

This time of year is a remembering time...

1 November – All Saints Day

On this day we remember people from the history of the church as well as people who have been important in our lives. In the words of a prayer for All Saints Day...

For the ordinary saints
who helped your kingdom
take root and grow among us,
we praise you:
mothers and grandmothers,
fathers and grandfathers,
common heroes
and unsung servants of the kingdom,
who have let us see Jesus.

5th November – Bonfire Night

You've maybe heard this rhyme...

Remember, remember the 5th of November
With gunpowder treason and plot...

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On 5 November, people across the UK celebrate Bonfire Night with fireworks, bonfires, sparklers and toffee apples. Some might have small fireworks parties in their back gardens, while towns and villages may put on organised displays in public parks. The reason we do it is because it's the anniversary of an attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament. This was called the Gunpowder Plot.

When we light bonfires to remember this event, traditionally there will be a dummy man on the top of them. He is called the 'Guy' and is a kind of doll that represents a man who was part of the plot, called Guy Fawkes. Guy (Guido) Fawkes was part of the Gunpowder plot in 1605. He wanted to blow up King James I and his government. This was because of religion. England was a Protestant country and the plotters were Catholic. They wanted England to be Catholic again, which they thought they could do if they killed King James I and his ministers. So, Fawkes and his group put 36 barrels of gunpowder in cellars underneath the Houses of Parliament in London, ready to set off a massive explosion.

However, one member of Fawkes' group sent a letter to his friend who worked in Parliament, warning him to stay away on 5 November. The King's supporters got hold of the letter and the plot was rumbled! Guards broke into the cellars where the gunpowder plotters were waiting. They were arrested and executed.

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

Wednesday 11 November - Armistice Day

On these days we remember people who have died in war.

