

The Queen

An Informative PowerPoint about
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



Who is Queen Elizabeth II?

Elizabeth was born on 21st April 1926 as Princess Elizabeth.

She was born in Mayfair, an area of London.

She was the first child of The Duke and Duchess of York. The Duke of York later became King George VI.

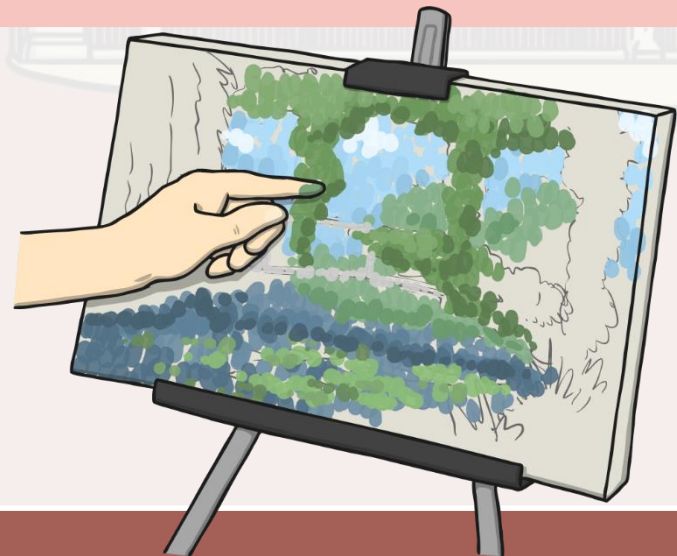
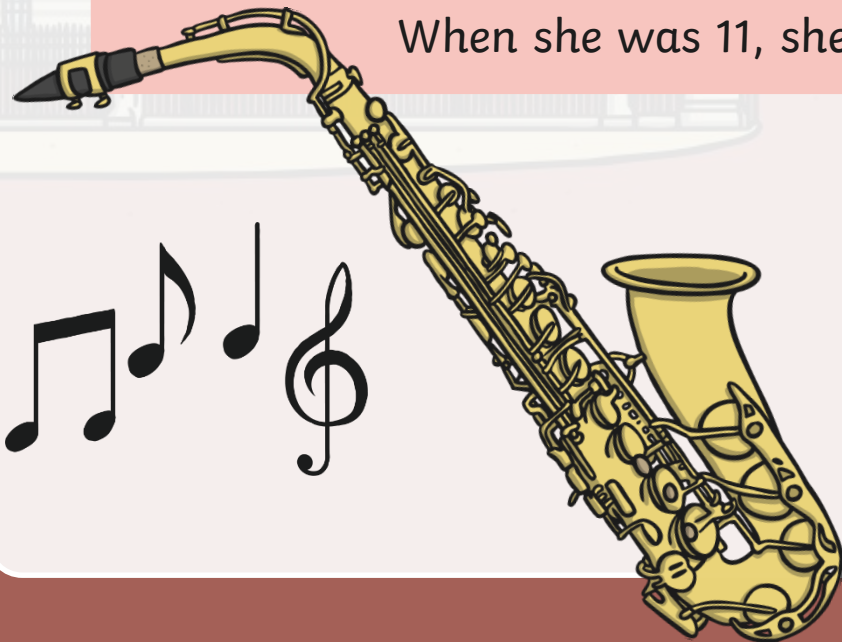


