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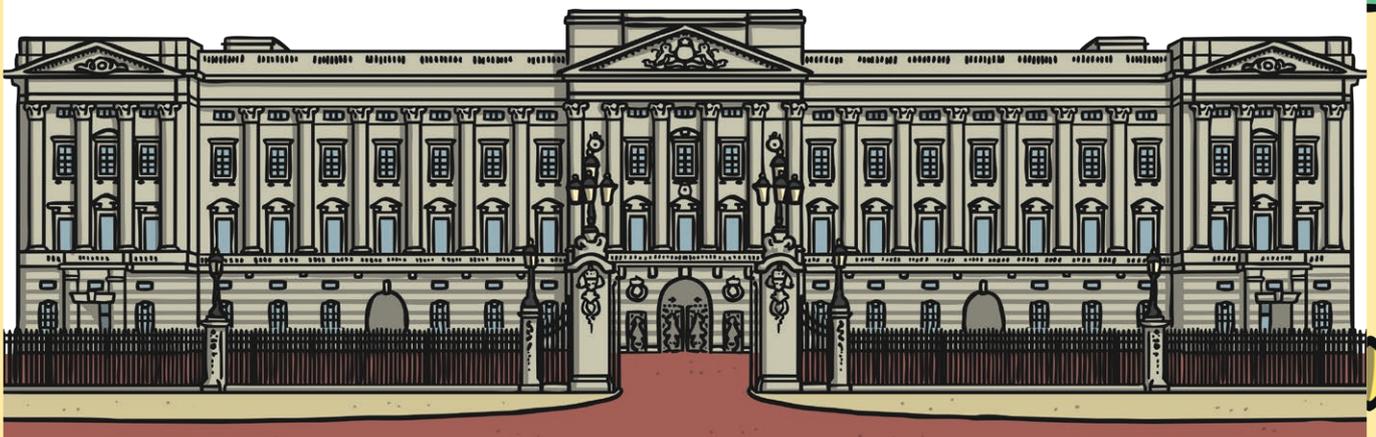
How Does the Queen Celebrate?

- She celebrates with her family and friends.
- There are gun salutes in London.
- She has a special parade called 'Trooping the Colour'.

Trooping the Colour Parade

The Horse Guards and their horses perform this parade every year to mark the Queen's birthday.

It starts at Buckingham Palace.



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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.
- On her official birthday in June, there is a special parade in London called 'Trooping the Colour'.

Trooping the Colour Parade

This parade is performed every year by the mounted Horse Guards. It starts at Buckingham Palace and involves more than 1400 officers and 200 horses! The Queen has never missed the Trooping the Colour 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 65 years!

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1. When was Queen Elizabeth born? Tick one.

- 21st April 1926
 25th December 1911
 24th November 2017

2. Match the month to the correct celebration.

April

The Queen's official birthday

June

The Queen's actual birthday

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
 with a trampolining party

4. Choose the correct words to complete the sentence.

The Tower of
London

Buckingham
Palace

Kensington
Palace

The Trooping the Colour Parade starts at _____

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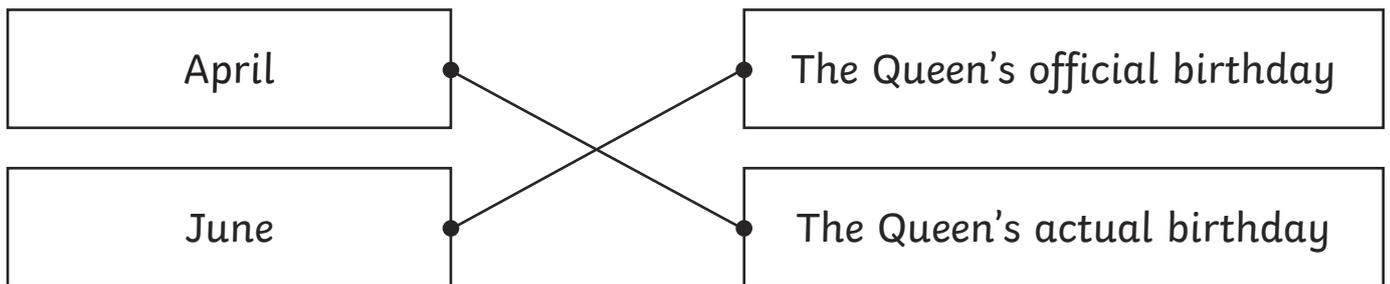
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Queen Elizabeth II was born on 21st April, 1926. She became Queen of the United Kingdom on 6th February, 1952 and her coronation was held on 2nd June, 1953.

On Thursday 21st April 2016, she turned 90 years old!



Did You Know?

Kings and queens often have an official birthday on a day other than their actual birthday. King Edward VII was born 9th November but his official birthday was celebrated in May or June.

The Queen celebrates two birthdays each year. She has her actual birthday (the anniversary of her birth) on 21st 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. Her official birthday in June is marked publicly by a gun salute in central London, at 12 noon. 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!

Our Record-Breaking Queen!

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Children's own answers.