

The life of KING CHARLES III

1948
Charles Windsor is born in Buckingham Palace to proud parents Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

1952
Charles' mother becomes Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of England, making him the heir apparent.

1958
Charles is made Prince of Wales but does not have his investiture until 1969, when he is crowned in a televised ceremony.

1971-76
Following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather and two great-grandfathers, Charles serves in the RAF. After training as a jet pilot, he joins the Royal Navy.

1976
On leaving the navy, Charles uses his severance pay to set up The Prince's Trust – a charity to help vulnerable young people which is still running today.

1981
The prince marries Lady Diana Spencer in a ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral after a five-month engagement.

1982
The couple's first child, William, is born in St Mary's Hospital in London – and two years later, Prince Harry is born. Unlike many royal fathers, Charles was present at the birth of both his children.

2005
Having divorced in 1996, Charles marries his second wife, Camilla Parker Bowles, in a civil ceremony at Windsor Guildhall.

2022
Charles becomes king following the passing of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. He was the longest serving heir apparent in British history.

2023
Charles is crowned in a ceremony at Westminster Abbey alongside his wife Camilla, becoming the oldest British monarch to ascend to the throne.

Did you know?...

Charles was the monarch in waiting for 70 years, overtaking Edward VII who had been heir apparent for 59 years.



Charles is a committed environmentalist who has supported campaigns to address climate change. In 2007, he won Harvard University's Global Environmental Citizen Award.



The new king has a degree from the University of Cambridge and A Levels in History and French.

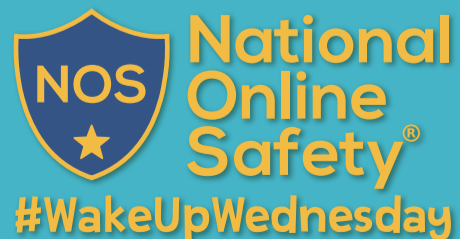
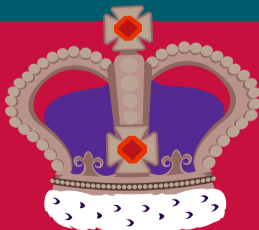


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Charles is also passionate about architecture. His charity – the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment – has helped design, construct and refurbish important buildings around the world. This won His Majesty the Driehaus Architecture Prize from the University of Notre Dame.



At 73, Charles becomes the oldest British king to be crowned. The previous oldest was William IV, Queen Victoria's uncle, who was 64 at his coronation way back in 1830.



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