Elizabeth's Childhood

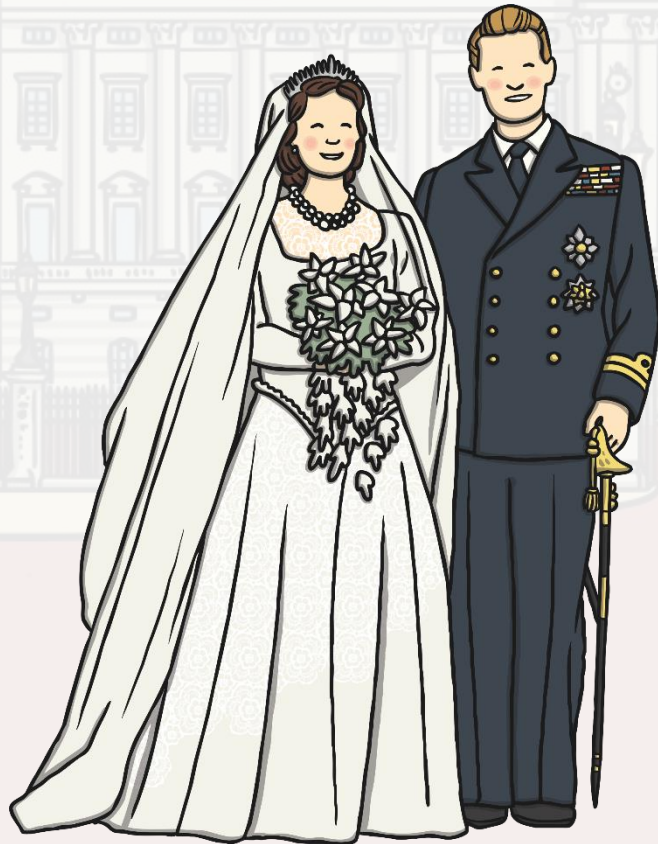
Princess Elizabeth was taught privately at home, not at school.

She studied art and music and enjoyed drama and swimming.

When she was 11, she joined the Girl Guides.



Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh Get Married



Princess Elizabeth married Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh on 20th November 1947 in Westminster Abbey.

She was 21 years old when she got married.

They received 2500 wedding gifts from around the world!

Elizabeth Becomes Queen

In 1952, when she was 25, Elizabeth's father King George VI died.

Elizabeth was in Kenya when she heard the sad news. She came home straight away and it was decided that Elizabeth would become queen.

She became queen on 6th February 1952 and was crowned on 2nd June 1953.



The Royal Family



Queen Elizabeth II and Philip, Duke of Edinburgh have four children:

- In 1948, the Queen's first child Prince Charles was born – Prince of Wales.
- In 1950, Princess Anne was born – Princess Royal.
- In 1960, Prince Andrew was born – Duke of York.
- In 1964, Prince Edward was born – Earl of Wessex.



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The Royal Family

Queen Elizabeth II and the Philip, Duke of Edinburgh have eight grandchildren including 2 who are well known - Prince William and Prince Harry.

- Prince William of Wales
- Prince Harry of Wales
- Peter Phillips, Zara Phillips
- Princess Beatrice of York
- Princess Eugenie of York
- Lady Louise Windsor
- James, Viscount Severn

They also have eight great grandchildren:

- Savannah Phillips
- Isla Phillips
- Mia Tindall
- Prince George of Cambridge
- Princess Charlotte of Cambridge
- Lena Tindall
- Prince Louis
- Archie Mountbatten-Windsor



The Role of the Queen



- The Queen does not govern the country, but does carry out many important tasks.
- The Queen is Head of the Church of England. She appoints Bishops and Archbishops on the advice of the Prime Minister.
- The Queen is Head of the Armed Forces. She is the only person who can declare and end war with other countries.
- The Queen is not allowed to vote. However, she meets weekly with the Prime Minister.

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Representing the Country

As Head of State, the Queen travels abroad on official State visits. She also invites other Heads of State from around the world to visit the U.K.

One of the Queen's most important duties is on Remembrance Sunday. She lays a wreath at the Cenotaph in London to remember members of the armed forces who have died fighting for their country.



The Queen and the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 53 independent countries.

