

MICROSOFT 365 COPILOT UPDATES

Microsoft 365 Copilot Updates, May – July 2026

A comprehensive review of 21 Microsoft 365 Copilot updates deploying May–July 2026, grouped by capability area to support planning and awareness communications.

21 Total Updates

1 Plan for Change

1 High Admin Impact

3 Medium Admin Impact

ACTION REQUIRED

One item requires admin action before automatic rollout — Claude Sonnet 4.5 retirement in Copilot Studio

MC1296875

Claude Sonnet 4.5 retiring – automatic migration to Claude Sonnet 4.6

PLAN FOR CHANGE

Deploy: 30 May – 30 Jun 2026

What's Changing

Claude Sonnet 4.5 will move to retired state in Copilot Studio. Admins and makers can test agents during an evaluation window before automatic migration occurs. A 30-day deferral is available.

Admin Action Required

Test all Copilot Studio agents currently using Claude Sonnet 4.5. Migrate proactively to Claude Sonnet 4.6 or another supported model. Update documentation and communicate changes to affected users.

Risk of Not Acting

Agents still using Claude Sonnet 4.5 after the evaluation window will be automatically migrated with potential behaviour changes — risk of unexpected agent responses in production.


Copilot Studio & Agents

Agent building, workflow automation, knowledge sources, and CLI tooling

9 updates

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1302906

 15–31 May 2026

Schedule prompts in Agent Builder

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

Users can create automated workflows in Agent Builder to schedule Copilot prompts on hourly, daily, or weekly patterns. Each workflow is user-specific and requires a published agent.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No action required; user awareness recommended.

User: Enables automation and proactive AI insights without manual prompting, significantly enhancing productivity for Copilot agent users.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Users will miss the ability to automate recurring Copilot tasks, reducing the proactive intelligence benefit of their Microsoft 365 Copilot licence.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1302852

 20 May 2026

Copilot Studio – Agentic Workflow Builder (natural language)

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

The Agentic Workflow Builder in Copilot Studio allows makers to describe desired automation in natural language. The tool automatically generates steps, actions, and triggers — reducing manual setup.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No action required; awareness only.

User: Makers can create sophisticated workflows significantly faster, lowering the technical barrier for automation in Copilot Studio.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Makers will continue building workflows manually, missing a step-change in efficiency that could dramatically speed up agent development across the organisation.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1301505

18 May 2026

Copilot Studio – MCP-compliant tools in agent workflows

Admin: Low

User: Low

DESCRIPTION

MCP-compliant tools can now be integrated into agent workflows in Copilot Studio. A single MCP server can be used across multiple agents and workflows, enabling structured input/output management.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No action required; awareness only.

User: Enables integration of custom actions, proprietary systems, and dynamic knowledge sources into Copilot agents.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Organisations building Copilot agents will not leverage MCP-based integrations, limiting agent capability and requiring more complex workarounds for custom integrations.

PLAN FOR CHANGE

ID: MC1296875

30 May – 30 Jun 2026

Claude Sonnet 4.5 retiring – migration to Claude Sonnet 4.6

Admin: High

User: Low

DESCRIPTION

Claude Sonnet 4.5 will move to retired state in Copilot Studio. Admins and makers must test and migrate agents to Claude Sonnet 4.6 before automatic migration. A 30-day deferral is available.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: ACTION REQUIRED. Test all agents using Claude Sonnet 4.5. Migrate proactively or use the 30-day deferral. Update documentation and communicate changes.

User: Agent behaviour may change post-migration; validate outputs.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Agents still using Claude Sonnet 4.5 after the evaluation window will be automatically migrated with potential behaviour changes — risk of unexpected agent responses in production.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1296589

15 May 2026

Copilot Studio – SharePoint lists as knowledge source (Preview)

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

SharePoint lists can now be added as a knowledge source in Copilot Studio (Preview). Enables agents to query and surface list-based data directly within agent workflows.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No action required; preview feature for awareness.

User: Agents can draw on SharePoint list data, enabling richer, more contextual responses without custom connectors.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Agents will be limited to file-based knowledge sources, missing the ability to surface dynamic list data that may be more current and relevant.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1296434

31 May 2026

Copilot Studio – CLI support

Admin: Medium

User: Low

DESCRIPTION

A new extension for the Microsoft Power Platform CLI supports agent-driven development workflows in Copilot Studio, enabling admins to deploy agent definitions to the cloud programmatically.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: CLI-based agent deployment now available. Evaluate for DevOps pipeline integration.

User: No direct user impact.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Organisations will continue managing Copilot Studio agents through the portal only, missing the opportunity to automate agent deployment and governance at scale.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1296248

31 May 2026

Copilot Studio – Voice Agent Evaluation

Admin: Low

User: Low

DESCRIPTION

Voice agents in Copilot Studio can now be evaluated through text representations, enabling consistent quality measurement across both voice and text interactions.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No action required; awareness only.

