**HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH**

- **2016**: Construction
  - Alongside test and commissioning
- **2017**: Float-out of dry dock
- **2018**: Part 1 Sea trials
  - F-35B first carrier landing
  - Initial F-35B Operating Capability (Land)
- **2019**: Part 2 Sea trials
  - Testing and commissioning
  - Initial F-35B Operating Capability (Maritime)
- **2020**: Commissioning
- **2021**: First operational deployment - CSG21
  - Carrier Strike Training
- **2022**: Initial operating capability (Carrier Strike)
- **2023**: Full F-35B Operating Capability
- **2024**: Full F-35B Operating Capability (Carrier Strike)
- **2025**: Initial operating capability (Carrier Enabled Power Projection)
- **2026**: Full F-35B Operating Capability (CEPP)

**HMS PRINCE OF WALES**

- **2016**: UK F-35Bs
- **2017**: 617 SQUADRON RAF
  - Naming ceremony
  - Alongside test and commissioning
  - Alongside for maintenance/ upgrades
- **2018**: 809 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON
  - Alongside test and commissioning
  - Alongside for maintenance/ upgrades
  - F-35B SRVL trials
  - Initial operating capability (Carrier Strike)
- **2019**: 820 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON
  - Commissioning
  - Alongside test and commissioning
  - Alongside for maintenance/ upgrades
  - F-35B SRVL trials
  - Initial operating capability (Carrier Strike)
  - Full F-35B Operating Capability
- **2020**: 849 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON
- **2021**: 17 SQUADRON RAF - OPERATIONAL EVALUATION UNIT (OEU)
- **2022**: 809 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON
- **2023**: 17 SQUADRON RAF - OPERATIONAL CONVERSION UNIT (OCU)
- **2024**: Further F-35 purchases planned total of 140 (by 2040s?)
- **2025**: 2nd RAf Squadron by 2030?
- **2026**: 2nd Naval Air Squadron by 2034?

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*Includes 3 test aircraft

8 16 17 18 21 27 35 42 48

*UK F-35Bs*

617 officially stood up

First F-35Bs arrive at RAF Marham

736 Naval Air Squadron (Hawk Mk1) provides fast jet experience for RN pilots prior to flying F-35B

26 UK Personnel qualified to fly F-35B by 2018

617 officially stood up

207 SQUADRON RAF - OPERATIONAL CONVERSION UNIT (OCU)

(Will eventually number 12 aircraft)

12 Aircraft

24 Frontline aircraft

809 officially stood up

809 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON

RN/RAF Personnel with US Marine Corps VMFAT-501, MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina

Infrastructure ‘Project ANVIL’ at RAF Marham

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