

The Royal Baby

A Royal Arrival

In the early hours of 6th May 2019, Prince Harry's wife, Meghan Markle, gave birth to their baby. Prince Harry excitedly talked about the birth of their firstborn child, Master Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor, later that afternoon. Baby Archie is the eighth great-grandchild of The Queen. He is a member of the royal family and is seventh in line to the throne.

The New Parents

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex first became a couple in the autumn of 2016.



Three years later, on 19th May 2018, they married at St George's Chapel, Windsor. While Prince Harry grew up in Britain, Meghan comes from the USA. She started acting at university and became a famous and highly successful actor. Meghan is a proud feminist who is very interested in gender inequality and has represented many international charities. As a result of both Meghan and Harry's fame, a lot of media interest surrounds them and their new baby.

The Birth Announcement

In a break with tradition, the happy news was first shared on social media, on the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's Instagram account. Previously, royal births have been made public using an official typed notice, placed outside Buckingham Palace on a golden easel. The easel was still placed outside the Palace later that day but unusually, only the time of the baby's birth and baby's weight was mentioned. The royal couple have always been very private.

Baby Archie weighed 7lb 3oz when he was born, which is a little smaller than the national average of 7lb 8oz for boys. About 2,200 babies are born each day in the United Kingdom, so why is this baby so special?

Royal Delight

Each birth is incredibly special, particularly to the parents. However, this baby is special to the public because he is a member of the royal family. Speaking on the day of his son's birth, Prince Harry gushed that he was, "over the moon" by becoming a father. Two days later, Meghan sounded equally delighted, saying,



"It's magic, it's pretty amazing. I have the two best guys in the world so I'm really happy."

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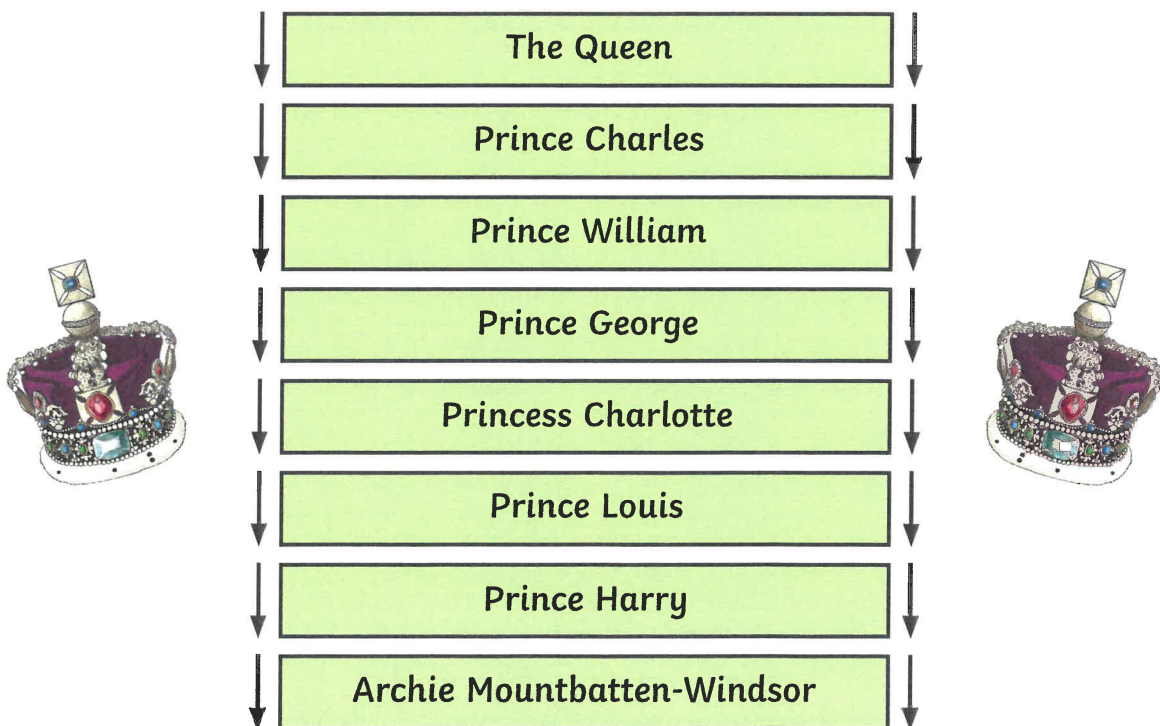
The country has been delighted by the birth of baby Archie. Prince Harry's older brother, Prince William, told reporters he was, "absolutely thrilled" and joked that he was, "Very pleased and glad to welcome my own brother into the sleep deprivation society that is parenting."



The city of London celebrated by lighting the famous landmark, the London Eye, in the red, white and blue colours of the Union Flag. Furthermore, the well-known BT Tower displayed a large sign proclaiming, 'It's a baby boy!'

Will Archie Be King?

The new royal baby is extremely unlikely to become king as he is seventh in the line of succession. Baby Archie could take one of his father's titles but his parents want him to simply be known as Master Archie Mountbatten-Windsor.



Royal Gifts

Congratulations on the royal birth have poured in from across the world. New Zealand have said ten native trees would be planted in honour of the royal baby. The Duke and Duchess have asked for no presents for their baby. Instead, the public can make donations to various charities.

