



British Grand Prix 2026: Leclerc Wins at Silverstone as Antonelli Falls from Pole to 16th

Description

Charles Leclerc delivered a masterclass of calm under pressure to win a dramatic **British Grand Prix 2026** at Silverstone on 5 July 2026, taking Ferrari's first victory of the season as pole-sitter Kimi Antonelli suffered a catastrophic technical failure that sent him tumbling from first to 16th place.



Source: Formula 1 official website (formula1.com)

British Grand Prix 2026 Result: Leclerc Leads Ferrari 1-3

The final podium at Silverstone read: Leclerc (Ferrari), George Russell (Mercedes), and Lewis Hamilton (Ferrari) – a result that will have delighted the Scuderia after a frustrating start to the 2026 season. Lando Norris was a spirited fourth for McLaren, drawing huge cheers from the home crowd, but it was Leclerc who took the chequered flag in what proved to be a chaotic and compelling afternoon’s racing.

Leclerc made the perfect start from second on the grid, slotting into the lead immediately as Antonelli, starting from pole, suffered wheelspin off the line. From there, Ferrari’s strategy was immaculate. The Monaco driver managed his tyres beautifully, retained track position through the pit stop cycle, and was in comfortable command when the race turned on its head in the closing stages.



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Antonelli’s Nightmare Afternoon at Silverstone

Coming into the weekend on the back of a superb sprint victory, Antonelli had looked every inch a championship contender. But the Italian teenager’s afternoon unravelled spectacularly on Lap 41 when a suspected left-front wheel shield failure made the car undriveable. Two additional pit stops and

a five-second penalty for track limit violations later, the Mercedes youngster was classified a distant 16th – a devastating swing in a single afternoon.

Max Verstappen’s afternoon was also wrecked when he spun into the gravel trap at Stowe Corner on Lap 48, triggering a Safety Car deployment that froze the running order. The race then finished under that Safety Car, handing Leclerc a ninth career Formula 1 victory as he crossed the line ahead of Russell and Hamilton.



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Championship Picture After the British Grand Prix 2026

With Antonelli falling off the podium and Verstappen failing to score, the championship landscape shifts considerably. Leclerc closes the gap with his first win of the campaign, while Ferrari’s double points haul from Leclerc and Hamilton represents a significant statement of intent from Maranello.

The Formula 1 circus now moves to Belgium for the next round. In the meantime, catch up on the build-up with our [British GP sprint report and pole position preview](#), and don’t miss our earlier coverage of [George Russell’s Austrian Grand Prix victory](#). All the latest Formula 1 news and race coverage can be found on the [LBRD Sports page](#).

It was, by any measure, a riveting afternoon at Silverstone – one that showcased exactly why Formula 1 remains one of the world’s most compelling sports.

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