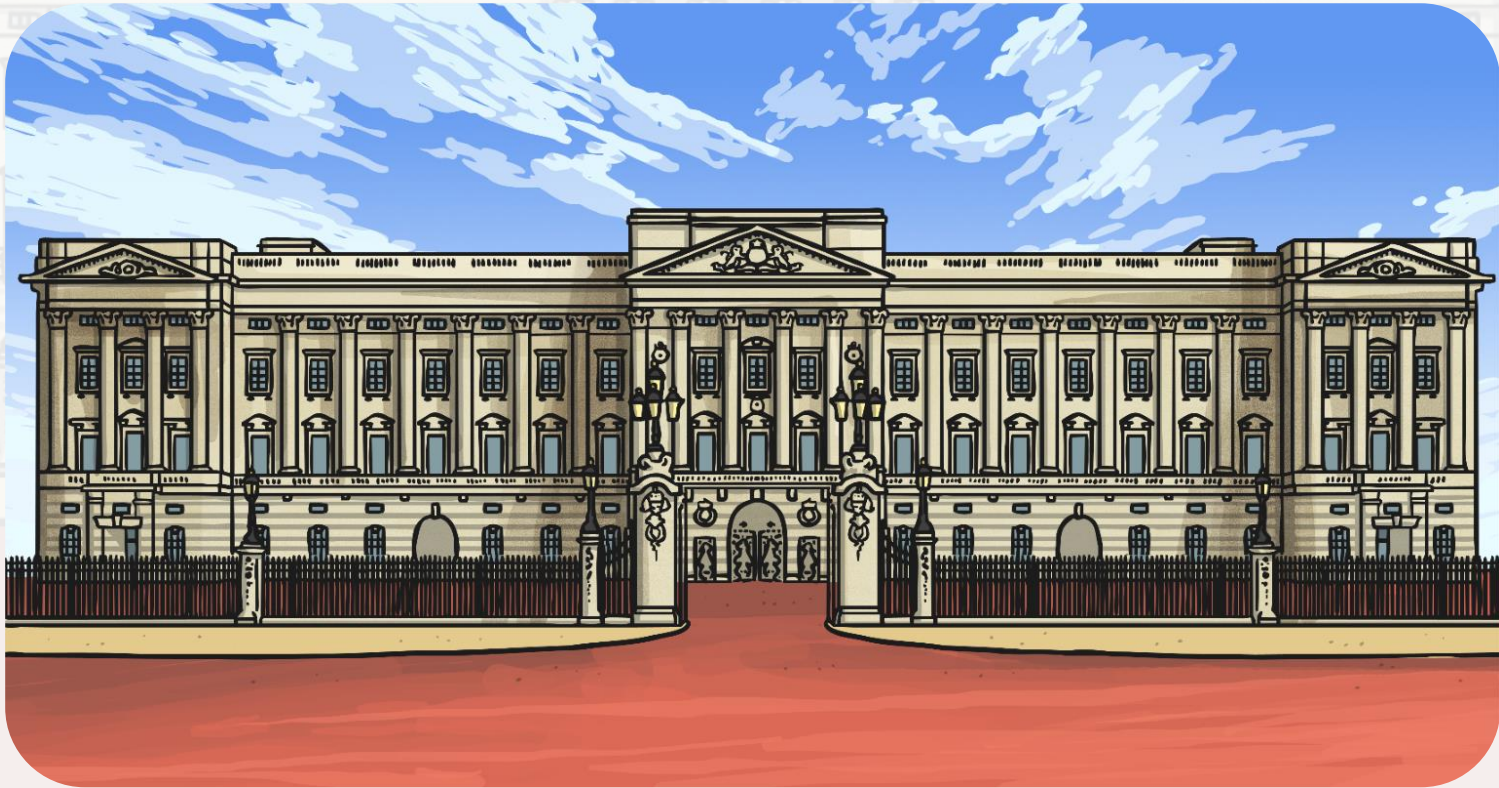
The Queen is Head of the Commonwealth and has made more than 200 trips abroad to visit Commonwealth countries.

The Commonwealth Games is an international, multi-sport event which involves athletes from Commonwealth Countries. The Queen often attends the games to open or close them.



The Queen's Homes

Her Majesty's official residence in London is Buckingham Palace.



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She also spends lots of time at Windsor Castle.
The Royal Family chose the name 'Windsor' as their surname
after Windsor Castle.

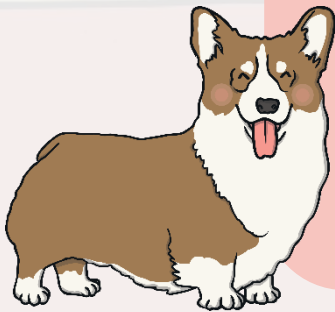


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The National Anthem

'God Save the King' was a patriotic song first performed in London in 1745. Today, it is known as the National Anthem.

