

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II became Queen on the 6th February 1952. In 2022, she will be the first British monarch to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee: having reigned for 70 years. All through the year, there will be various events held in the UK and the **Commonwealth**, marking this historic milestone.



History of Royal Jubilees

The first monarch to hold a jubilee celebration was King George III in 1809. He had ruled for 50 years so marked the special day with a grand fete and fireworks display at Windsor. Queen Victoria enjoyed two important jubilees in her lifetime: a Golden Jubilee for 50 years of service and a Diamond Jubilee for 60 years of service.

Did You Know...?

As part of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant had 670 boats float along the river Thames in London.

Her Majesty The Queen has celebrated three jubilees since her rise to the throne. In 1977, she held a Silver Jubilee to celebrate 25 years of service and since then, she has also held Golden and Diamond Jubilee celebrations with grand events such as live, televised concerts and large parades.



Throughout the Year

Her Majesty The Queen is encouraging everyone to learn about and plant trees in honour of her Platinum Jubilee through her Green Canopy scheme and the Junior Forester Award.



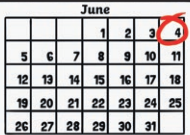
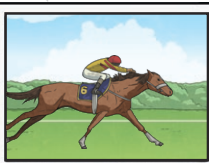
Extended Bank Holiday

From the 2nd to the 5th June 2022, the main jubilee events will be held over a four-day bank holiday. The British public can celebrate together at street parties or attend planned public events being held all across the country.



On the 2nd June, the traditional parade called The Trooping of the Colour will march down the Mall and into Horse Guards Parade ground where the Royal Family will be waiting. On Thursday evening, numerous **beacons** will be lit across the UK and the Commonwealth.

In St Paul's Cathedral, there will be a Service of Thanksgiving held on Friday with members of the Royal Family, members of parliament and other prominent people attending the service.



On the 4th June, members of the Royal Family will attend the historic **Epsom Downs Derby**. In the evening, the BBC will host a live concert outside Buckingham Palace.

Last Day of Celebrations

Throughout Sunday, communities all over the UK will be invited to hold street parties, barbecues, etc. as part of the Big Jubilee Lunch event. At the same time, there will be a Platinum Jubilee Pageant outside Buckingham Palace that will feature over 5000 people performing various entertainment acts.

With such a variety of public events planned, many people will be talking about The Queen's Platinum Jubilee for a long time. As MP Oliver Dowden said,

"Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee will be a truly historic moment - and one that deserves a celebration to remember."



Glossary

beacons:	A fire or light set up in a high position.
Commonwealth:	A collection of 54 independent countries with The Queen as the head.
Epsom Downs Derby:	An annual flat race for three-year-old horses, founded in 1780.

Questions

1. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order they will happen in.

- The Trooping of the Colour will march down the Mall.
- The Queen and Royal Family will attend the Epsom Downs Derby.
- The Queen will attend a Service of Thanksgiving.
- Beacons will be lit all over the UK and the Commonwealth.

2. Which monarch was the first to celebrate a jubilee? Tick one.

- Queen Elizabeth II
- King George III
- King George VI
- Queen Victoria

3. How many boats made up the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant?

4. Fill in the missing words.

In 2022, she will be the first British _____ to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee: having _____ for 70 years.

5. Look at the section **Throughout the Year**.

Find and copy one word that means the same as 'programme'.

6. If you were going to plan a Platinum Jubilee celebration for your community, what would you choose to do? Explain your answer.

7. Which Platinum Jubilee event would you like to attend and why?

8. Which Platinum Jubilee event would you not like to attend and why?

Answers

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3. How many boats made up the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant?

670 boats made up the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant.

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scheme

6. If you were going to plan a Platinum Jubilee celebration for your community, what would you choose to do? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I would choose to have a small parade with different clubs and businesses creating themed floats. It would be fun and nice to see what creations the community could come up with.

7. Which Platinum Jubilee event would you like to attend and why?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I would like to attend the concert and be able to listen to musicians sing and perform.

8. Which Platinum Jubilee event would you not like to attend and why?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I don't think I would like to attend the pageant. It sounds like a lot of people and it might be too confusing for me.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

In 1952, Her Majesty became Queen Elizabeth II at just 25 years old. In 2022, she will be the first British monarch to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee: having served the British people for 70 years. Over the course of the year, there will be many different celebrations organised in the UK and the **Commonwealth**, marking this historic achievement.



