



PRINCE EDWARD

- The youngest son of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward was born on 10th March, 1964. At his christening he received the names of Edward Anthony Richard Louis.
- Edward was educated privately at Buckingham Palace until the age of seven, after which he attended Gibbs School in Kensington. He then followed his brother Andrew to Heatherdown Preparatory School and later Gordonstoun. In September, 1982, he spent two terms at the Collegiate School, Wanganui, New Zealand, where he taught English and History. Edward obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree at Jesus College, Cambridge in 1986.











- In January, 1999, Edward's engagement to his long term girlfriend, [Sophie Rhys-Jones](#) , the daughter of Christopher Rhys-Jones, a tyre salesman and Mary o'Sullivan, was announced. Their marriage took place at St. George's Chapel, [Windsor Castle](#) on 19 June, 1999.
- The Queen created Prince Edward Earl of Wessex and Viscount Severn prior to the occasion. The title had not been used for over nine hundred years, the previous holder of the title Earl of Wessex had been Harold Godwineson, later Harold II, who was killed at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Viscount Severn was chosen because of Sophie's family's links with the Welsh borders.
- The couple have two children, [Lady Louise Mountbatten-Windsor](#) who was born prematurely by emergency caesarian section on 8 November, 2003 and was christened Louise Alice Elizabeth Mary Mountbatten-Windsor at the private chapel, Windsor Castle in April, 2004 and [James, Viscount Severn](#), James Alexander Phillip Theo, also born by caesarian section on 17th December. 2007 at Frimley Park Hospital in Surrey, near the couples Bagshot Park home.



**James Mountbatten-Windsor with his
parents the Earl and Countess of
Wessex**







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