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Britain's Jet Age: Forged in Innovation

We're celebrating the aircraft and engineering brilliance that transformed military aviation. From early jet pioneers to today's fifth-generation fighters, this collection tells the extraordinary story of British jet aviation and the vision of the man who made it possible: Sir Frank Whittle.

Marking a remarkable set of anniversaries in 2026 – including 80 years since the Vampire entered service, 70 years of the Gloster Javelin and Avro Vulcan, 50 years of the Hawk trainer and 30 years since Whittle's death – this issue features eight new mint stamps celebrating some of the UK military's most iconic jet aircraft. A miniature sheet celebrating Sir Frank Whittle features archival photographs from throughout his career, from the 1920s to 1988.

Collectors can explore the story further through a fact-filled Presentation Pack, a limited-edition signed framed enlargement of the Gloster Meteor F1 stamp, and a commemorative Medal Cover honouring the man who sparked it all.

Together, these collectibles commemorate Britain's enduring legacy at the forefront of jet aviation innovation.

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① Mint Stamp Set | AS15000 £14.40

- A stunning stamp set featuring illustrations celebrating the evolution of British jet aircraft, including a newly commissioned piece for the Gloster Meteor by Chris French.
- These stamps showcase the beauty of this engineering and mark significant milestones in aviation history.
- Eight First Class landscape stamps:

First Class Gloster Meteor F1
First Class Gloster Javelin FAW9
First Class Hawker Siddeley Hawk T1
First Class Avro Vulcan B2
First Class De Havilland Vampire FB5
First Class Panavia Tornado GR4
First Class Hawker Siddeley Buccaneer S2B
First Class Lockheed Martin F-35B Lightning II

It's all in the details

Stamp format Landscape
Stamp size 41mm x 30mm
Number per sheet 24/48
Design Webb & Webb Design Ltd
Printer Cartor Security Printers
Print process Lithography
Perforations 14.5 x 14
Phosphor Bars as appropriate
Gum PVA

②



② Miniature Sheet | MZ224 £7.20

- Archival photographs featuring Sir Frank Whittle throughout his career, including images from the 1920s through to 1988.
- Four First Class stamps feature full-colour and black-and-white photographs.
- The stamps are set against a backdrop featuring a photograph of Whittle holding a slide rule.

Technical details

Stamp format Landscape
Stamp size 41mm x 30mm
Miniature Sheet size 146mm x 74mm
Design Webb & Webb Design Ltd
Printer Cartor Security Printers
Print process Lithography
Phosphor Bars as appropriate
Gum PVA



③ Presentation Pack | AP571 £22.50

- A marvellous, fact-packed collectible featuring all eight stamps in mint condition alongside stories and images bringing to life Sir Frank Whittle's journey in creating the jet engine.
- The Miniature Sheet includes four First Class stamps and is presented in a bespoke carrier featuring a striking image of Britain's first jet-engined aircraft powered by the Whittle W1 turbojet.
- A collectible for philatelists and aviation enthusiasts to treasure.



④



④ First Day Cover Stamp Set | AF551 £17.95

- A unique time-limited collectible personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- This issue's main stamp set celebrating military aviation.
- The eight Military Jet Stamps are cancelled with your preferred special edition postmark on the first day of issue, 30 July 2026.
- Inside is an information card containing details of the stamp issue.

Choose your postmark

The Tallents House postmark depicts a jet craft flying forwards. The alternative handstamp features the jet engine and the postal location of Hucclecote, Gloucester, where the E28/39, Meteor F1 and Javelin were all built.

Standard postmark



Alternative postmark



⑤



⑤ First Day Cover Miniature Sheet | MF213 £9.30

- A Miniature Sheet featuring the four Sir Frank Whittle stamps, presented on a First Day Cover personalised with the name and address of your choice and cancelled with your preferred special-edition postmark on 30 July 2026.
- The stamps pay homage to Sir Frank Whittle's contribution to aviation, which began whilst he was still a young officer in the RAF.
- Inside is an information card containing details of the stamp issue.

⑥ First Day Envelope | AE507 £0.30

- Your First Day Envelope features the issue's title and a stunning photograph of a jet in flight.
- It includes the information card with an overview and stamp specifications.



