

## BoE in focus today

Trading conditions were light yesterday, amid a barren European data schedule and a market holiday in the US. Overall, investor sentiment was holding a risk-off tone, with the Euro Stoxx 50 falling by 0.6%. Meantime on bond markets, 10-year German Bund and UK Gilt yields edged 1-2bps higher. Spreads to German Bunds were little changed also.

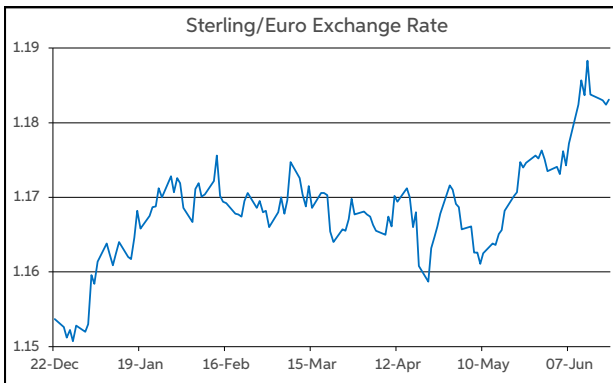
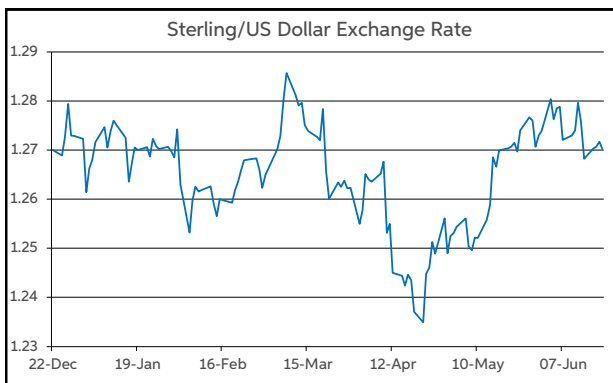
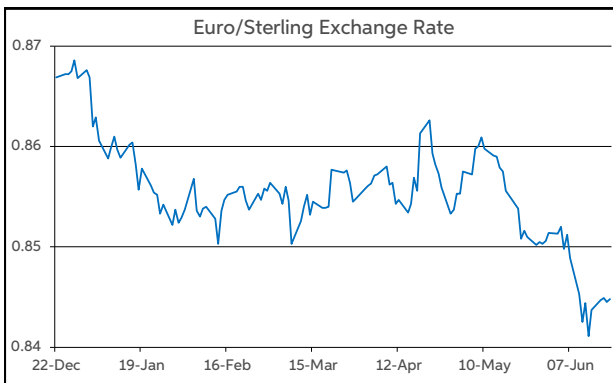
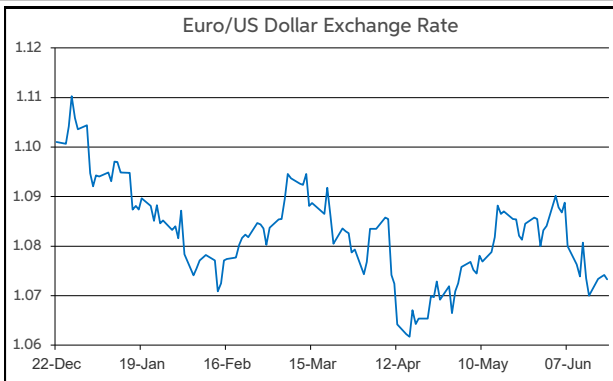
Against this backdrop, the main FX pairs continued to operate in very tight ranges. Of the limited action to register, the dollar was marginally softer, while sterling was slightly firmer during yesterday's trading. However, these moves reversed course overnight.

As trading gets underway this morning, the main pairs open broadly unchanged from 24 hours earlier. EUR/USD opens below the midpoint of the \$1.07-1.08 corridor. Meanwhile, cable (GBP/USD) is operating at the \$1.27 threshold. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP continues to change hands at the halfway mark of 84-85p.

Turning to the day ahead, the main highlight will be the BoE monetary policy decision. The MPC is expected to leave policy on hold, despite a dovish bias when it last met in May, and despite headline CPI inflation falling to 2%. The policy announcement will not be accompanied by a press conference, so investors will be paying close attention to the voting breakdown and the minutes. The meeting poses some event risk for sterling.

