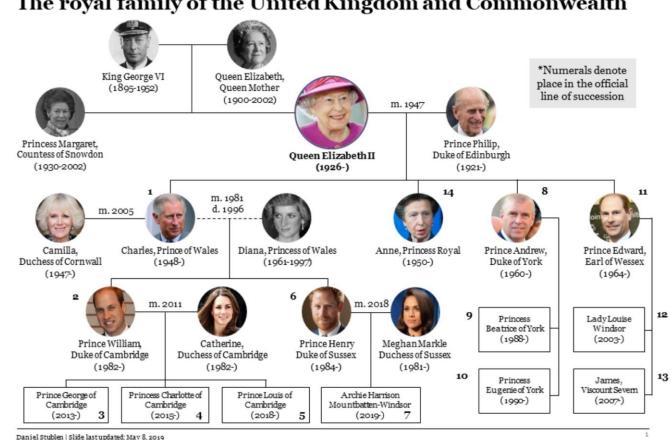
## The Royal Family

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## The royal family of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth



'Like all the best families, we have our share of eccentricities, of impetuous and wayward youngsters and of family disagreements.'

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Name: Queen Elizabeth II Full Name: Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Born: April 21, 1926 at 172, Bruton Street, London Parents: George VI and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon House of: Windsor Ascended to the throne: February 6, 1952 aged 25 years Crowned: June 2, 1953 at Westminster Abbey Married: Philip Mountbatten Children: Prince Charles, Princes Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince, Edward Current Age: 94 years. 3 months, and 30 days She has Reigned for: 68 years. 6 months, and 13 days

## Title: Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh Full Name: Philip Mountbatten Father: Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark Mother: Princess Alice of Battenberg Relation to Elizabeth II: Husband Born: June 10, 1921 at Villa Mon Repos, Corfu, Greece Current Age: 99 years, 2 months, and 10 days Married: Princess Elizabeth, later Queen Elizabeth II on November 20, 1947 at Westminster Abbey Children: Prince Charles, Princes Anne, Prince Andrew, Prince Edward









Title: Prince Charles, Prince of Wales Full Name: Charles Philip Arthur George Father: Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh Mother: Queen Elizabeth II Relation to Elizabeth II: Son Born: November 14, 1948 at Buckingham Palace, London Current Age: 71 years, 9 months, and 5 days Married (1): Diana Spencer on July 29, 1981 at St Paul's Cathedral Divorced: August 28, 1996 Children: Prince William, Prince Harry Married (2): Camilla Shand Parker Bowles on April 9, 2005 at The Guildhall, Windsor

the Prince of Wales, carries out the lion's share of overseas travel and more engagements than any other senior member of the royal family apart from Princess Anne, is the costliest royal. Charles spent £362,149 visiting India, Malaysia, Brunei, and Singapore aboard the RAF Voyager, the royal family's jet. He also used the royal train, the most expensive mode of transport, on seven occasions, with each journey costing in the region of £20k. Courtiers insisted both modes of transport were "appropriate" given the nature of the trips where the Prince of Wales was representing the royal family overseas.





Accounts released by Clarence House, the Prince of Wales's household, reveal that Charles is spending more money than ever on his sons and the Duchess of Cambridge, who are now full-time working royals. Charles spent £4,962,000 this year, coughly a 40 percent hike. The amount is billed as "other expenditure," and while a spokesman declined to elaborate further on the figure, the increase coincides with Prince Harry's engagement to Meghan Markle. The couple carried out a number of official engagements around the country ahead of the royal wedding, funded by the Prince of Wales. Now that Meghan is a member of "the Firm," the Prince of Wales will finance all of her official royal activities, her staff, and her working wardrobe.





Title: Prince Andrew, Duke of York Full Name: Andrew Albert Christian Edward Father: Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh Mother: Queen Elizabeth II Relation to Elizabeth II: Son Born: February 19, 1960 at Buckingham Palace, London Current Age: 60 years, 6 months, Married: Sarah Ferguson on July 23, 1986 at Westminster Abbey Divorced: May 30, 1996 Children: Princess Beatrice, Princess Eugenie Title: Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex Full Name: Edward Antony Richard Louis Father: Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh Mother: Queen Elizabeth II Relation to Elizabeth II: Son Born: March 10, 1964 at Buckingham Palace, London Current Age: 56 years, 5 months, and 10 days Married: Sophie Rhys-Jones on June 19, 1999 at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Children: Lady Louise Windsor, Viscount Severn Title: Princess Anne, Princess Royal Full Name: Anne Elizabeth Alice Louise Father: Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh Mother: Queen Elizabeth II Relation to Elizabeth II: Daughter Born: August 15, 1950 at Clarence House, London Current Age: 70 years, and 5 days Married (1): Mark Phillips on November 14, 1973 at Westminster Abbey Divorced: April 28, 1992 Children: Peter Phillips, Zara Phillips Married (2): Timothy Laurence on December 12, 1992 at Crathie, Ballater, Aberdeenshire







