HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH

- 2016: Commissioning
- 2017: Alongside test and commissioning
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- 2019: Alongside for maintenance/upgrade, Carrier Strike Training
- 2020: Alongside for maintenance/upgrade, F-35B trials
- 2021: First operational capability (Carrier Strike)
- 2022: Full operating capability (Carrier Strike)
- 2023: Full operating capability (CEPP)
- 2024: Further F-35 purchases?
- 2025: Supposed total of 138 by 2035
- 2026: 48 UK F-35Bs

- 617 SQUADRON RAF
  - 2017: First F-35Bs arrive at RAF Marham
  - 2018: 736 Naval Air Squadron (Hawk Mk1) provides fast jet experience for RN pilots prior to flying F-35B
  - 2019: 26 UK Personnel qualified to fly F-35B by 2018

- 809 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON
  - 2016: 617 officially stood up
  - 2017: 736 Naval Air Squadron (Hawk Mk1) provides fast jet experience for RN pilots prior to flying F-35B
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- 820 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON
  - 2017: 17 SQUADRON RAF - OPERATIONAL EVALUATION UNIT (OEU)
  - 2018: Transition from Sea King ASaC Mk7 to Merlin Mk2.

- 849 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON
  - 2017: Merlin Mk 2 carrier-based Anti-Submarine squadron

- 207 SQUADRON RAF - OPERATIONAL CONVERSION UNIT (OCU)
  - 2017: (Will eventually number 12 aircraft)
  - 2018: (3 test aircraft permanently based at Edwards Air Force Base, California)

- 17 SQUADRON RAF - OPERATIONAL EVALUATION UNIT (OEU)
  - 2017: CROWSNEST Initial Operating Capability
  - 2018: Transition from Sea King ASaC Mk7 to Merlin Mk2.
  - 2019: CROWSNEST Airborne Surveillance and Control

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