Data-wise, the flash reading of Eurozone consumer confidence is forecast to show an improvement in June. Meantime in the US, the latest weekly initial jobless claims figures will feature. However, barring any major surprises, the data may not impact on markets.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.0733	-0.01	-2.75
EUR/GBP	0.8448	0.01	-2.54
GBP/USD	1.2702	-0.02	-0.21
GBP/EUR	1.1832	-0.01	2.60
USD/JPY	158.15	0.20	12.12
EUR/JPY	169.78	0.19	9.09

\* v Previous Day's European Open  
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates		
		1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.46	5.61	5.32	4.87	4.31
EUR	4.50	3.61	3.72	3.56	3.22	2.83
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.18	4.93	4.73	4.15

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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# Opening Levels

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## Euro

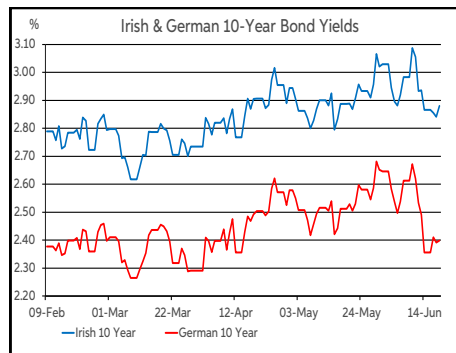
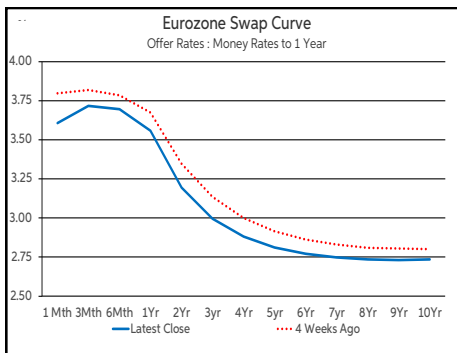
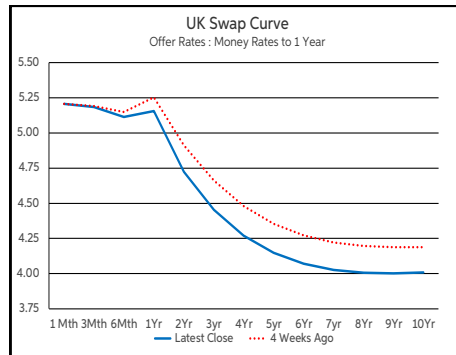
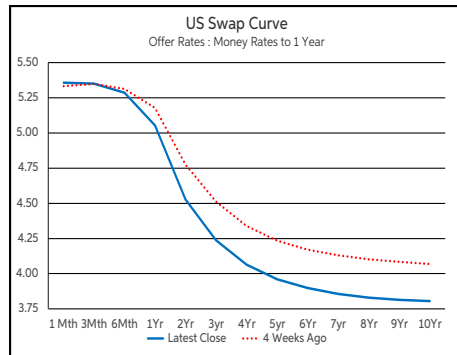
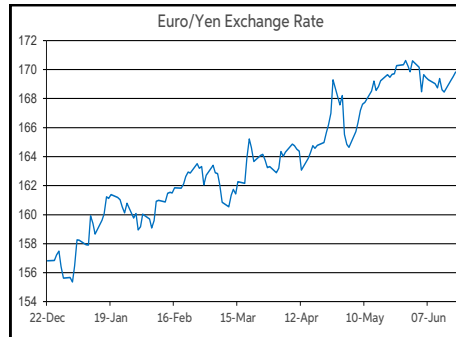
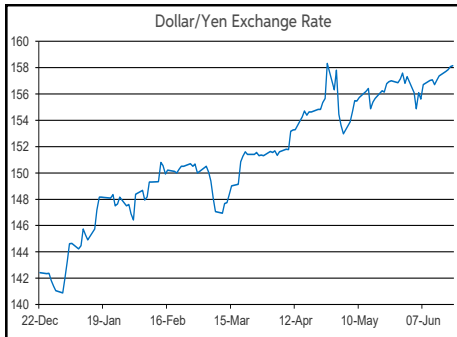
EUR/GBP	0.8448
EUR/USD	1.0733
EUR/JPY	169.78
EUR/SEK	11.2233
EUR/DKK	7.4583
EUR/NOK	11.3567
EUR/CHF	0.9481
EUR/AUD	1.6102
EUR/HKD	8.3783
EUR/CAD	1.472

## Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1832
GBP/USD	1.2702
GBP/CAD	1.7418
GBP/NZD	2.0713
GBP/JPY	200.88
GBP/SEK	13.2802
GBP/DKK	8.8248
GBP/NOK	13.4386
GBP/CHF	1.122
GBP/AUD	1.9053

## Dollar

USD/JPY	158.15
USD/CAD	1.3712
USD/CHF	0.8832
USD/CNY	7.2601
USD/BRL	5.4232
USD/RUB	82.5
USD/INR	83.515
AUD/USD	0.6666
NZD/USD	0.6132



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	4.22	-6	-22	+36
Germany	2.40	+1	-13	+38
UK	4.07	+2	-17	+53
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	4.24	+0	-25	+44
Eurozone	2.81	+2	-9	+38
UK	4.15	+3	-20	+50
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	4.81	+0	-22	+48
Eurozone	3.20	+2	-14	+40
UK	4.73	+3	-18	+46
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	50	+2	+10	+16
Belgium	69	+2	+16	+3
France	75	+3	+25	+22
Italy	154	+5	+24	-13
Spain	94	+2	+17	-2
Portugal	75	+2	+12	-0
Greece	123	+2	+24	+18

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	85.07	-0.30	+3.87	+10.42
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2327.5	-0.04	-2.13	+12.84

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