

Born in 2000

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FAMOUS BIRTHS

Phil Foden – Erling Haaland
Iris Law – Anais Gallagher

KEY STATS

World Population: 6.1 billion
UK Population: 58.9 M
Prime Minister: Tony Blair
USA Population: 282.2 M
President: Bill Clinton
Pint of Beer: £1.78
Pint of Milk: £0.34
Average House Price: £88,466
Average Salary: £18,848

DEATHS

Sir Stanley Matthews – Ian Dury
Barbara Cartland – John Gielgud
Sir Alec Guinness – Paula Yates
Reggie Kray – Kirsty MacColl
Walter Matthau – Hedy Lamarr
Charles M. Schulz – Gwen Verdon

MARRIAGES

Marriage of American actor Michael Douglas and Welsh actress Catherine Zeta-Jones, exactly 25 years his junior, in New York City.

American pop star Madonna, 42, marries 32-year-old British film producer Guy Ritchie.

PUBLISHED

The Amber Spyglass
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
White Teeth

FILMS

Gladiator – Traffic
Erin Brockovich – Chocolat
Almost Famous – Chopper

WEATHER

As of 2025, 2000 is the wettest year on record in the UK.

SPORT

Steve Redgrave wins his fifth consecutive gold medal at the Sydney Olympics. Denise Lewis wins heptathlon gold.

Pete Sampras wins his fourth consecutive Wimbledon title. And it was the first of five Wimbledon titles for Venus Williams.

Rio Ferdinand (22) becomes the nation's most expensive player in an £18,000,000 transfer from West Ham to Leeds United.

Tiger Woods wins three major golf tournaments, dominating the sport.

IN THE NEWS

Millennium celebrations take place throughout the UK. The Millennium Dome is officially opened by The Queen.

The Year 2000 problem proves to be of little global significance.

Dr. Harold Shipman is sentenced to life imprisonment after being found guilty of murdering fifteen elderly women patients in Greater Manchester between 1995 and 1998.

Vladimir Putin becomes President of Russia for the first time.

Farmer Tony Martin is sentenced to life imprisonment for shooting sixteen-year-old burglar, Fred Barras.

British pop star Kirsty MacColl (41) is accidentally killed while diving in Mexico, when a power boat collides with her.

CHAMPIONS

Manchester United secure their sixth Premiership title by 18 points.



TOP 10 UK SINGLES

- 01 Who Let The Dogs Out — Baha Men
- 02 It Feels So Good — Sonique
- 03 The Real Slim Shady — Eminem
- 04 Rise — Gabrielle
- 05 Pure Shores — All Saints
- 06 Toca's Miracle — Fragma
- 07 Reach — S Club 7
- 08 Rock DJ — Robbie Williams
- 09 I Have A Dream / Seasons In The Sun — Westlife
- 10 Fill Me In — Craig David



TELEVISION

The axe falls on some *EastEnders* characters, including Ricky Butcher.

Debut of *Doctors*, BBC One's new daily serial set in a doctors' surgery.

Guinness's 1999 Surfer advertisement is voted No. 1 in a poll of the top 100 greatest television adverts of all time.

Judith Keppel becomes the first contestant to win £1 million on ITV's *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*. On the same evening, the final episode of the long-running sitcom *One Foot in the Grave* is shown on BBC One in the same timeslot.

MUSIC

In New York City, at precisely midnight, Prince celebrates the start of the final year before the new millennium by playing his anthem "1999".

Westlife's single My Love wins the 2000 *Record of the Year*.

Parachutes is the debut studio album by the British rock band Coldplay.

Both B*Witched and the Spice Girls release their last singles in the UK.

Destiny's Child is one of the most successful girl groups of the year.

TECHNOLOGY

Sales of the DVD format pass the 1 million mark in the UK.

The Sharp J-SH04 launches in Japan, the first mass-market camera phone to allow users to send photos directly.

Music downloading grows, and USB flash drives replace floppy disks.

Sony launched the PlayStation 2.

Seven new domain names approved, including .info, .pro, .biz.

Friends Reunited was officially launched in June 2000. By the end of the year, it had 3,000 members, and a year later this had increased to 2.5 million.

The dot-com bubble burst in 2000, causing numerous startups to fail.