User: Simplifies voice agent testing and QA without requiring live audio sessions.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Voice agent quality assurance will remain more complex and inconsistent, making it harder to validate performance at scale.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1296205

30 May 2026

Copilot Studio – SharePoint lists as knowledge source (GA)

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

SharePoint lists within SharePoint sites can now be added as knowledge sources in Copilot Studio (General Availability). Agents can query list data directly.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No action required; inform makers of the new knowledge source capability.

User: Agents gain access to SharePoint list data, enabling dynamic, data-driven responses.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Agents will remain limited to file-based knowledge, missing the ability to leverage structured SharePoint list data maintained by the business.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1276454

11 May 2026

Copilot Studio – Build Power Platform connectors with OpenAPI v3

Admin: Low

User: Low

DESCRIPTION

Custom connectors in Microsoft Power Platform can now be built using OpenAPI v3 specifications directly, eliminating the need to convert to OpenAPI v2 format first.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No action required; awareness for developers.

User: No direct user impact; reduces friction for Power Platform integration development.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Connector developers will continue to work around OpenAPI v2 conversion requirements, adding unnecessary complexity to custom integration development.

Copilot in Microsoft 365 Apps

Forms, Outlook, PowerPoint, SharePoint, Teams, and Notebooks enhancements

9 updates

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1296480

31 May – 30 Jun 2026

Copilot uses private community and event content as grounding

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

Microsoft 365 Copilot will now use content from private Viva Engage communities and events as grounding sources. Only permissioned users will see this; sensitivity labels shown with citations. Enabled by default.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No configuration required — enabled by default and cannot be disabled. Ensure sensitivity labels are correctly applied to private community content before rollout.

User: Copilot responses will be richer, drawing on private community knowledge.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Without correct sensitivity labels, Copilot may surface private community content to users who shouldn't see it — a potential data governance risk.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1229954

15–31 May 2026

Surveys Agent and Copilot Chat in Microsoft Forms

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

Microsoft Forms gets a Surveys Agent and Copilot Chat for AI-driven form creation and analysis. A Copilot icon enables users to refine questions, draft invitations, and analyse results.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Enabled by default for Copilot-licensed users.
No admin action required.


User: Significantly accelerates survey creation and analysis with AI assistance directly in Microsoft Forms.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Forms users will continue creating surveys manually, missing AI-assisted efficiency gains that could save considerable time on research and feedback collection tasks.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1230892

 15–31 May 2026

Updated entity handling in Copilot Chat input box

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

Updates how entities from 'Add Work Content' appear in Microsoft 365 Copilot and Copilot Chat — entity names no longer shown in the input box, creating a cleaner prompt-building experience.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required; enabled by default.

User: Cleaner Copilot Chat interface with less visual clutter when adding work content to prompts.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

No direct risk; however, helpdesk teams unaware may receive unnecessary queries from users confused by the updated input box behaviour.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1223826

15–31 May 2026

Open Outlook emails directly in Copilot chat

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

Users can open Outlook emails directly within any full-app Microsoft 365 Copilot experience, including Copilot Chat. Emails display side-by-side with the Copilot interface. Enabled by default.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required.

User: Streamlines email-driven Copilot workflows — reference emails without switching context, making AI-assisted email tasks faster.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Users will continue switching between Outlook and Copilot Chat to reference email content, reducing the efficiency of AI-assisted email workflows.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1193414

 31 May 2026

Add web links as references in Copilot Notebooks

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

Users can add public web links as references in Microsoft 365 Copilot Notebooks. Copilot grounds responses on public web content without requiring file conversion. Enabled by default.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No action required; inform users of the new web reference capability.

User: Notebooks become significantly more powerful, enabling AI responses grounded in current public web content.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Copilot Notebooks will remain limited to file-based references, missing the ability to incorporate current public web content critical for research and analysis tasks.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1266900

15–31 May 2026

Copilot creates and edits Pages in M365 Copilot mobile app

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

Premium Copilot licence holders can create and edit Pages directly within the Microsoft 365 Copilot mobile app. New Pages can be generated from chat context and existing Pages edited in-app.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No action required; inform mobile users of the new capability.

User: Enables on-the-go creation and editing of Pages with AI assistance, improving mobile productivity.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Mobile Copilot users will be unable to create or edit Pages within the app, limiting their ability to capture AI-generated insights while away from their desk.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1289724

1-30 Jun 2026

Sharing recap access (Teams)

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

Meeting organisers can grant access to recordings, transcripts, AI summaries, and notes via a recap link. Attendees can share recap links and request access if they weren't present.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required; inform users of the enhanced sharing capability.

