



**How important is it for us  
to have a sense of duty?**

# Let's look at this week's story



Buckingham Palace has unveiled the full line-up of celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year. Street parties, a concert with some of the world's biggest entertainment stars, a chance to see the Queen's homes and a street parade are just some of the formal plans. Many will take place during the upcoming special four-day Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. 2022 marks 70 years of the Queen's service – the first British monarch ever to reach the milestone.



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# This week's story looks at events related to ...



# How does it make me feel?



<b>sad</b>	<b>angry</b>	<b>happy</b>	<b>confused</b>	<b>excited</b>	<b>worried</b>	<b>shocked</b>	<b>afraid</b>
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Read through the information below, which explores the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

## What is a Royal Jubilee?

A jubilee is a special celebration of a king or queen's reign. They take place after the monarch has ruled for a certain number of years and each one is associated with a different type of precious material. No other British monarch has reigned for long enough to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, which is why many believe the 2022 celebrations are so special!



Silver = 25 years



Gold = 50 years



Diamond = 60 years



Sapphire = 65 years



Platinum = 70 years

**Above:** The different materials used to celebrate the length of the monarch's reign. **Source:** The Royal Mint Museum



**Pictured:** Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Coronation portrait, June 1953. **Source:** Library and Archives Canada

As we mark this anniversary, it gives me pleasure to renew to you the pledge I gave in 1947 that my life will always be devoted to your service.

Queen Elizabeth II, speaking about her Platinum Jubilee.

## What events are being organised for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee?

Jubilees have been celebrated since the 1300s! By the 19<sup>th</sup> century, events to mark the Golden Jubilees of George III and Queen Victoria included fetes, feasts, fireworks, and processions.

This year, there are many events and projects to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee including:

- 👑 A live concert at Buckingham Palace, which will bring together some of the world's biggest entertainment stars.
- 👑 A Big Jubilee Lunch on 5<sup>th</sup> June, with people encouraged to share food and fun with neighbours through street parties, BBQs, or tea parties.
- 👑 200 silk flags will be decorated and paraded along the Mall in London as a 'River of Hope'.
- 👑 An initiative, the 'Queen's Green Canopy', encourages people to plant trees in various places, including in school or in their own garden, to mark her 70 years on the throne.

**Are there any events planned in your community to celebrate the occasion?**

What does it mean when the Queen pledges again to be 'devoted to your service'?

What do you imagine the Queen has had to 'give up' in order to be Queen?

Could you imagine living a life of service?

The Queen is the head of the Church of England.

Some say her life has been one of service and sacrifice.

What do you think?





Look at the resource below, which shares some of the ways people plan to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

This year, 2022, the Queen has become the first ever British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. A nationwide extended Bank Holiday celebration begins on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.



Ready for the Royal parade.

"I start celebrating the Queen's Jubilee before the official weekend as we are having a party at school and at Beavers!"

**Libbie**

"The village near to where I live is putting on lots of events, which we are going to. There is an opening ceremony, sports day races, arts competitions, a BBQ, a Royal parade and a street party picnic. They are also presenting all of the children with a special mug to remember it."

**Kaneeza**



Heading for a family picnic

"We're having our own party at home to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We have invited some friends and we are going to have food, play games and everything will have a Union Jack theme!"

**Greg**

"I am going to a 1950s themed weekend. We will dress in 1950s clothes and there will be live music."

**Mona**



Union Jack party decorations

"There is a castle near where I live and they are having a free family event. You take a picnic and there are stalls, rides, music and entertainment. You can also buy tea, coffee and cake."

**Tanek**

**Which of these celebrations do you think you would enjoy taking part in the most?**



Look at the resource below, where people share some of their duties and responsibilities.

"There are duties I carry out because it is part of my job but I also have duties that I live my life by and teach my children to do the same. These include telling the truth, being kind to others, working hard, showing respect to everyone and being aspirational."

**Axel**

"Some of my duties as a firefighter involve teaching people about fire safety, extinguishing fires, operating tools and machinery and responding quickly to emergency calls. My overall duty is to protect lives and keep people safe and I take this very seriously."

**Marleen**



"My duty, as a citizen of this country, is to abide by the laws set out by my government."

**Thomas**

"I have a pet rabbit that I am responsible for. I feed and water her, play with and groom her, clean out her cage and make sure she is happy and healthy."

**Wesson**

"I am a playground buddy at school. My duties include teaching new games, helping everyone to play co-operatively, making sure everyone has someone to play with and being a good friend."

**Zakariya**



**Which of these duties do you think are the most important? Why?**

# Reflection



The Queen said that her life “will always be devoted in service” in her annual message to the Commonwealth this year. The Platinum Jubilee celebrates 70 years of this service and shows a huge amount of dedication and commitment!





**British  
Values**



## **Individual Liberty**

Everyone has their own responsibilities and duties. Part of these are how we choose to behave and act. We are all responsible for our own actions.





# UN Rights of a Child



We all have the right to rest, relax, play and take part in cultural and creative activities. The Queen's Jubilee provides an opportunity to do this.