Title: Prince Henry, Duke of Sussex Full Name: Henry Charles Albert David Father: Prince Charles, Prince of Wales Mother: Diana, Princess of Wales Relation to Elizabeth II: Grandson Born: September 15, 1984 at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London Current Age: 35 years, 11 months, and 5 days Married: Rachel Meghan Markle on May 19, 2018 at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Children: Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor

Graduated from ETON. He obtained A levels in Art and History, joined the cadet force and developed an interest in polo, rugby and abseiling. Spent his gap year in Australia and Africa (an orphanage in Lesotho)

He entered the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst in May 2005 as an officer cadet. He passed out as a commissioned officer in April 2006, and joined the Blues and Royals a regiment of the Household Cavalry and has the rank Lieutenant. He trained as a troop commander in tank reconnaissance. In June 2007 he trained in Canada alongside other soldiers from Britain and served with his regiment in Afghanistan from December 2007 to February 2008 when disclosure in the World's press made it necessary for him to return home. He returned to his duties in the UK as a Lieutenant in Blues and Royals regiment. In 2009 he trained as an Army helicopter pilot and as a qualified Apache helicopter pilot in 2013 served a 20 week tour of duty in Afghanistan. In June 2015 he left operational service with the rank of Captain and maintains close connections with Armed Forces charities.





Title: Prince William of Wales, Duke of Cambridge Full Name: William Arthur Philip Louis Father: Prince Charles, Prince of Wales Mother: Diana, Princess of Wales Relation to Elizabeth II: Grandson Born: June 21, 1982 at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London Current Age: 38 years, 2 months, Married: Catherine Middleton on April 29, 2011 at Westminster Abbey Children: Prince George, Princess Charlotte, Prince Louis

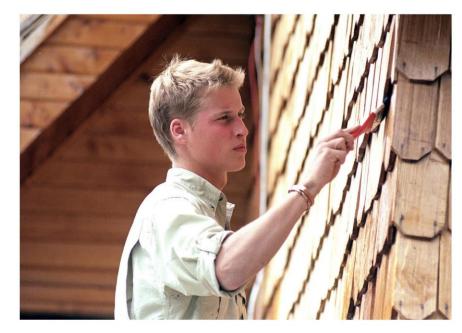
Graduated from Eton College where he studied Biology and History of Art at A level. He was a keen on swimming and football and was captain of his house team. During a gap year in 2000/2001 he visited Belize in S. America where he took part in an army training exercise, Chile where he worked on a dairy farm as a volunteer with Raleigh International, and 15 weeks studying conservation in Africa.

On his return he entered the University of St Andrews in Scotland where he started on a degree in History of Art but later changed to Geography. He graduated in 2005 with a degree in Geography.

In January 2006 he became an officer cadet at Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst joining his brother who had been there since May 2005. He passed out on 15 December 2006 at a parade attended by the Queen and the Prince of Wales and received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Blues and Royals regiment. He trained at Bovington as a troop commander in an armoured reconnaissance unit, and in 2008 completed attachments to the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy following in the footsteps of his father. In January 2009 he started training as a pilot of Sea King search and rescue helicopters, and from June 2010 to September 2013 he was an operational pilot at RAF Valley in North Wales which is one of the 6 UK based RAF Search and Rescue flights. In 2014 he trained to take a Civilian pilots licence and from July 2015 to July 2017 he was a full-time pilot in the East Anglian Air Ambulance service based near Cambridge. He donated his salary (approximately £40,000 per year) to the Air Ambulance charity. Since August 2017 he works full time with his Royal and charitable duties.







"Since becoming a father, I feel the pressure is even greater to ensure we can give our children the future they deserve, a future that hasn't been taken from them, and a future full of possibility and opportunity. I want us all to be able to tell our children that yes, we saw this coming, and with the determination and help from an extraordinary group of committed individuals, we did what was needed to restore these essential ecosystems."



'I've put my arm around my brother all our lives. I can't do it any more"

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