History of Royal Jubilees

In 1809, the first monarch to hold a jubilee celebration was King George III. After reigning for 50 years, he marked the special day with a grand fete and fireworks display at Windsor.

Queen Victoria hosted two significant jubilees in her lifetime: a Golden Jubilee for 50 years of service and a Diamond Jubilee for 60 years of service. Both events were celebrated with grand parades, fireworks and dinners.

In 1977, Her Majesty held a Silver Jubilee to celebrate 25 years of service. Over the years, she has also had Golden and Diamond Jubilees celebrated with grand events such as a live, televised concert outside Buckingham Palace, large parades and the Thames Diamond Jubilee pageant of 670 boats in 2012.



Throughout the Year

As part of her Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Her Majesty The Queen is encouraging everyone to plant trees in the UK and the Commonwealth. Her Green Canopy initiative also gives children an opportunity to earn a Junior Forester Award by learning about trees and how to help them grow.



Extended Bank Holiday

From the 2nd to the 5th June 2022, the central jubilee event will be an extended bank holiday, during which the British people can join together at street parties or attend planned public events being held all around the UK.



To begin the weekend, there will be a parade on Thursday 2nd June to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's birthday. This parade, The Trooping of the Colour, is a long-standing birthday tradition and will feature 1400 soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians. Together, they will march down the Mall and into Horse Guards Parade ground. For many royal events, it has been a historic tradition to light **beacons** across the UK to mark the special occasion. For the first time ever, beacons will be lit across the UK and the Commonwealth.



On Friday, members of the Royal Family, members of parliament and other prominent figures will attend a Service of Thanksgiving held in St Paul's Cathedral, London.



On Saturday, members of the Royal Family will attend the historic **Epsom Downs Derby**. In the evening, the BBC will host a live concert outside Buckingham Palace. Members of the public will be invited to attend (along with members of the Royal Family); they will be able to watch various entertainment acts from all over the world perform live on stage.



Last Day of Celebrations

On the final day of celebrations, neighbourhoods all over the UK will be invited to hold street parties as part of the Big Jubilee Lunch event. In addition, the Platinum Jubilee Pageant will feature over 5000 people performing various acts from theatre, music and carnivals.

With all of these events and celebrations planned, many people will be talking about Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee for years to come. As MP Oliver Dowden said, "Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee will be a truly historic moment - and one that deserves a celebration to remember."



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Questions

1. Draw **four** lines and match each jubilee to its number of years.

50

Silver

60

Platinum

25

Golden

70

Diamond

2. Which event is a long-standing birthday tradition for The Queen? Tick one.

- The Service of Thanksgiving
- The Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch Event
- The Trooping of the Colour
- The Platinum Jubilee Pageant

3. In what year did Her Majesty become The Queen?

4. Look at the first paragraph.

Find and copy one word that means the same as 'ruler'.

5. Fill in the missing words.

Her Green Canopy _____ also gives children an _____ to
earn a Junior Forester Award by learning about trees and how to help them grow.

