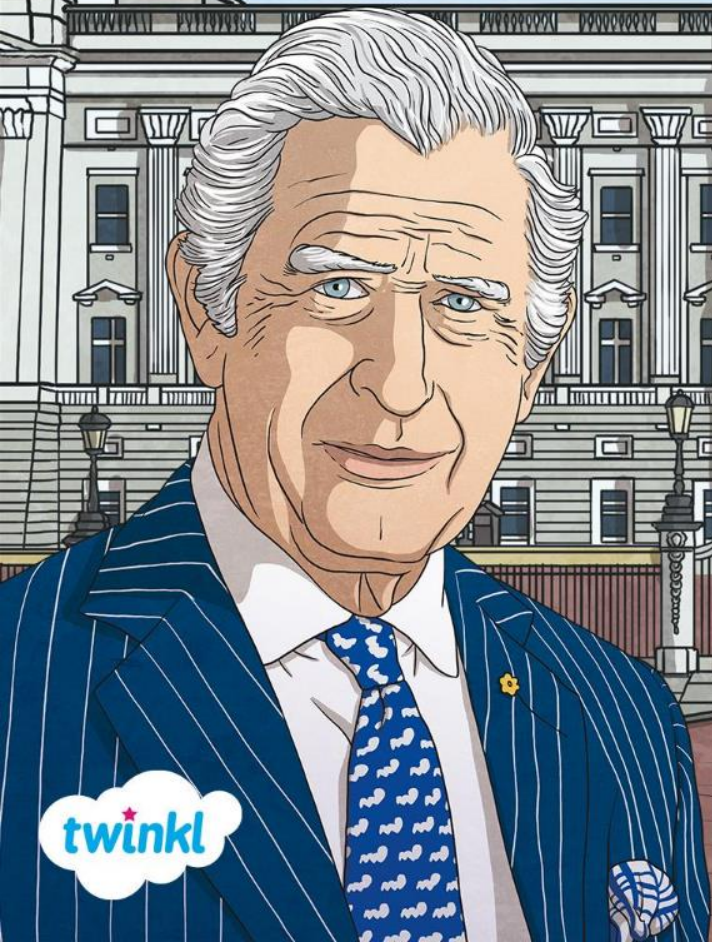


All About King Charles III



Birth and Family

King Charles III was born on the 14th November in 1948 in Buckingham Palace. His full name is Charles Philip Arthur George.

His parents were Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. His grandparents were King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. King George VI was the reigning monarch when Prince Charles was born.

Prince Charles was the eldest child of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip so he automatically inherited the titles of the Duke of Cornwall, Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Carrick, Baron of Renfrew, Lord of the Isles and Prince and Great Steward of Scotland.



Early Life

Prince Charles was educated privately by a governess at Buckingham Palace until he was 8. He then attended schools in London, Berkshire and Scotland. In 1966, he had the opportunity to study in Australia for two terms as an exchange student.

Prince Charles attended Trinity College at Cambridge University and in 1971, became the first heir to the throne in history to receive a Bachelor's Degree. Before being invested as the Prince of Wales, he completed a term at the University College of Wales in Aberystwyth to learn Welsh.



Prince of Wales

Prince Charles was officially invested as the Prince of Wales on 1st July 1969. (This involves being given power or authority as part of a job role.) The ceremony was held at Caernarfon Castle and he was invested by his mother, Queen Elizabeth II.

His role as Prince of Wales often involved representing Queen Elizabeth II, for example by welcoming dignitaries, speaking at events, attending state dinners and attending state funerals overseas.

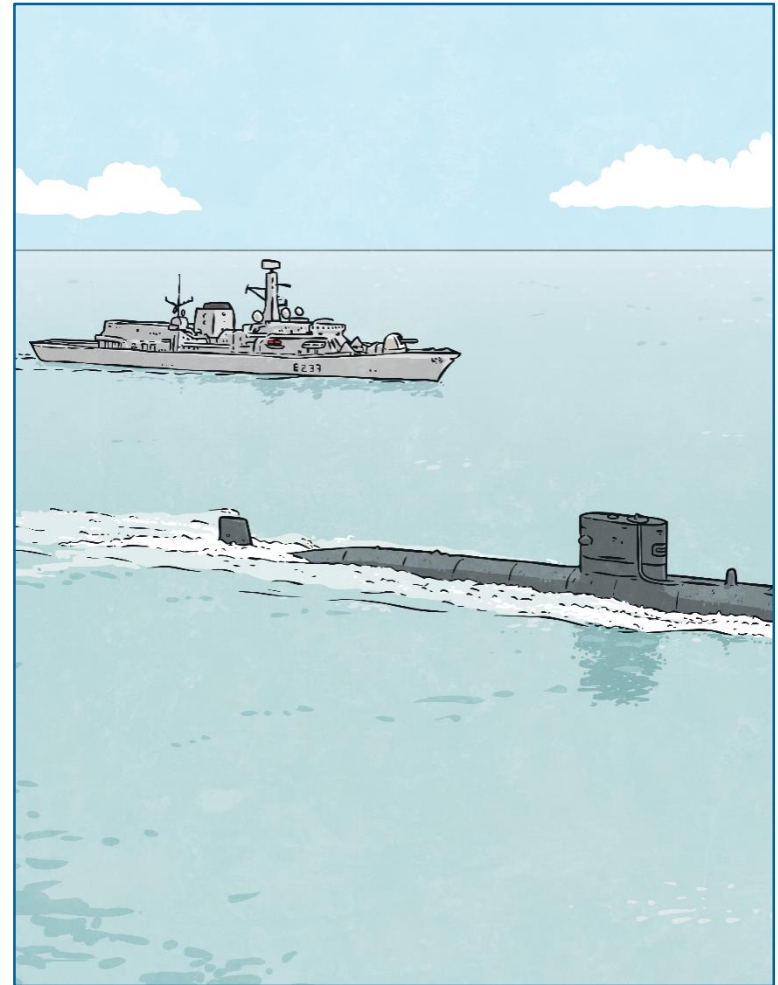


Royal Air Force and Royal Navy

Prince Charles received RAF training while he was at Cambridge University, learning to fly Chipmunk aircraft with the Cambridge University Air Squadron. In 1971, he began pilot training with the RAF at Cranwell in Lincolnshire.

