



# *The Royal Family*



# QUEEN ELIZABETH II

- Elizabeth II's full name is Elizabeth Alexandra Mary. She was born on April 21, 1926. She never went to school and was taught by home tutors. In 1947 she married Prince Philip; he was created Duke of Edinburgh. A year later she gave birth to a son, Charles. In 1950 she gave a birth to a daughter, Anne. Elizabeth succeeded to the throne after the death of her father in February in 1952. Her second son, Andrew, was born in 1960 and the third, Edward, in 1964.







The Queen

Prince Philip  
The Duke of Edinburgh



Prince Charles  
Prince of Wales  
Lady Diana  
Spencer



Princess Anne  
The Royal Princess  
Captain Mark  
Phillips



Prince Andrew  
The Duke Of York  
Sarah Ferguson



Prince Edward  
Earl of Wessex  
Sophie Rhys-Jones



Prince William  
Prince Henry



Peter Phillips  
Zara Phillips



Princess Beatrice  
Princess Eugenie



Louise  
James



# House of Windsor



Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh

Queen Elizabeth II

Windsor  
FAMILY TREE

Prince Charles, Prince of Wales

Princess Diana

Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall

Prince Andrew and Sarah (Fergie), Duke and Duchess of York (Divorced)

Princess Beatrice

Princess Eugenie

Countess Sophie

Prince William, Duke of Cambridge

Prince Harry

Princess Anne

Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex

Princess Kate, Duchess of Cambridge



Middleton  
FAMILY TREE





# QUEEN'S CHILDREN



# *The order of succession to the British Throne*

1. HRH The Prince Charles, The Prince of Wales (1948)
2. HRH Prince William of Wales, eldest son of The Prince Charles (1982)
3. HRH Prince Henry of Wales, younger son of The Prince Charles (1984)
4. HRH The Prince Andrew, The Duke of York, second son of HM Queen Elizabeth II (1960)
5. HRH Princess Beatrice of York, elder daughter of The Prince Andrew (1988)
6. HRH Princess Eugenie of York, younger daughter of The Prince Andrew (1990)
7. HRH The Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex, youngest son of HM Queen Elizabeth II (1964)
8. James Alexander Philip Theo Mountbatten Windsor, Viscount Severn, son of HRH The Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex (2007)
9. Lady Louise Alice Elizabeth Mary Mountbatten Windsor, daughter of HRH The Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex (2003)
10. HRH The Princess Anne, The Princess Royal, only daughter of HM Queen Elizabeth II (1950)
11. Peter Phillips, son of The Princess Anne (1977)
12. Zara Phillips, daughter of The Princess Anne (1981)

*HM – Her (or His) Majesty*  
*HRH – Her (or His) Royal Highness*





# Succession of Power



**1. Prince Charles,  
Prince of Wales**



**2. Prince William,  
Duke of Cambridge**



**3. Prince Harry**

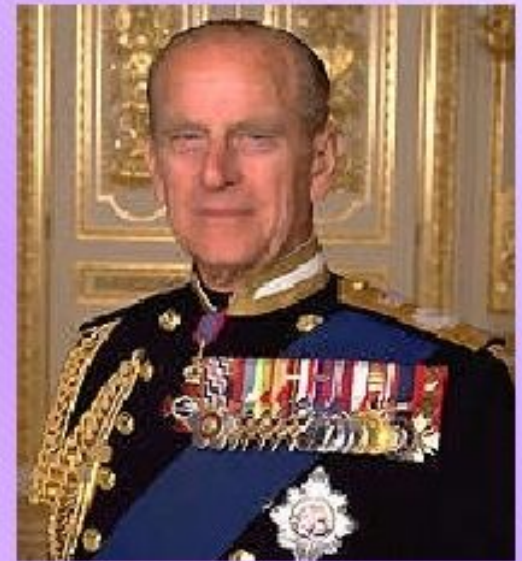


**4. Prince Andrew,  
Duke of York**

# One Queen, two birthdays

The Queen celebrates her actual birthday on 21 April. She also celebrates her official birthday on either the first or the second, and sometimes the third, Saturday in June.

King Edward VII, who was born on 9 November, was the first Sovereign to mark his official birthday on a separate day to his actual birthday throughout his reign, holding celebrations in either May or June.





# Trooping the Colour



Thousands of spectators watch as the Queen marks her official birthday with Trooping the Colour.



Afterwards the Royal Family gathers on the balcony of Buckingham Palace to watch a Red Arrows fly-past.



# Trooping the Colour





# In 2006 the Queen celebrated her 80th birthday







# The Queen's Role



## Head of State

As Head of State, the Queen goes on official State visits abroad. She also invites other world leaders to come to the United Kingdom. During their visit, Heads of State usually stay at Buckingham Palace or sometimes at Windsor Castle or Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh.

## Head of the Armed Forces

The Queen is also the Head of the Armed Forces. She is the only person who can declare when the country is at war and when war is over.

## Head of the Church of England

The Queen is Head of the Church of England - a position that all British monarchs have held since it was founded by Henry VIII in the 1530s. The Queen appoints archbishops and bishops on the advice of the Prime Minister. The spiritual leader of the Church of England is the Archbishop of Canterbury.

## Represents the Nation

The Queen represents the nation at times of great celebration or sorrow.



*Being the Queen is a really busy job. Elizabeth II gets up early and begins her day by looking through the newspapers. The Queen has daily meetings with her Private Secretary who helps her to go through her paperwork, and lots of meetings with ambassadors, new judges, and bishops.*

*She opens hospitals, bridges and factories. Once a week, the Queen has a meeting with the Prime Minister and they discuss government business. Elizabeth II has to work from early morning until late at night and people watch her all the time.*



# Some facts about the Queen

- Queen Elizabeth II is the 40<sup>th</sup> monarch since William the Conqueror obtained the crown of England.
- Tony Blair is the first Prime Minister to have been born during The Queen's reign. He was born in early May 1953 - a month before the Coronation.
- During her reign, The Queen has undertaken over 256 official overseas visits to 129 different countries.
- The Queen has opened 15 bridges in the United Kingdom during her reign.
- The Queen has given over 91 State banquets during her reign.
- The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh have sent about 37,500 Christmas cards during The Queen's reign.
- The Queen learnt to drive in 1945 when she joined the Army.
- In 1969 the first television film about the family life of the Royal Family was made, and shown on the eve of the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales.
- In 2002, at 76 years of age, The Queen was the oldest monarch to celebrate a Golden Jubilee. The youngest was James I (James VI of Scotland) at 51 years.





# Some facts about the Queen

- The Queen has received over 3 million items of correspondence during her reign.
- Over the reign, Her Majesty has given regular Tuesday evening audiences to 10 British Prime Ministers.
- The Queen sent her first email in 1976 from an Army base.
- In 1997, The Queen launched Buckingham Palace's first official website.
- The Queen has opened Parliament every year except 1959 and 1963, when she was expecting Prince Andrew and Prince Edward respectively.
- The Queen was the first British Monarch to visit China when she visited in 1986.
- In summer 2005, The Queen opened the first "children's trail" in the Buckingham Palace garden for the Summer Opening.



# Signature of the Queen

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'E' and a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the name.





1986

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Dear May

Thank you very much  
for your good wishes for  
my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I was most touched  
by your kind thought  
at this time and it was  
much appreciated

Yours sincerely

SIGNED

Elizabeth R.