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## Queen Elizabeth II

## 21<sup>st</sup> April 1926 – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Queen Elizabeth II was born at 2.40am on 21 April 1926, to parents the Duke and Duchess of York, who later became King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (The Queen Mother).

She was crowned Queen on 2 June 1953, watched by a TV audience of 20 million people. Her reign ended on 8 September 2022, when she passed away peacefully at Balmoral Castle, Scotland.

She was the longest reigning monarch ever in Britain - Beating even Queen Victoria (her great-great-grandma!).

As Queen, she was served by 15 UK Prime Ministers - Including Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher and more recently, Boris Johnson and from Monday, Liz Truss.

Her favourite dogs were corgis - She even invented a new breed of dog when her corgi mated with a dachshund belonging to her sister, Princess Margaret, creating the "dorgi"

She was the only person in the UK allowed to drive without a licence, and she kept driving even in her later years!

Queen Elizabeth II had two birthdays, her birthdate 21<sup>st</sup> April and another in June when the weather was better.

Her birthplace is now a fancy Cantonese restaurant called Hakkasan, at 17 Bruton Street in Mayfair.

Queen Elizabeth II first sent an email in 1976 and published her first Instagram post in 2019!

She had many hobbies, including horse riding, pigeon racing and football - she was an Arsenal supporter!

Queen Elizabeth became a homeowner at just six years old

When the people of Wales gifted her a house in the grounds of Windsor's Royal Lodge. It was named Y Bwthyn Bach, which means "little cottage".

In her lifetime, Queen Elizabeth II sent around 50,000 Christmas cards - what a lot of post!

She owned an elephant, two giant turtles, a jaguar and a pair of sloths -Presents from other countries, all of which live in London Zoo.

Princess Elizabeth made her first radio broadcast in October 1940, during the Second World War.

On a recent low-key trip to Scotland, she met some American tourists while walking. When the tourists asked if she lived locally, she mentioned that she had a house nearby, and when asked if she'd ever met the Queen, she simply pointed at her security guard and said, "No, but he has!"