

Rebecca Adlington

Double gold medal winner in Beijing is Britain's most successful Olympic swimmer for 100 years



■ **Born:** February 17, 1989
Birthplace: Mansfield, England

■ **2008:** Wins 400m freestyle at Beijing Games – becomes first British woman to win Olympic swimming gold since 1960. Also wins gold medal in 800m freestyle, setting world record time of 8:14.10

■ **2009:** Receives OBE from Queen at Buckingham Palace

■ **2010:** Wins 400m freestyle at European championships. Takes two gold and two bronze medals at Commonwealth Games

■ **2011:** Wins world championship gold in 800m freestyle

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