

## November 5<sup>th</sup> - Guy Fawkes Night

Have you ever heard of Guy Fawkes Night? I bet you haven't. It's a popular night of celebration in the UK and some of the British Commonwealth countries that takes place on November 5<sup>th</sup> each year.

### Who was Guy Fawkes?

Guy Fawkes was a catholic born in England in 1570. At this time, catholic people were not treated well in the UK. In fact, Catholicism was illegal at the time. Guy Fawkes and his friends didn't like this at all. They wanted to kill the king and have a catholic replace him.



They came up with an idea. They rented out a cellar next to the Houses of Parliament and filled it with dynamite. Their plan was to blow it all up when King James I arrived to start parliament.

Unfortunately for Guy Fawkes, somebody sent a letter to the king warning him of the plot. Soldiers searched the cellar and found Guy Fawkes guarding the gunpowder.

He was taken away and tortured for days until he gave up the names of his friends. After being tortured, he could barely write his own signature. His friends were caught and all 8 of them were taken to court before being killed. They were 'hung drawn and quartered'. First they were tied by the neck to a horse and dragged until they died. Next, their bodies were cut up and put on display. The people of England celebrated the King's life that night by making bonfires across the country.



### What do we do on Guy Fawkes Night now?

As people did over 400 years ago, we gather a big pile of wood and light a huge fire known as a bonfire. We make a doll of Guy Fawkes and put him on the fire too. Then we watch firework displays and eat snacks such as toffee apples.



### Word bank

I bet you haven't - きっと〇〇したことがないでしょう British Commonwealth - 英国連邦  
Guy Fawkes - ガイフォークス catholic - カトリック信者 Catholicism - カトリック教 illegal - 違法の  
cellar - 地下室 Houses of Parliament - 国会議事堂 plot - 陰謀 dynamite - ダイナマイト soldier - 兵士  
gunpowder - 火薬 torture - 拷問する tied up - 縛られる bonfire - 焚火 toffee apple - りんごあめ  
court - 裁判所 blow up - 爆破する