Claude Updates May–June 2026: Opus 4.8, SpaceX Compute, Managed Agents Memory, and What's Coming Next

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Direct Answer · Current Status (November 13, 2026)

This historical May 2026 changelog covered the April–May rollout of Claude Opus 4.8 (now legacy), Managed Agents Memory/Orchestration, Claude Code upgrades, and the June 15 retirement schedule. As of **November 13, 2026**, Anthropic's current API lineup is **Fable 5.2 ($8/$40), Opus 5.5 ($4/$20 daily driver), Sonnet 5.5 ($2/$10), and Haiku 5.5 ($0.10/$0.50 ≤100K)** — all with 1M context / 128K output — standalone Cowork was folded into core Claude (claude.com/product/cowork), and Anthropic has filed Form S-1/A for its IPO (SEC EDGAR 333-299633).

See our live model version tracker and Anthropic IPO tracker for live facts.

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May 2026 was one of Anthropic's busiest feature months. Below is the preserved changelog alongside updated November 2026 status notes.

Claude Opus 4.8 — Generally Available (April 16, 2026)

Opus 4.8 generally available — capability step.

In mid-2026, Opus 4.8 *(now legacy at $5/$25; superseded by Opus 5.5 at $4/$20 and flagship Fable 5.2 at $8/$40)* shipped with adaptive thinking and several capability upgrades:

- **Vision resolution:** 3× higher at 2,576px (~3.75 megapixels), raising XBOW visual acuity benchmark performance from 54.5% to 98.5%
- **Coding:** 70% on CursorBench (vs 58% for 4.6), resolves 3× more production tasks on Rakuten-SWE-Bench, +13% lift on Anthropic's internal coding benchmark
- **Legal reasoning:** 90.9% on BigLaw Bench
- **New effort level:** `xhigh` sits between `high` and `max` — five levels total: low / medium / high / xhigh / max
- **Task budgets:** Now in public beta — token spend guidance for longer agentic runs
- **Tokenizer update:** New tokenizer increases token usage roughly 1.0–1.35× for the same content; API pricing unchanged
- **Breaking change:** Opus 4.8 has API breaking changes versus 4.6 — review Anthropic's migration guide before upgrading

Alongside Opus 4.8 in May 2026, Anthropic introduced **Claude Design** as an Anthropic Labs visual collaboration experiment.

Published Rate-Limit Tiers & Anthropic IPO Filing Progress

Published rate-limit structure across plans.

Anthropic's current published plan tiers on claude.com/pricing govern session and weekly capacity directly: **Pro** provides at least 5× Free usage per 5-hour session, **Max ($100/mo)** provides 5× Pro usage plus $100/mo in API credits, **Ultra ($200/mo, formerly Max 20x)** provides 10× Pro weekly usage with no 5-hour limit for verified accounts plus $200/mo in API credits, and **Team Premium** provides 5× Team Standard seat usage.

Early-2026 press reports about an October IPO and run-rate figures have since been superseded by Anthropic's SEC Form S-1 filing (No. 333-299633): filed October 26, 2026 and amended November 9/10 for 825,000,000 Class A shares at

$70.00–$78.00/sh under Nasdaq ticker ANT (reporting $4,585M FY2025 GAAP revenue and $33,242M 9M 2026 GAAP revenue).

Claude Managed Agents — Three New Features (May 7, 2026)

Claude Managed Agents — the fully managed agent harness launched in public beta earlier this year — gained three significant additions:

- **Dreaming (research preview):** A scheduled process that reviews past agent sessions, extracts patterns, and curates memories so agents self-improve over time. Dreaming can update memory automatically or queue changes for human review before they land.
- **Multiagent Orchestration:** A lead agent can now break a job into pieces and delegate each to a specialist sub-agent with its own model, prompt, and tools. Specialists work in parallel on a shared filesystem. Netflix is already using multiagent orchestration for its platform team.
- **Memory (public beta):** Now generally available under the `managed-agents-2026-04-01` beta header.

Desktop & Scheduled Agent Capabilities (Originally Launched as Claude Cowork)

In May 2026, desktop automation launched GA on macOS and Windows as Claude Cowork. Anthropic later unified those capabilities into core Claude (“Claude Cowork is now just Claude” — see claude.com/product/cowork).

Claude Code — What Shipped in May

Claude Code — what shipped.

Claude Code has been shipping near-daily updates. Notable May additions include:

- **Plugin URL loading:** `--plugin-url <url>` flag fetches a plugin.zip from a URL for the current session
- **Project purge:** `claude project purge [path]` deletes all Claude Code state for a project (transcripts, tasks, file history, config) with dry-run support
- **Package manager auto-update:** `CLAUDE_CODE_PACKAGE_MANAGER_AUTO_UPDATE` runs upgrade in the background on Homebrew or WinGet installs
- **Push notifications:** Claude can now send mobile push notifications when Remote Control is enabled
- **VS Code Remote Control:** `/remote-control` bridges sessions to claude.ai/code to continue from a browser or phone
- **1M token context in Claude Code:** 1M token context is included at standard per-token pricing across all four current models (Fable 5.2, Opus 5.5, Sonnet 5.5, Haiku 5.5) and Claude Code plans (note Haiku 5.5 uses two prompt-size rate tiers at ≤100K vs. >100K)
- **Redesigned desktop app:** New session sidebar, drag-and-drop workspace, integrated terminal and file editor, faster diffs, SSH support on Mac

New Connectors Expansion

Claude’s connector directory has grown beyond work tools. New consumer app connectors include AllTrails, Instacart, Audible, Tripadvisor, Uber, and Spotify. The directory now exceeds 200 connectors. Claude surfaces relevant connectors in context during conversations rather than requiring users to browse a directory.

Finance Agent Templates

Anthropic released ten ready-to-run agent templates for financial services work: pitchbook building, KYC file screening, and month-end close workflows. Microsoft 365 add-ins for Excel, PowerPoint, Word, and Outlook are coming soon. A Moody’s MCP app brings Claude into financial data workflows.

Confirmed Upcoming Dates

These are officially announced by Anthropic — not speculation:

- **June 15, 2026 (completed):** Claude Sonnet 4 (`claude-sonnet-4-20250514`) and Claude Opus 4 (`claude-opus-4-20250514`) retired from the Claude API (current replacements: `claude-sonnet-5-5` and `claude-opus-5-5`).
- **Microsoft 365 integrations:** Excel, PowerPoint, Word, and Outlook integrations announced in May 2026.
- **Anthropic IPO:** Form S-1 filed Oct 26, 2026 (amended Nov 9/10, 2026 — Nasdaq ANT, $70–$78 range; pricing expected Nov 18 and debut Nov 19 as reported).
- **Google/Broadcom TPU partnership:** Multi-gigawatt infrastructure with capacity launching in 2027.

Model Deprecation Summary

Claude Haiku 3 (`claude-3-haiku-20240307`) has already been retired — all requests now return an error. Migrate to Claude Haiku 5.5 (or legacy Haiku 4.5). Claude Sonnet 4 and Opus 4 retired June 15, 2026; Sonnet 4.5 retires November 30, 2026 (replace with Sonnet 5.5).

What to Watch For

Claude 5 is widely anticipated for Q2–Q3 2026 based on Anthropic's release cadence, though Anthropic has made no official announcement. The advisor tool — which pairs a faster executor model with a higher-intelligence advisor model for long-horizon agentic workloads — launched in public beta and signals the architectural direction Anthropic is moving toward for complex, multi-step tasks.

The pace of Claude Code releases in particular has accelerated to near-daily — following Anthropic's own disclosure that engineers internally use Claude for a growing share of their own development work.

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