

Thoughtful Thursdays

St Giles' & St George's CofE Academy - Class based collective worship from Wednesday 5th November 2025
Invitational and inspirational at home discussion prompt followings today's class worship. (If you would like to use it)

TAKEHOME

3rd - 9th
November



**Should fireworks be changed
so we protect animals and
people at the same time?**

**THE BIG
QUESTION ?**



In the news this week

An animal charity, called Redwings Horse Sanctuary, has asked the government to make fireworks quieter to help protect animals and people. Loud fireworks can scare pets, wildlife, and some people who find sudden noises upsetting. Supporters of the campaign say we can still celebrate with low-noise fireworks or light shows that keep everyone safe and happy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you celebrate Bonfire Night or an occasion with fireworks?
- > Do you enjoy fireworks? Discuss with someone at home.
- > The campaign suggests low-noise fireworks and drone shows as alternatives to traditional fireworks. For each, think about the pros and cons.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Below is some of the information that was shared today during class worship - this may help your discussions at home.

ASSEMBLY RESOURCE



Read the information below about the horse charity, Redwings' campaign. Share your response to the recommendations.

What does the campaign hope to change?

An animal charity, called Redwings Horse Sanctuary, has launched a petition asking the government to make fireworks quieter. They want to lower the noise level from 120 decibels (as loud as a jet engine!) to 90 decibels, to help protect animals, pets, and people who find loud sounds frightening.

Why do people like fireworks?

- They're bright, colourful, and can be exciting to watch.
- Many people enjoy them as part of celebrations, like Bonfire Night, Diwali, and New Year's Eve.
- Some people feel fireworks are an important tradition they don't want to lose.



A fireworks display. Source: Canva

Who are fireworks causing problems for?

- Bangs can scare some animals, like dogs, cats, horses, and wildlife.
- Pets sometimes run away, hide or hurt themselves when frightened.
- Fireworks can also make some people nervous, especially young children or older people.



A horse in a field at night. Source: Canva



What does the campaign recommend?

- Redwings and other animal groups say we can still celebrate, but in a gentler way. For example:
 - Use lower-noise fireworks or silent fireworks.
 - Have shorter displays at set times, so people can prepare their pets.
 - Try light shows or drones as safer alternatives.



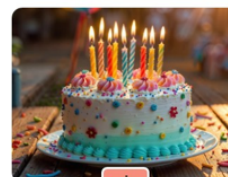
Resource one



Look at the resource below, which shows some different things that can help make celebrations special.



balloons



cake



lights and decorations



I love wearing my special clothes to celebrate!

special clothes



music and dancing

How do you and your family or community celebrate special times?



Individual Liberty

Everyone has the freedom to choose how they celebrate, but it's important to think about how our choices affect others. Being thoughtful helps make celebrations positive and enjoyable for all.



UN Rights of the Child



Fireworks can be exciting to watch, but they can also affect people in different ways. Adults should make decisions that keep children's best interests in mind, helping celebrations to be safe and enjoyable for everyone.

