

The Platinum Jubilee

1. As pupils enter

Have the webpage open. Play chosen music / display a focus image.

2. Introduction

Ask the assembly to think of some changes that have taken place in their lifetimes. Share some responses. Continue by explaining that this year we are marking the long reign of Queen Elizabeth II, who has been queen for 70 years, with a celebration called the Platinum Jubilee. Much has changed in the UK during those 70 years. While pupils watch the video about the Queen's reign ask them to think about the changes included in the film.

3. Play the video

The duration is 5' 01". Final words: 'Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.'

4. After the video - Time to talk

Ask the assembly some or all of the following questions to consolidate their memory of the film and their understanding of it:

1. **Can you remember when Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II?** (6 February 1952).
2. **What is a jubilee?** (An anniversary of a monarch's reign). Follow up with: **Can you remember how many jubilee celebrations we have had so far for Queen Elizabeth II?** (Three: Silver for 25 years, Golden for 50 years, Diamond for 60 years).
3. **What are some of the things that Queen Elizabeth does as our monarch?** (Taking part in ceremonies; working with the government; meeting other world leaders).
4. **What new technology helped many people watch the Coronation in 1953?** (Television). Follow up with: **How was that different to how people will watch the Jubilee celebrations this year?**
5. **How have the lives of young women and men changed during the 70 years of the Queen's reign?** (Looking for an awareness of changing roles and increased opportunities).
6. Tell the assembly: **Turn to the person next to you and tell them how you would like to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.**

5. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.

Play video



6. Opportunity to reflect

Sit quietly now as we think about some of the things we've found out about today...

There have been many changes in the UK during the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II...

Think about what we heard about life in the 1950s when Elizabeth became the Queen...and then think about some of the changes over the last 70 years...and how your life now compares to children 70 years ago... Why is change important..? What things you would like to change..? Imagine 70 years into the future... What sort of world would you like it to be..?

7. Opportunity for prayer

We thank you for the long reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, help us to appreciate the many changes for good that have taken place during the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth. And give each of us the strength to work for further change, so that together we make the world a better place for all. Amen.