

## Gunpowder Treason & Plot: Timeline Factsheet

### **1564-1616 William Shakespeare's lifetime**

#### **24 March 1603**

Queen Elizabeth I dies and James I takes over the throne.

#### **1604 The Plot takes shape**

##### **20 May**

Robert Catesby, Thomas Winter, Jack Wright, Thomas Percy and Guy Fawkes meet in a London pub called the Duck and Drake. Catesby reveals his plan to blow up Parliament.

##### **24 May**

Thomas Percy rents a small house next to the Lords' Chamber.

##### **December**

The plotters start digging their tunnel under the wall of the House of Lords.

#### **1605 The Gunpowder Plot fails**

##### **March**

The plotters rent a storeroom under the House of Lords and begin to smuggle in barrels of gunpowder.

##### **26 October**

Lord Monteagle receives the mysterious letter warning him of the evil plan.

##### **4 November**

King James orders a search of the Houses of Parliament. Guy Fawkes is found in the storeroom with the gunpowder and is arrested.

##### **5 November**

The rest of the plotters leave London, most of them headed for the Midlands.

##### **7 November**

Fawkes makes his first confession in the Tower of London.

##### **8 November**

Catesby, Percy and the Wright brothers are killed in a shoot-out at Holbeach House.

##### **9 November**

King James makes a speech about the Plot at the Opening of Parliament.

#### **1606 Trials and executions**

##### **27 January**

Digby, Grant, Fawkes, Keyes, Rookwood, the Winters and Bates go on trial at Westminster Hall.

##### **30 January**

Digby, Robert Winter, Grant and Bates are executed in St Paul's Churchyard.

##### **31 January**

Fawkes, Rookwood, Thomas Winter and Keyes are executed in Old Palace Yard, Westminster.