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.



The Queen's Jubilee

The Diamond Jubilee Pageant took place on the Thames in London and included 1,000 boats assembled from around the world.

In 2002, the Queen celebrated her Golden Jubilee – 50 years of being Queen of England. There were lots of celebrations.

In 2012, the Queen celebrated her Diamond Jubilee. She had been Queen for sixty years! There were parties across the country, all focussed around a central weekend of events.



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The Longest-Reigning Monarch

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has served for 64 years and is the longest-reigning monarch. This means she has been Queen for the longest amount of time.



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Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday

In the UK, the Queen's birthday is celebrated on the second Saturday of June each year.

In 2019, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II turned 93, the first Queen to reach this age.

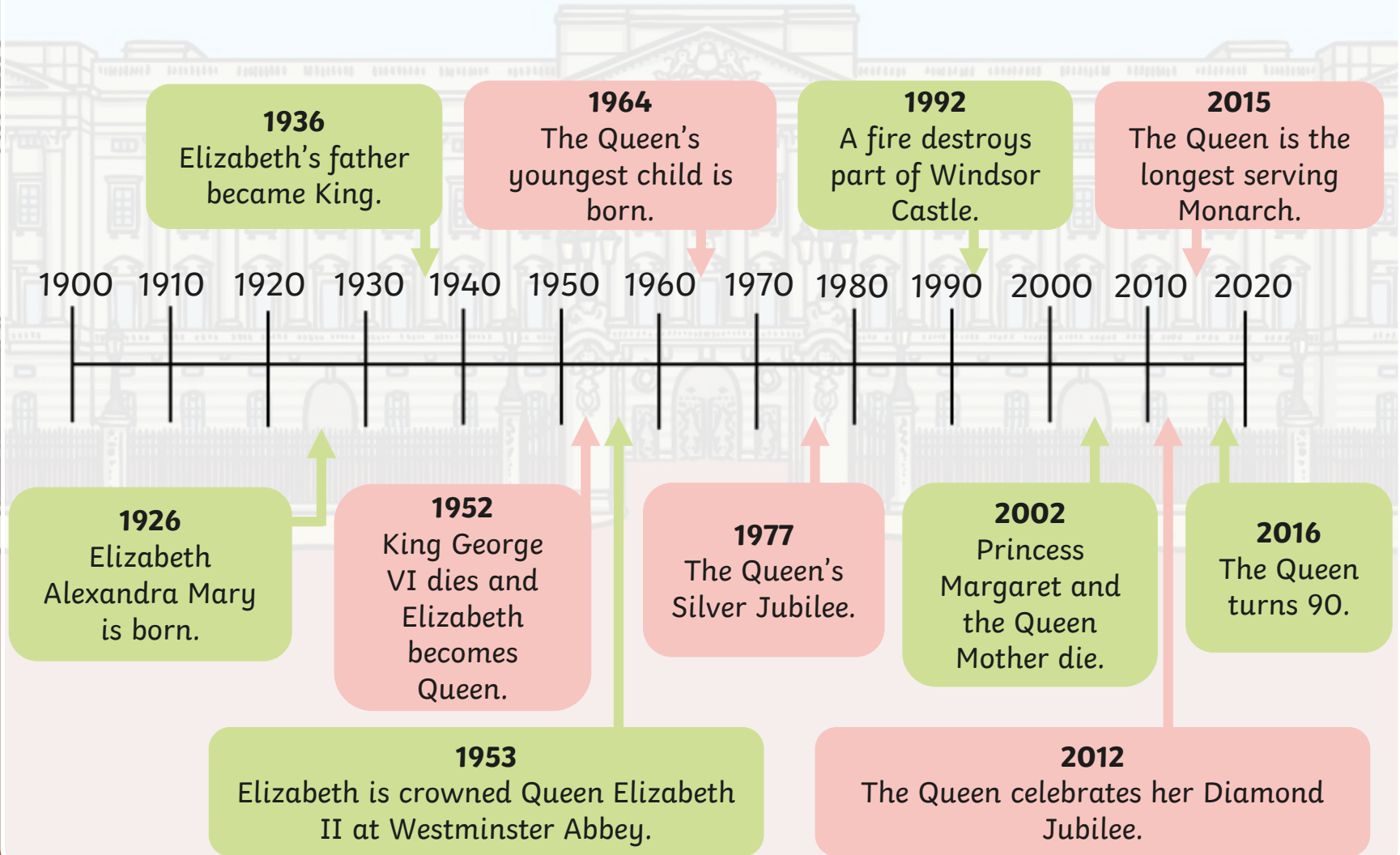
She still works now, devoting herself to this country and its people.

