22:45

Earth

- Time
 - 00:00UT \approx 16:10ST today
 - Today, sunrise 04:45, transit 12:50, sunset 21:00
 - End of period, sunrise 04:30, transit 12:55, sunset 21:20
- Moon
 -  Full, May 31 ('Blue' Moon)
 -  Last Quarter, June 08
 -  New, 15
 -  First Quarter, 21
- Meteors
 - None of note this period

Outer Solar System

- Mars
 - Opposition February 19, 2027. Today, rise 04:55, transit 11:20, set 17:50
- Jupiter
 - Conjunction July 29. Today, rise 09:30, transit 17:50, set 02:00
- Saturn
 - Opposition October 04. Today, rise 04:50, transit 11:00, set 17:15
- Uranus
 - Conjunction May 22, opposition November 25. Today, rise 06:20, transit 14:20, set 22:10
- Neptune
 - Opposition September 26. Today, rise 04:40, transit 10:40, set 16:50

OASI Events

- Committee Meeting
 - Friday 29 May, from 20:00
 - via 'Zoom'
- Recorded Lecture Meeting
 - Monday 15 June, from 20:00
 - 'In Search of Planet B', Hannah Osborne (also on 'Zoom')
- East Suffok Wireless Revival
 - Sunday 21 June, 09:30-16:00
 - Public Solar observing at Kirton Rec
- Central Ipswich
 - Saturday 27 June, 10:00-15:00
 - Public Solar observing at Christchurch Mansion

Local Societies Events

- DASH (Darsham Village Hall, 7:00pm, Sundays)
 - June 21, Public Solar observing RSPB Minsmere
- SAS (Cavendish Memorial Hall, 7:30pm, Tuesdays)
 - June 2, 'Hawking's Black Holes & The Edge of Physics', Paul Fellows
- AAA (Whepstead Village Hall, 7:30pm, Wednesdays)
 - May 27, 'An Introduction to Practical Astronomy', Steven Richards and 'Spectroscopy a Wonderful Gift to Astronomers', Nigel Bond

National Events

- British Astronomical Association Meeting
 - Wednesday June 3, 17:30-20:00
 - Institute of Physics, 37 Caledonian Rd, London (& youtube)
 - 100 Years of Comet Observing ~ A Journey Through the Archive
 - 80th Anniversary of Meteor Observing at Jodrell Bank
- Webb Society AGM
 - Saturday June 20
 - IoA, Cambridge (entry fee?)
- Federation of Astronomical Societies Annual Convention
 - Saturday June 27
 - Cardiff University

And Finally...

- Summer Exhibition
 - The Moon: Our Nearest Neighbour
 - Friday June 26 to Saturday September 19
 - The Hold, Fore St., Ipswich
- plus related events
 - talks
 - public solar observing
 - public lunar observing



[The Moon: Our Nearest Neighbour](#)

Discover what the Moon is made of, how it has influenced our history, culture and natural world, and how we have explored it from ancient times to the present and future.

A touring exhibition from Bespoke Scientific.