

# The Queen's Birthdays



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## How Does The Queen Celebrate?

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- There are gun salutes in London.
- She has a special parade called 'Trooping the Colour'.

The Queen has two birthdays each year.

- Her actual birthday is on 21<sup>st</sup> April.
- Her royal birthday is in June.

## Trooping the Colour Parade

Soldiers on horses perform this parade every year on The Queen's royal birthday.

The parade starts at Buckingham Palace then goes down The Mall.



# Questions

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- 1926
- 1911
- 2017

2. When is The Queen's actual birthday? Tick one.

- August
- April
- September

3. What is the name of The Queen's special parade? Tick one.

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- Trooping the Colour
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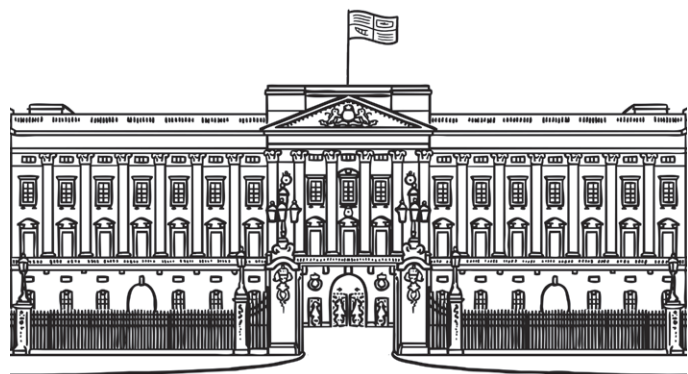
- She has her actual birthday on 21<sup>st</sup> April.
- She also celebrates an official birthday on the second Saturday in June with a big parade.

## Our Record-Breaking Queen!

Queen Elizabeth II has been Britain's queen for longer than anyone has been our king or queen before. She has ruled our country for over 70 years!

## How Does The Queen Celebrate?

- She spends her actual birthday in April privately with her family and friends.
- There are gun salutes in London at midday.
- There is a special parade in London called 'Trooping the Colour' on her official birthday in June.
- The Queen also watches a flypast of planes from her balcony at Buckingham palace.



### Trooping the Colour Parade

This parade is performed every year by the mounted Horse Guards.

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It starts at Buckingham Palace and involves more than 1400 officers and 200 horses!

The parade is so important the guards have to practise a number of times before the day.

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The Queen has never missed the Trooping the Colour parade.



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- 21<sup>st</sup> April 1926  
 25<sup>th</sup> December 1911  
 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

2. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

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3. How does The Queen celebrate her birthday? Tick **two**.

- with jelly and ice cream  
 with a special parade  
 with a gun salute in London

4. Fill in the missing word.

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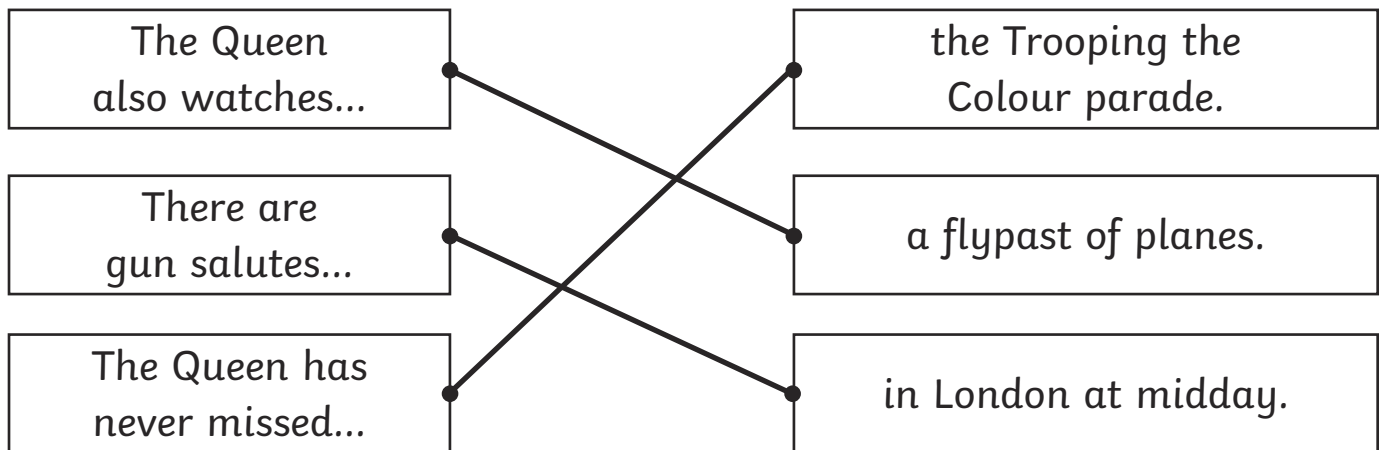
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**The Queen has ruled our country for over 65 years.**



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## Did You Know...?

Kings and queens often have an official birthday on a day other than their actual birthday.

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King Edward VII was born on 9<sup>th</sup> November but his official birthday was celebrated in May or June.

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The Queen celebrates two birthdays each year. She has her actual birthday on the day she was born on 21<sup>st</sup> April but she also celebrates an 'official' birthday on the second Saturday in June with a big parade.

## How Does The Queen Celebrate?

The Queen spends her actual birthday privately with her family and friends. Her official birthday in June is marked publicly by a gun salute in central London at noon.

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There is also a spectacular parade called 'Trooping the Colour' where The Queen is saluted by over 1400 officers. There are also over 200 horses in the parade!

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**Our Record-Breaking Queen!**

Queen Elizabeth II is Britain's longest reigning monarch, which means she has been queen for longer than anyone has been our king or queen before.



She has ruled our country for over 70 years and has beaten the record held by Queen Victoria.

The parade is so important, the guards have to practise a number of times in the weeks before the day. The Queen has also never missed the Trooping the Colour parade.



The Queen also watches a flypast of planes by the Royal Air Force from her balcony at Buckingham Palace later in the day.



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- 12 o'clock
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**Queen Elizabeth II was born on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1926.**

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**The Queen's actual birthday is on 21<sup>st</sup> April and her official birthday is on the second Saturday in June.**

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**spectacular**

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Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think it is a good idea for The Queen to have two birthdays because she celebrates them in different ways.**