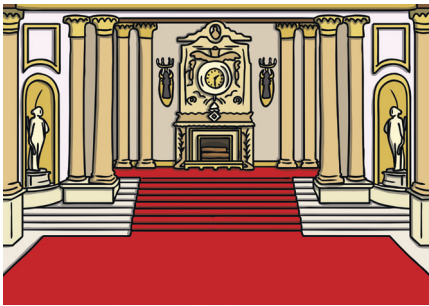


Buckingham Palace



Buckingham Palace is the official London home of the current King or Queen of the United Kingdom. It is a place of work, as well as a family home. Royal births, christenings and wedding receptions have all taken place at the palace. There are 92 offices in Buckingham Palace for the Royal Family and their staff to use.



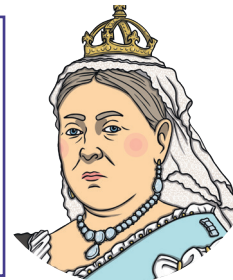
Palace Facts:

- Buckingham Palace has 775 rooms in total.
- Parts of the palace are open to visitors in the summer.
- More than 50,000 people visit Buckingham Palace every year.
- The Royal Standard flag is flown at Buckingham Palace when the reigning monarch is staying there.



Did You Know...?

Since Queen Victoria stood on the balcony at Buckingham Palace, it has become very famous. Members of the Royal family stand there for special occasions, such as royal birthdays and royal weddings.



History of Buckingham Palace

1761

Buckingham House was bought by King George III for his wife, Charlotte.

1837

Queen Victoria became the first ruler to live in Buckingham Palace.

1851

Queen Victoria made the first recorded royal appearance on the balcony of Buckingham Palace. This happened during celebrations for the opening of the Great Exhibition.

1914

Work was completed to repair damaged caused to the palace by soot.