User: Simplifies sharing meeting intelligence, making it easier for absent colleagues to stay informed.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Meeting recap sharing will remain manual and fragmented, reducing the value of AI-generated meeting intelligence and increasing post-meeting catch-up effort.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1282567

15–31 May 2026

Create charts on SharePoint pages with AI

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

A new Charts web part with AI assistance in SharePoint enables creation of interactive charts using plain-language prompts. Requires a Microsoft 365 Copilot (Premium) licence.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required; Premium Copilot licence required.

User: Dramatically simplifies data visualisation on SharePoint pages — no charting expertise needed.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

SharePoint page editors with Copilot licences will continue creating charts manually, missing a significant time-saving capability for data visualisation and reporting.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1178510

15 May – 30 Jun 2026

Generate text for PowerPoint slides using slide context

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

Copilot in PowerPoint can generate titles, summaries, and captions using natural language prompts. A dropdown appears for blank textboxes. Requires a Microsoft 365 Copilot licence. On by default.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required; inform users and update documentation.

User: Accelerates slide creation with AI-generated contextual text.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

PowerPoint users with Copilot licences will continue drafting slide text manually, missing AI-assisted content generation that could significantly speed up presentation authoring.

Security & Compliance

Power Pages authentication, Purview Data Security Posture Agent

2 updates

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1296255

 1 Jun 2026

Power Pages – Configure authentication with security agent

Admin: Low

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

A new security agent in Power Pages guides users through configuring authentication, setting up identity providers, and strengthening login protections.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No action required; awareness for Power Pages administrators.

User: Simplifies authentication configuration in Power Pages with AI-guided setup.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Power Pages authentication will continue to be configured manually, increasing the risk of misconfiguration and security gaps for externally facing web pages.

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1217155

 31 May 2026

Data Security Posture Agent in Microsoft Purview (Preview)

Admin: Medium

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

The Data Security Posture Agent in Microsoft Purview provides LLM-assisted sensitive data discovery, actionable recommendations, and GenAI-generated summaries. Requires admin setup — not auto-enabled.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Admin setup required — not enabled automatically. Evaluate and configure within Microsoft Purview; communicate to security and compliance teams.

User: Security admins gain AI-powered insights into data posture and sensitive data risks.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Organisations will miss an AI-powered approach to data security posture management, relying on manual Purview processes that may be slower and less comprehensive.

Administration & Analytics

Viva Agent Dashboard overview and adoption analytics

1 update

STAY INFORMED

ID: MC1274322

31 May – 1 Jun 2026

New Overview and agent categories in Agent Dashboard

Admin: Medium

User: Low

DESCRIPTION

A new Overview tab in the Microsoft Viva Agent Dashboard provides insights on agent activity and adoption. Filter agents by business process categories. Requires 50+ M365 Copilot (Premium) or Viva Insights licences.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Enabled by default for eligible tenants. Review the new Overview tab; update internal reporting processes.

User: No direct user impact; analytics and adoption insights for admins and leadership.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Organisations will lack visibility into how Copilot agents are being adopted and used, making it harder to measure ROI and identify optimisation opportunities.

Full Update Summary

MCID	Update	Deploy	Category	Admin	User
MC1302906	Schedule prompts in Agent Builder	15–31 May 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1302852	Copilot Studio – Agentic Workflow Builder (natural l...	20 May 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1301505	Copilot Studio – MCP-compliant tools in agent workfl...	18 May 2026	Info	Low	Low
MC1296875	Claude Sonnet 4.5 retiring – migration to Claude Son...	30 May – 30 Jun 2026	⚠ Plan	High	Low
MC1296589	Copilot Studio – SharePoint lists as knowledge sourc...	15 May 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1296434	Copilot Studio – CLI support	31 May 2026	Info	Medium	Low
MC1296248	Copilot Studio – Voice Agent Evaluation	31 May 2026	Info	Low	Low
MC1296205	Copilot Studio – SharePoint lists as knowledge sourc...	30 May 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1276454	Copilot Studio – Build Power Platform connectors wit...	11 May 2026	Info	Low	Low
MC1296480	Copilot uses private community and event content as ...	31 May – 30 Jun 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1229954	Surveys Agent and Copilot Chat in Microsoft Forms	15–31 May 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1230892	Updated entity handling in Copilot Chat input box	15–31 May 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1223826	Open Outlook emails directly in Copilot chat	15–31 May 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1193414	Add web links as references in Copilot Notebooks	31 May 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1266900	Copilot creates and edits Pages in M365 Copilot mobi...	15–31 May 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1289724	Sharing recap access (Teams)	1–30 Jun 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1282567	Create charts on SharePoint pages with AI	15–31 May 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1178510	Generate text for PowerPoint slides using slide cont...	15 May – 30 Jun 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1296255	Power Pages – Configure authentication with security...	1 Jun 2026	Info	Low	Medium
MC1217155	Data Security Posture Agent in Microsoft Purview (Pr...	31 May 2026	Info	Medium	Medium
MC1274322	New Overview and agent categories in Agent Dashboard	31 May – 1 Jun 2026	Info	Medium	Low