6. If you were Her Majesty The Queen, what would you do for your Platinum Jubilee?
Explain your answer.

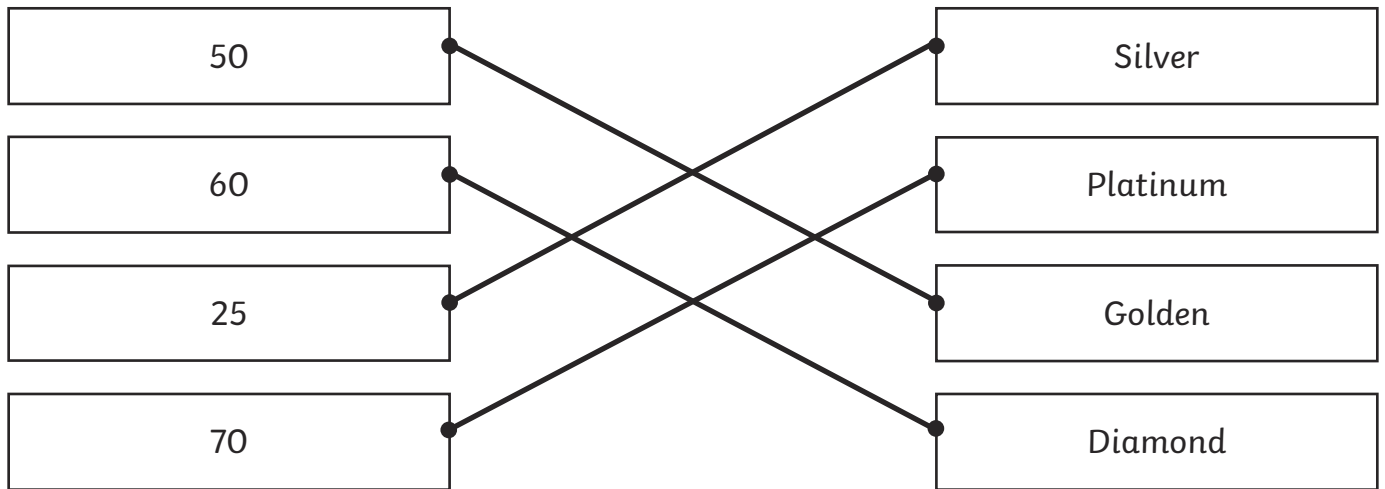
7. Why do you think people from all over the world will be coming to help The Queen celebrate her Platinum Jubilee?

8. Are you going to try and plant a tree for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee?
Explain your answer.

9. What would you say if you had the opportunity to meet The Queen?

Answers

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She became The Queen in 1952.

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monarch

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6. If you were Her Majesty The Queen, what would you do for your Platinum Jubilee?

Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I would go out and try to attend some of the parties in the local community. I would like to meet some of the people I have served.

7. Why do you think people from all over the world will be coming to help The Queen celebrate her Platinum Jubilee?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think they are coming to celebrate with her because she is one of the oldest rulers and the leader of the Commonwealth.

8. Are you going to try and plant a tree for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee?

Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think I would like to plant a tree. It would be nice to look at it and remember what it was for.

9. What would you say if you had the opportunity to meet The Queen?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think I would congratulate her and thank her for serving so long. I think I would ask her what her favourite part of the job is.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On the 6th February 1952, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth ascended to the throne at just 25 years old. In 2022, she will be the first British monarch to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee: having served the British people for 70 years. Throughout the year, there will be various celebrations, events and awards ceremonies held in the UK and the Commonwealth (a collection of 54 independent countries with The Queen as the head), marking this historic accomplishment.



History of Royal Jubilees

After reigning for 50 years, King George III held the first jubilee celebration ever in 1809. He noted the special day with a grand fete and fireworks display at Frogmore, Windsor.

Queen Victoria celebrated two important jubilees in her lifetime: a Golden Jubilee for 50 years of service and a Diamond Jubilee for 60 years of service. Both events were celebrated with grand parades, fireworks displays and dinners with dignitaries (people who are important because of rank or office) from all over the world in attendance.

Since her ascension, Her Majesty The Queen has celebrated three jubilees. In 1977, she held a Silver Jubilee to celebrate 25 years of service. Since then, she has also had Golden and Diamond Jubilee celebrations marked with grand events such as a live, televised concert outside Buckingham Palace, large parades and the Thames Diamond Jubilee pageant of 670 boats in 2012.



Throughout the Year

During her reign, The Queen has planted over 1500 trees all over the world. As part of her Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Her Majesty The Queen is encouraging everyone, adults and children, to plant trees in the UK and the Commonwealth. Her Green Canopy initiative also gives children an opportunity to earn a Junior Forester Award by learning about trees and how to help them grow.



Extended Bank Holiday

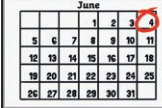
An extended bank holiday, from the 2nd to the 5th June 2022, will be the central jubilee event, during which local communities can join together at street parties or attend organised events being held throughout the length and breadth of the UK.



