Queen Elizabeth II

Key Events

1920

21st April 1926
Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor born

1930

21st August 1930
Elizabeth's sister, Princess Margaret Rose, is born.

11th December 1936
Elizabeth's father becomes King George VI after her uncle, King Edward VIII, abdicates.

1940

3rd September 1939
Britain declares war on Germany, marking the start of the Second World War.

21st April 1942
Elizabeth's first public engagement.

20th November 1947
Elizabeth marries Philip Mountbatten at Westminster Abbey.

1950

14th November 1948
Elizabeth's first child, Prince Charles, is born. He becomes heir to the throne.

15th August 1950
Elizabeth's second child, Princess Anne, is born.

6th February 1952
King George VI dies. Elizabeth becomes Queen.

2nd June 1953
Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

1960

19th February 1960
Elizabeth's third child, Prince Andrew, is born.

10th March 1964
Elizabeth's fourth child, Prince Edward, is born.

1970

1977
Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee Year marking 25 years on the throne.

15th November 1977
Elizabeth's first grandchild, Peter Phillips, is born.

1980

21st June 1982
Prince William is born. He is second in line to the throne.

1990

20th November 1992
A fire destroys part of Windsor Castle.

31st August 1997
Princess Diana is killed in a car crash.

20th November 1997
Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

2000

30th March 2002
Elizabeth's mother, The Queen Mother, dies aged 101.

9th February 2002
Elizabeth's sister, Princess Margaret, dies aged 71.

2010

9th September 2015
Elizabeth becomes the longest-ever reigning British monarch.

20th December 2007
Elizabeth becomes the oldest-ever reigning British monarch.

2020

9th April 2021
Prince Philip dies aged 99.

February 2022
Elizabeth celebrates her Platinum Jubilee (70 years on the throne).

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