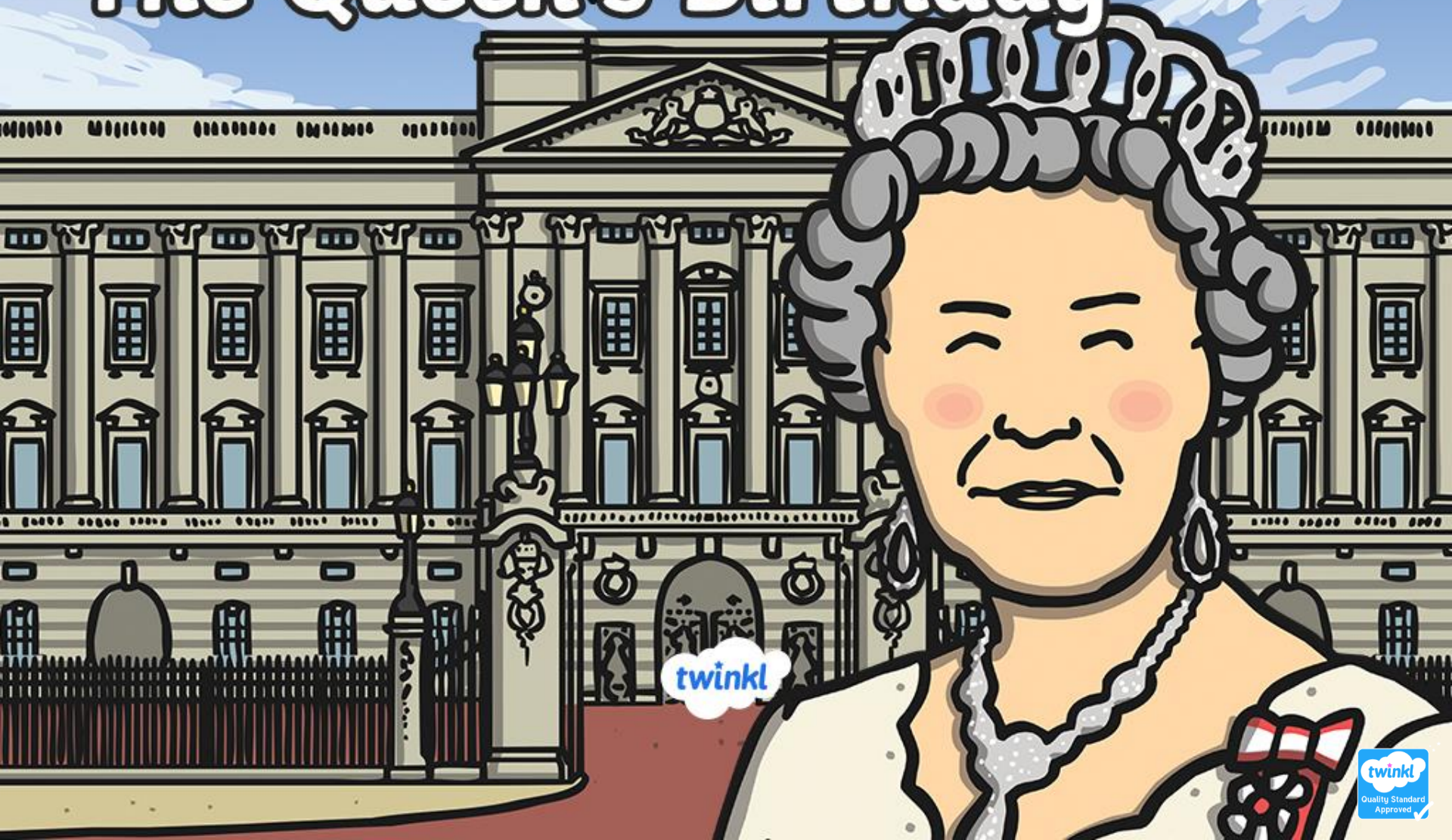


The Queen's Birthday



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Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II was born on 21st April, 1926.

The Queen celebrates two birthdays each year.

Her actual birthday is in April but her official birthday is usually the second Saturday in June.

Can you work out when the Queen's official birthday will take place this year?



Why Does the Queen Have Two Birthdays?

The Queen has a real birthday to celebrate the day she was born. Her official birthday celebrates her reign as The Queen of Great Britain.

Having an official birthday in the summer means that the weather is usually better for her parade.

If you could have a second birthday at another time of year, when would it be? Why?



How Does She Celebrate Her Real Birthday?

The Queen celebrates her actual birthday with her family and friends.