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only 5,000
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⑦ Medal Cover | AM128 £24.99

- A highly collectible keepsake celebrating and detailing Sir Frank Whittle's impressive career.
- A silver-plated medal struck exclusively for this issue featuring the jet engine on one side and a portrait of Whittle on the other.
- The medal is mounted on an illustrated card celebrating the 'Dawn of the Jet Age'.
- The handstamp incorporates an image of Whittle's signature with the location of Cranwell, Sleaford, where he trained and formulated his early theories, and where his ashes are now interred.
- This fitting tribute to Whittle's legacy is strictly limited to just 5,000 individually numbered editions.



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⑧ Fan Sheet | S1055 £8.00

- Four First Class stamps featuring the mighty delta-winged Avro Vulcan B2 illustration on a Fan Sheet featuring a photograph of the same aircraft in flight.
- Photographed at an angle, the Vulcan appears to cut through cloud cover above the rural landscape, lending the image a striking sense of speed, height and exhilaration.
- Perfect for framing or as a gift for aviation, history and engineering enthusiasts.



Only
200
signed
editions

⑨ Signed Gloster Meteor F1 Enlargement | N3434 £150.00

- First flown in 1943, the Gloster Meteor was the first British fighter jet to fly and enter full production.
- This enlarged, high-quality reproduction of the original stamp – featuring a newly commissioned Gloster Meteor F1 illustration by aviation artist Chris French – is personally signed by the artist.
- Limited edition. Only 200 available.
- Dimensions: 33.4cm x 30.3cm.



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10 Framed Stamp Set | N3433 £39.99

- A professionally framed commemorative collectible.
- The eight main Military Jet Aircraft stamps are individually mounted on a crisp white background, and finished with a premium black frame.
- A professionally framed commemorative souvenir for military enthusiasts and stamp collectors to treasure and display.
- Dimension 32.4cm x 21.1cm.



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11 Collectors Sheet | AT182 £19.20

- Ten stamps are paired with photographs of the aircraft in flight set against a background image of the Gloster Javelin by Mary Evans.
- A stunning commemorative souvenir marking multiple milestones in the evolution of military jet aircraft.



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12 Set of 13 Postcards | AQ387 £5.85

- A set of 13 postcards featuring enlarged reproductions of the stamp set from this issue.
- Perfect for collecting, framing or sending to aviation enthusiasts.



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13 Press Sheet | PZ097 £108.00

- An exceptional, highly collectible keepsake, direct from the printing press.
- A limited edition of just 200 individually numbered press sheets, each featuring 15 Military Jet Aircraft Miniature Sheets.

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to only 200
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available until
30 July
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14 Stamp Souvenir | AW321 £17.95

- A non-personalised version of the Military Jet Aircraft's First Day Cover featuring all eight new stamps cancelled with the alternative Hucclecote postmark with the jet engine.
- Contains an information card offering an overview of the issue.
- On sale until 30 July 2027.

15 Stamp Sheet Souvenir | AW322 £9.30

- A non-personalised version of the First Day Cover Miniature Sheet featuring Four First Class stamps cancelled with the alternative Hucclecote postmark.
- The First Day Envelope contains the issue's information card.
- On sale until 30 July 2027.

10 See the full range online at royalmail.com/militaryjets



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16 Full First Class Sheet | AS15000AFS £86.40

- A Full Stamp Sheet containing 48 First Class Military Jet Aircraft stamps featuring the Gloster Meteor F1, Gloster Javelin FAW9, Hawker Siddeley Hawk T1 and Avro Vulcan B2.

17 Half First Class Sheet | AS15000AHS £43.20

- A Half Stamp Sheet containing 24 First Class Military Jet Aircraft stamps featuring the Gloster Meteor F1, Gloster Javelin FAW9, Hawker Siddeley Hawk T1 and Avro Vulcan B2.

18 Full First Class Sheet | AS15000BFS £86.40

- A Full Stamp Sheet containing 48 First Class Military Jet Aircraft stamps featuring the De Havilland Vampire FB5, Panavia Tornado GR4, Hawker Siddeley Buccaneer S2B and Lockheed Martin F-35B Lightning II.

19 Half First Class Sheet | AS15000BHS £43.20

- A Half Stamp Sheet containing 24 First Class Military Jet Aircraft stamps featuring the De Havilland Vampire FB5, Panavia Tornado GR4, Hawker Siddeley Buccaneer S2B and Lockheed Martin F-35B Lightning II.

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	– Alternative postmark	AF551-ALT	£17.95	£	
5	First Day Cover Miniature Sheet				
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