Prince Charles then followed his father's example by serving with the Royal Navy. His grandfather and great-grandfathers also had naval careers. Charles worked on a destroyer and two frigates (small, fast naval ships). In 1974, he qualified as a helicopter pilot and joined the Naval Air Squadron. For his final months of active service in the Navy, he was given command of a minehunting vessel, HMS Bronington.

Prince Charles gave up flying aircraft after a crash in 1994.



Diana, Princess of Wales

Prince Charles married Lady Diana Frances Spencer in 1981 in St Paul's Cathedral. The Royal Wedding was watched by millions of people on television. She took the title of Diana, Princess of Wales, upon their marriage. She was very popular among the British public and has been referred to as the 'People's Princess'.

Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales, had two sons. William, Prince of Wales was born in 1982 and Prince Harry in 1984.

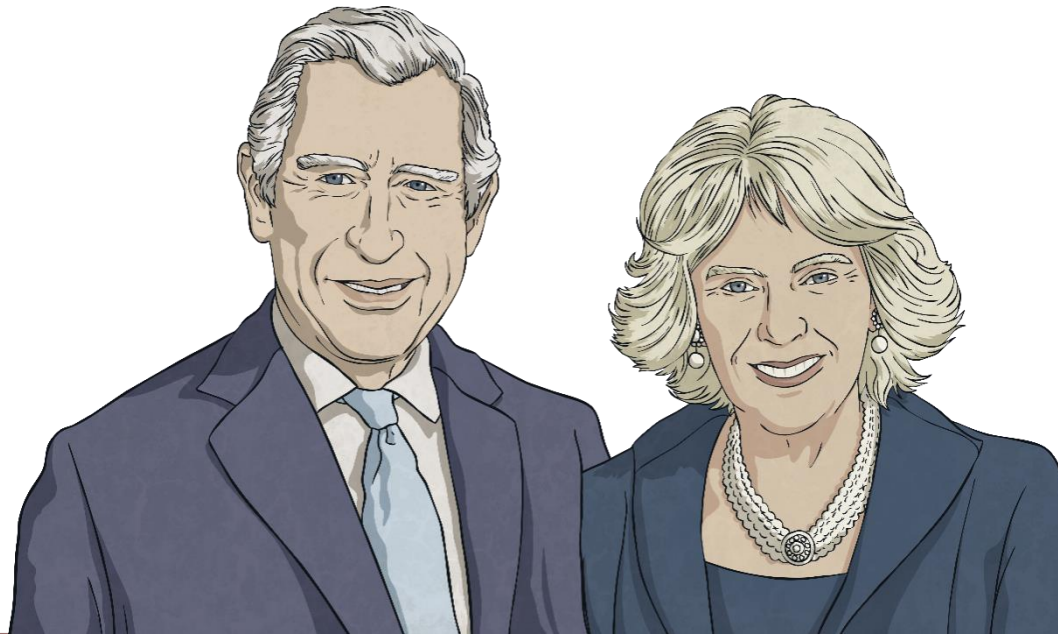
They officially separated in 1992 and divorced in 1996. Diana, Princess of Wales, died in a car crash in France twelve months later.



Camilla, the Queen Consort

Prince Charles was romantically involved with Camilla Parker Bowles in his youth but they each married other people. They became a couple again later in their lives and in 2005, with the approval of Queen Elizabeth II, got engaged. They married a few weeks later, in a ceremony at Windsor Guildhall. It was the first Royal Wedding in history to be a civil ceremony instead of a church wedding.

Camilla Parker Bowles was given the title Duchess of Cornwall upon marrying Prince Charles. With his ascent to the throne in 2022, she became the Queen Consort.



Environmentalism

Prince Charles has campaigned about environmental concerns since the 1970s. He has focussed on raising awareness about the dangers of pollution, particularly long lasting plastics, and global warming. Prince Charles has had renewable energy sources installed at some of his stately homes and uses some electric cars on his estates to reduce his own carbon emissions.

Prince Charles is a huge supporter of sustainability and has campaigned for more sustainable construction methods and architecture, sustainable organic farming and preservation of natural resources like the rainforests.

Prince Charles has won awards and received international recognition for his work in protecting the environment.



Philanthropy

Prince Charles has either led or been actively involved in over 400 different charities.

Prince Charles founded the Prince's Trust in 1976. He went on to found 17 charities in total which are collectively known as the Prince's Charities. They raise over £100 million a year for good causes, including environmental protection, children and young people, education and the arts.

The Prince's Trust has expanded into a global network of charities, carrying out humanitarian projects overseas in countries including Canada, America, New Zealand and Australia.



Becoming King

Prince Charles' mother, Queen Elizabeth II, died on September 8th 2022. When this occurred, he automatically became King, although the official proclamation did not take place until 10th September.

The official ceremony for proclaiming the new monarch took place at St. James's Palace in London in front of a ceremonial group of people called the Accession Council. This included the Mayor of London, members of the Privy Council, High Commissioners and senior MPs.

Prince Charles was the longest-serving Prince of Wales in history and is the oldest heir to the throne ever to be crowned. He has decided to take the title King Charles III.