There are also gun salutes in London.



How Does She Celebrate Her Official Birthday?

On her official birthday in June, there is an RAF flypast over Buckingham Palace. The Queen and her family watch from the balcony of the palace.



How Does She Celebrate Her Official Birthday?

A special parade also takes place.

This is called 'Trooping the Colour'.

The Queen is saluted by over 1,400 officers.

There are also 200 horses in the parade.



Trooping the Colour

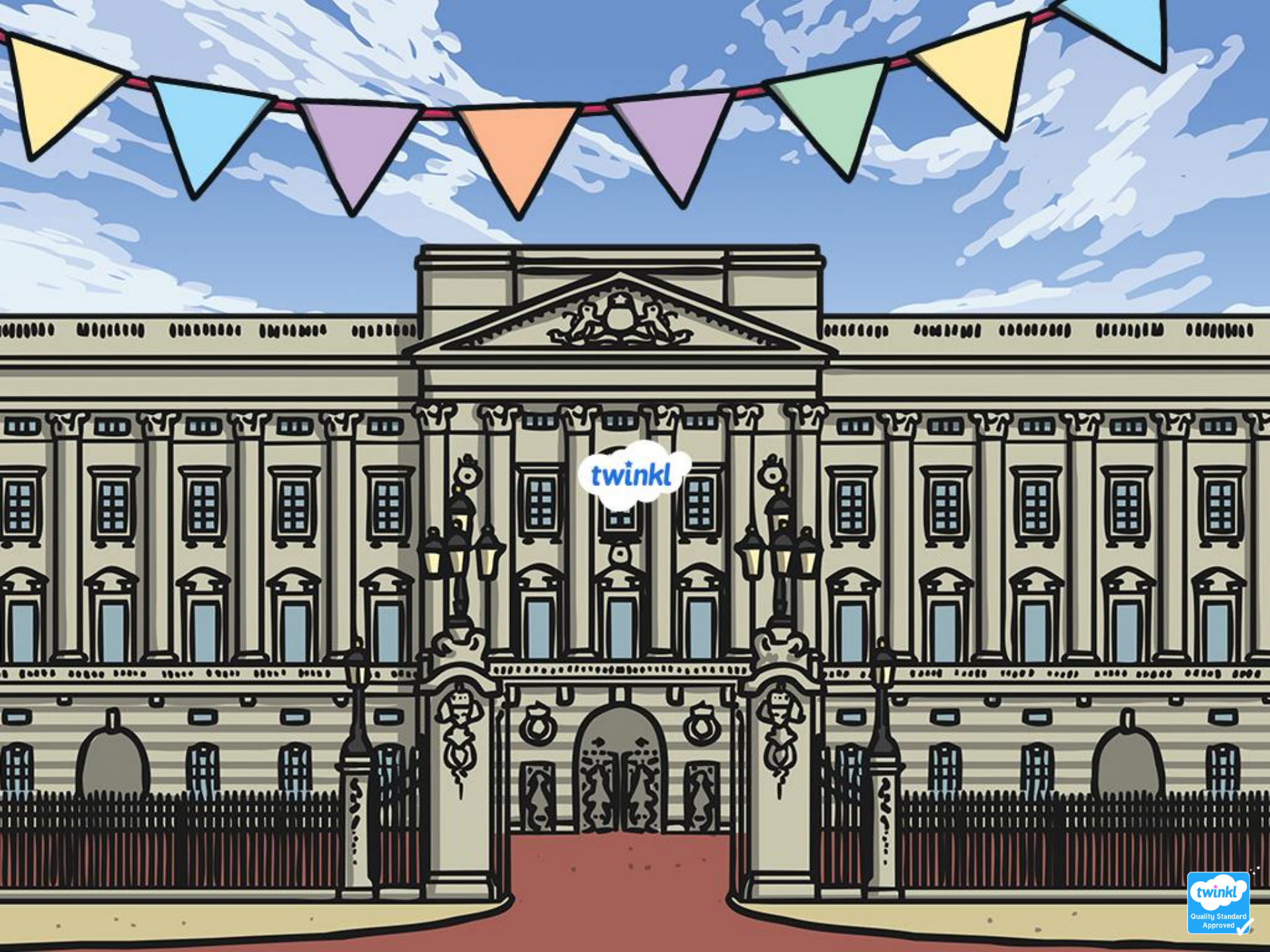


Our Record-Breaking Queen!



Queen Elizabeth II is Britain's longest reigning monarch.

This means that she has been queen for longer than anyone else has been our king or queen before.



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