

Lewis Carroll Timeline and Relevant Events During His Lifetime

1832	
27 January	Born at the Parsonage, Daresbury, Cheshire, as eldest son (third child) of Charles Dodgson, perpetual curate of Daresbury, and Frances Jane (née Lutwidge)
1843	Family moves to Croft-on-Tees, near Richmond, North Yorkshire
1844-45	Attends Richmond School, Yorkshire
1846-49	Attends Rugby School, Warwickshire; excels in mathematics
1850	
23 May	Matriculates at Christ Church, Oxford, but unable to take up residence as insufficient room for undergraduates at that time
1851	
24 January	Arrives as an undergraduate at Christ Church, Oxford
26 January	His mother dies
1852	
4 May	Alice Pleasance Liddell born
1 December	Exceptional floods of the River Isis deluge main Oxford streets including the sweet shop at 83 St Aldate's; reports of rescue boats and floating sheep
1854	Awarded B.A., Christ Church, Oxford: First Class Honors in Mathematics, Second Class in Classics Father Charles Dodgson becomes Archdeacon of Richmond
1855	
February	Sub-Librarian of Christ Church Library
May	Bostock Scholarship, Christ Church
7 June	Henry George Liddell, Chaplain to Queen Victoria, appointed Dean of Christ Church
June	Appointed Master of the House at Christ Church

1856	
January	Takes up post as Mathematical Lecturer
1 March	Chooses 'Lewis Carroll' as pen name
25 April	First introduction to Alice (aged 3) when photographing Christ Church Cathedral with a friend's camera
1 May	Buys first camera
3 June	First known boat trip with a Liddell child (Harry, aged 8)
16 June	Admires (Alice) Ellen Terry (aged 9) perform Prince Mamillius in Shakespeare's <i>The Winter's Tale</i> at the Princess Theatre, London
1857	
January	Meets Thomas Combe, publisher of Oxford University Press, who later introduces him to Dante Gabriel Rossetti and other Pre-Raphaelite artists
5 February	M.A., Christ Church, Oxford
July	Admires Kate Terry (age 13) perform Ariel in Shakespeare's <i>The Tempest</i>
October	Meets John Ruskin (at breakfast)
September	Vacations with the Tennysons in the Lake District
1859	
July	Vacations with the Tennysons on the Isle of Wight
1860	
Easter	Makes pilgrimage to Daresbury and Richmond, where he spent his early life
December	Meets Queen Victoria and members of Royal Family at Christ Church Deanery, Oxford
22 December	Ordained deacon, Church of England in Christ Church Cathedral
1862	
26 May	First known boat trip with the Liddell sisters

17 June	Severe storm on a river boating trip requires the party to dry out in a nearby schoolteacher's house in Sandford village, inspiration for the Caucus Race
4 July	Story of Alice's adventures told to Alice Liddell and her sisters on a boat-trip to Godstow
July	<i>Alice's Adventures Under-Ground</i> begun
1863	
3 July	Photographs Dante Gabriel Rossetti and family Produces his photograph of Annie Rogers and Mary Jackson as Queen Eleanor and the Fair Rosamund
24 June	Mock medieval battle (Great Volunteer Review) held on the banks of the Isis, inspiration for the Knight's Battle
25 June	Last known boat trip with Alice Liddell
1864	
January	Introduced to the Punch cartoonist John Tenniel, whom he asks to illustrate <i>Alice's Adventures</i>
1865	
July	Publishes <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> but the books is immediately withdrawn due to a bad printing (and only about 21 copies survived)
November	<i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> reissued with improved illustrations
1866	
before August	Sheets of the suppressed edition of <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> shipped to New York for sale by Appleton and Co
1867	
July to September	Journeys to France, Belgium Germany and Russia with Henry Liddon, a previous Christ Church graduate, then a nationally famous preacher of Salisbury Cathedral.

1868	
21 June	Father dies
17 August	Crystallizes <i>Alice Through the Looking Glass</i> after discussing mirror reversal with Alice Raikes (aged 8) at his uncle's house in Onslow Square, London
1869	Publishes <i>Phantasmagoria</i> , collection of humorous and serious poetry
1871	
December	Publishes <i>Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There</i>
1872-5	Prince Leopold studies at Christ Church and goes boating with Alice Liddell
1874	'Treacle' Well at Binsey restored by Thomas Prout
1876	
1 April	Publishes <i>The Hunting of the Snark</i>
1880	
July	Gives up photography
15 September	Alice Liddell marries cricketer Reginald Hargreaves in Westminster Abbey
1892	
26 January	Visited by Alice Hargreaves (Liddell) at Christ Church for his 60th birthday
1898	
14 January	Dies at Guildford and is buried there