

Astronauts send royal wedding wishes from space

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International Space Station astronauts sent greetings from the cosmos to Prince William and Kate Middleton after soaring over Britain on the eve of the royal wedding Friday.

In a message read by Paolo Nespoli, Ron Garan and Cady Coleman, the [astronauts](#) said they would be joining the estimated two billion earth-bound viewers of the royal nuptials, a third of the planet's population.

"From Space, the Expedition 27 crew of the [International Space Station](#) would like to offer their congratulations and best wishes. We'll be watching and waiting," they said in a video statement at www.nasa.gov.

Later on Friday NASA was to launch the shuttle Endeavour's final mission to the space station.

A NASA administrator said last week the agency was unaware that the mission would clash with the [royal wedding](#) when the launch was first scheduled.

He added that [NASA](#) considers multiple technical, weather and international space agency constraints whenever it sets a launch time.

Endeavour will be the second-to-last flight of the 30-year-old US shuttle program before it closes for good later this year following the final launch by Atlantis in June.

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