

Knowledge Organiser - Year 1— History: Festivals

Key Question — Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night?



Happening At This Time

First settlement in America by English Colonists	England adopt the Union Jack as their flag	William Shakespeare plays being performed	The King James Bible is published
1607	1606	1604	1611

Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot—November 1605



Key Vocabulary

Catholic	The original belief in Christianity, before Henry VIII created the Church of England (or protestant faith)
Conspiracy	A secret plan by a group to do something unlawful or harmful.
Conspirators	A person who takes part in a conspiracy
House of Lords	The House of Lords is the second chamber of the UK Parliament. It shares the task of making and shaping laws.

Gunpowder Plot Timeline

Date	Key Events
24th May 1604	Thomas Percy hires a house opposite the House of Lords, with the ultimate plan to try and kill the king by blowing up
11th Dec 1604	The conspirators begin digging from the cellar of the house, towards the parliament buildings across the road.
March 1605	Thomas Percy hires a vault directly under the House of Lords
March 1605	Barrels of gunpowder are placed in the vault, and hidden by firewood and coal.
May 1605	All the conspirators split apart once they are prepared, to avoid being caught or being suspected.
5th Nov 1605	Guy Fawkes is captured on his way to the vault, having been betrayed by another catholic. The rest of the plotters were arrested shortly afterwards.
1606	An act is passed for an annual public thanksgiving, for the King having survived and the plot failed.

Key Concepts

Competition	Strong, angry or violent disagreement.
Parliament	A group of people who make or change a country's laws.
Rebellion	People joining together to fight against a person or people who are in charge.

Other Key Festivals

Christmas	Every year in December Christians celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. That is why they call this time of year 'Christmas' - to celebrate the 'Mass', or church service, for Christ. During the weeks before Christmas Day, cards are sent, watching of nativity plays and go to carol services. Christmas decorations are put up in homes and churches.
Day of The Dead	A Mexican holiday which involves family and friends gathering to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and helping to support their spiritual journey.
Halloween	Also known as All Hallows' Eve , it is believed that many Halloween traditions originated from ancient Celtic harvest festivals. It begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide, the time dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows)
Hanukkah	Hanukkah or Chanukah is the Jewish Festival of Lights. It dates back to two centuries before the beginning of Christianity. Hanukka celebrates the victory over religious persecution in the Holy Land, commemorates the re-dedication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem and the miracle of the burning oil.



Name	Role
Guy Fawkes	The most famous conspirator, who was caught as he was about to light the fuse. He was later executed for his part in the plot.
King James I	King of England from 1603-1625, he had a catholic wife and was thought he would support their cause, but failed to do so.
Thomas Catesby	The leader of the conspirators, he was the charismatic man from a wealthy family and bought all the plotters together.
Thomas Percy	An important member of the group, he was key to gaining access to the buildings they needed to plan their attack.
Thomas Wintour	Another member of the plotters, who had connections with Spain and attempted to gain support from there.
Wright Brothers	Final members of the inner circle of the plot, who had gone to school with Fawkes, and were excellent swordsmen.