A parade will start the Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Thursday 2nd June and also celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's birthday. This parade, The Trooping of the Colour, is a long-standing birthday tradition and will feature 1400 soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians. Together, they will march down the Mall and into the Horse Guards Parade ground where they will be joined by members of the Royal Family on horseback and in carriages. Also, for many royal events it has been a well-established tradition to light beacons (a fire or light set up in a high position) across the UK to mark the special occasion. On Thursday evening, beacons will be lit not only across the UK but, for the first time ever, across the Commonwealth as well.



On Friday, there will be a Service of Thanksgiving held in the world-famous St Paul's Cathedral, London. Members of the Royal Family, members of parliament and other prominent figures will attend the service.



For the third day of celebrations, members of the Royal Family will attend the historic Epsom Downs Derby (an annual flat race for three-year-old horses, founded in 1780). During the day, they will watch seven different races between horses of various ages. In the evening, the BBC will host a live concert outside of Buckingham Palace. Members of the public will be invited to attend (along with members of the Royal Family); they will be able to watch various entertainment acts from all over the world perform live on stage.

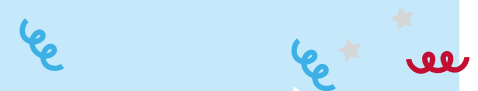


Last Day of Celebrations

For the closing day of celebrations, neighbourhoods and communities all over the UK will be invited to hold street parties, barbecues, etc. as part of the Big Jubilee Lunch event. In addition, the Platinum Jubilee Pageant will feature over 5000 people from the UK and the Commonwealth performing various acts from theatre, music and carnivals outside Buckingham Palace and nearby streets.



With all of these events and celebrations planned, many people will be talking about Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee for many years to come. As MP Oliver Dowden said, "Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee will be a truly historic moment - and one that deserves a celebration to remember."



Questions

1. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order they will happen in.

- There will be a live concert outside Buckingham Palace.
- The Queen and Royal Family will attend the Epsom Downs Derby.
- The Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch will take place across the UK.
- The Platinum Jubilee Pageant will take place.

2. In which year did the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant take place? Tick one.

- 1809
- 1977
- 2012
- 1952

3. How many soldiers will march in the Trooping of the Colour?

4. Look at the section **History of Royal Jubilees**.

Find and copy one word that means the same as 'a rise in position'.

5. Fill in the missing words.

Also, for many royal events it has been a well-established _____
to light beacons (a fire or light set up in a high position) across the UK to mark
the special _____.

6. Why do you think beacons are a tradition for important events?

7. Why do you think that it is important that The Queen celebrates 70 years of serving the British people?

8. What other events would you like to see happen during The Queen's Platinum Jubilee?
Explain your answer.

9. Would you like to attend the Trooping of the Colour parade? Explain your answer.

10. If you were going to give The Queen a gift for her Platinum Jubilee, what would you give her and why?

Answers

1. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order they will happen in.

- 2** There will be a live concert outside Buckingham Palace.
- 1** The Queen and Royal Family will attend the Epsom Downs Derby.
- 3** The Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch will take place across the UK.
- 4** The Platinum Jubilee Pageant will take place.

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3. How many soldiers will march in the Trooping of the Colour?

There will be 1400 soldiers marching in the parade.

4. Look at the section **History of Royal Jubilees**.

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ascension

5. Fill in the missing words.

Also, for many royal events it has been a well-established **tradition** to light beacons (a fire or light set up in a high position) across the UK to mark the special **occasion**.

6. Why do you think beacons are a tradition for important events?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think they are a great way of signalling to the world that something important has happened. They can be seen from miles away.

7. Why do you think that it is important that The Queen celebrates 70 years of serving the British people?

Pupils' own responses, such as: The Queen has been serving our country for such a long time and deserves our thanks. Many people around the world love her and appreciate the job she has done.

8. What other events would you like to see happen during The Queen's Platinum Jubilee?

Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think I would like to see The Queen speak to the people and maybe talk about what she remembers most in her years of service.

9. Would you like to attend the Trooping of the Colour parade? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Yes, I think I would. It would be incredible to see 1400 soldiers marching in straight lines and to the music. I bet I could feel their steps in my feet because there will be so many of them.

10. If you were going to give The Queen a gift for her Platinum Jubilee, what would you give her and why?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think I would like to give her a card, thanking her for her service and maybe a picture I made for her or a poem I wrote. I would like to put some effort into it because she has worked hard for us.