

This year marks (1) _____ years of Queen Elizabeth II's rule. She's Britain's (2) _____ reigning monarch in history outringing closest competition Queen (3) _____ by nearly (4) _____ years.

And what better way to celebrate her (5) _____'s Platinum Jubilee than with a special pud. "And I think what we're looking for is something that tastes just right."

Buckingham Palace has revealed its (6) _____ of performances and (7) _____ fit for a Queen. So here is everything you need to know about what's happening and when.

LET THEM EAT CAKE

From the Queen of the (8) _____ to the queen of (9) _____, Dame Mary Berry will be part of a judging panel tasked with finding a platinum (10) _____. The contest is open to the public and will select a dish worthy of making the Queen's special year.

"Think of something you might eat at an (11) _____ tea or indeed after your main meal as a (12) _____ or a pudding. So think pies, crumbles, cakes, it could be any of those sorts of things. But we are thinking sweet rather than savory."

It seems only fair with Queen Victoria's namesake cake, the Victorious sponge, still being enjoyed by us Brits today.

PERFORMANCES AT WINDSOR CASTLE

Alongside the special pudding (13) _____ are being planted which will be presented to the Queen at the end of the (14) _____ as a special reminder of the celebrations.

Between the 12th and the 15th (15) _____ more than 1,000 performers and (16) _____ horses will take part in a show at (17) _____ Castle. Crowds will be taken on a journey through history from (18) _____ to the present day.

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

On the 2nd (19) _____ a special Trooping the Colour will kick off a (20) _____ bank holiday weekend on horse guard parade in central (21) _____. On the same day beacons will be lit in certain places around the (22) _____ and the world at the same time as (23) _____. The next day St Paul's (24) _____ will hold a service of thanksgiving. And on Saturday 4th June the palace will hold a celeb-packed (25) _____, tickets for which will be available for UK (26) _____ to apply for. For the rest of us on Sunday 5th there's the big jubilee (27) _____ where everyone is encouraged to come together and break some bread to mark the final day of the long (28) _____. A pageant will parade on the Mall on this day too with (29) _____, musicians, military personnel and key workers telling the story of the Queen's 70-year (30) _____. School children have been asked to get involved by creating a picture of how they would like the (31) _____ to look in 70 years time with the best ones printed on (32) _____ for a *river of hope* which will be used in the pageant. And in (33) _____ a trio of exhibitions will take place at the royal residences in Windsor, Buckingham Palace and Holyroodhouse. These will show off some of Queen Elizabeth's (34) _____ worn at previous jubilees as well as items from her private (35) _____ collection.

It will no doubt be a historic year for the Queen but after a rocky road for the family in the last few years it will no doubt spark conversation of the role of the Royal family in the years to come.

WORD LIST

4-day - 7 - 70 - 500 - afternoon - baking - Buckingham Palace - Cathedral - celebrations - country - dancers - dessert - dresses - Elizabeth I - flags - jewelry - July - June - London - longest - lunch - Majesty - May - party - planet - programme - pudding - reign - residents - trees - UK - Victoria - weekend - Windsor - Year

What is a 'platinum jubilee'?

A jubilee is an anniversary to mark an important event such as the accession of a monarch to the throne. Names of valuable materials are often given to special anniversaries. For example, silver is used for a 25th anniversary, gold is for a 50th anniversary and platinum for a 70th.

How and when did Princess Elizabeth become Queen?



King George VI died on 6 February 1952. His daughter Princess Elizabeth was only 25 years old at the time and was on a royal tour in Kenya with her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Philip informed Elizabeth of her father's death, and she immediately returned to the UK as Queen, although she was not crowned until 2 June 1953. No other British monarch has lived or reigned for as long as she has, and no other female head of state has served so many years.



The Jubilee celebrations

From 2 to 5 June there will be a four-day long weekend for people in the UK. There are lots of special events planned, including the Queen's Birthday Parade, which will take place on Thursday 2 June. Members of the Royal Family will travel in carriages, along with 1,400 soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians. The parade will leave Buckingham Palace and go along a very famous London street called The Mall. On Saturday 4 June, there will be a live concert called *The Platinum Party at the Palace*, where lots of celebrities will perform. On Sunday 5 June, people across the country are encouraged to hold street parties and have lunch outside with their neighbours.

Unusual Jubilee events

One of the more original events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee is a baking competition! The Platinum Pudding competition is open to all residents of the UK who are aged 8 or older. They have to send in their recipe and a photo of the pudding, or dessert, that they've created. You can see some of the competition entries on Instagram using the hashtag #platinumpudding. Another unusual initiative to mark the event is the Queen's Green Canopy. The slogan is 'plant a tree for the jubilee' and people are encouraged to plant trees throughout 2022 to ensure a greener future for the country. The project is working to protect 70 types of ancient trees.

1. The Queen's _____ to the throne took place in 1952.
2. Queen Elizabeth II is the first female monarch to _____ for 70 years.
3. 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee' is the _____ for the Queen's Green Canopy project.
4. The _____ through the streets of London will be one of the most spectacular events of the celebrations.
5. Members of the Royal Family will travel in _____ during the parade.
6. _____ will take place all over the country as groups of neighbours have lunch together.
7. To take part in the Platinum Pudding competition, you have to send in the _____ for your special dessert.
8. To see some of the pudding competition entries, you can put _____ into Instagram.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Find the names in the text.

