



A map of the Great Fire of London

The **Great Fire of London** happened between 2-6 September in 1666.

The fire began in a bakery in Pudding Lane.

Thomas Farriner owned the bakery. He'd forgotten to put out the fire in his oven the night before.

In 1666, lots of people had houses made from wood and straw which burned easily. Houses were also built very close together.

The fire burnt down a lot of buildings – over 13,000 houses, 87 churches and even St. Paul's Cathedral!



Samuel Pepys

Samuel Pepys was a writer and he wrote a diary about what he saw during the Great Fire of London.

Fun Fact ...Samuel Pepys buried cheese in his garden to keep it safe.

Key Dates (September 1666)

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| Sunday 2nd | The fire started at 1am in the bakery. |
| Monday 3rd | The fire was very close to destroying the Tower of London. |
| Tuesday 4th | St. Paul's Cathedral was destroyed by the fire |
| Wednesday 5th | The wind died down and the fire spread slower. |
| Thursday 6th | The fire was finally put out. |

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| Timeline | A display of a list of events in chronological order. |
| Embers | Small pieces of glowing coal or wood in a dying fire. |
| Diary | A book that people write about their lives in. |
| St. Paul's Cathedral | A very large church in London. A new St Paul's Cathedral was built after the fire. |
| Bakery | A place where bread and cakes are made or sold. |
| River Thames | A river that flows through London and is the second longest river in the United Kingdom. |
| Stuart | The Stuart period of British history lasted from 1603 to 1714. |
| Eye-witness | A person who has seen something and can give a description of it. |
| Thatched roof | A house roof made with a plant material (such as straw). |
| Disaster | A sudden accident or a natural catastrophe that causes great damage. |
| Fire break | .A gap that stops a fire spreading to nearby buildings. |
| Monument | A statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a notable person or historical event. |

Ideas to think about...

- How do firefighters today put out fires?
- What are houses made from today?
- Can you find London on a map of the UK?
- How tall is The Monument?
- What other landmarks are there in London?