Watch this clip of photographs to see Queen Elizabeth over the last 90 years.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/03/16/queens-90th-birthday-when-is-it-and-how-will-it-be-celebrated/>



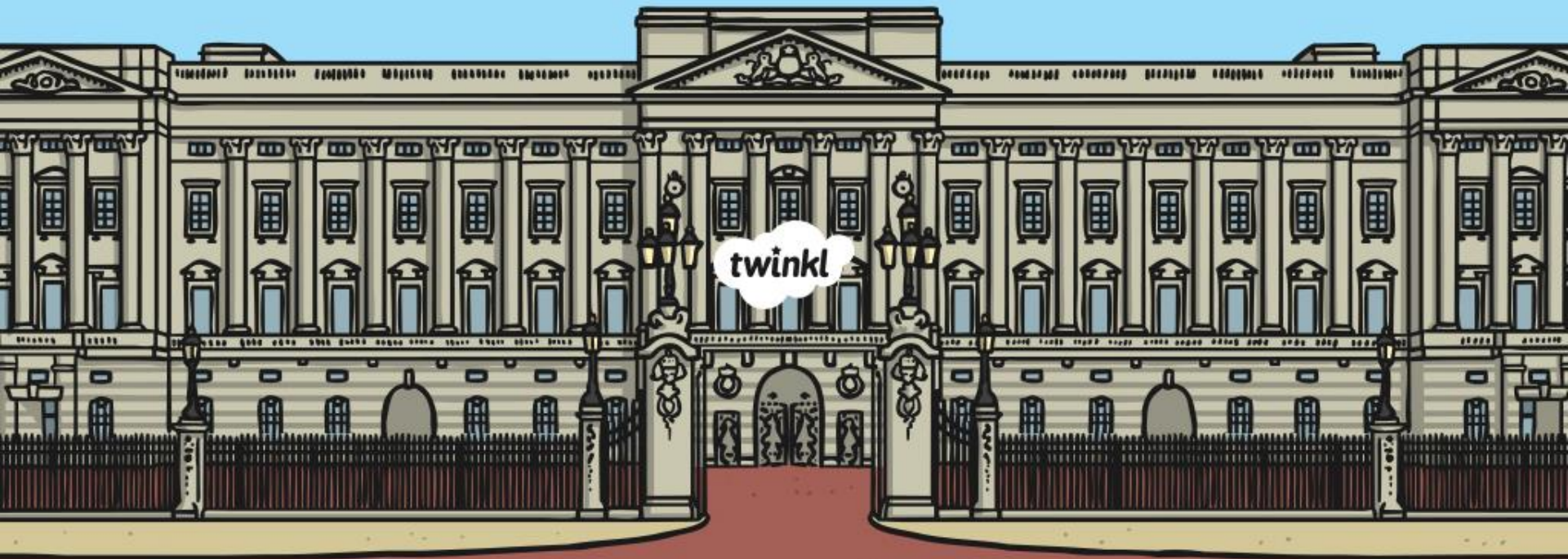
Events in the Life of the Queen



Fun Facts About the Queen

- I have nine thrones; six at Buckingham Palace!
- In 1954, I became the first serving monarch to circumnavigate the globe on a six month round-the-world tour with my husband.
- I have 'sat' for my portrait to be painted over 130 times!
- I send telegrams to congratulate people who reach the age of 100.
- I was the first, and so far the only, female member of the Royal Family to serve in the armed forces.
- Corgis are my favourite dogs. I have owned more than 30 corgis during my reign.





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