



Fire – The Great Fire of London



Timeline of Events

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| Fire started | Men organised as firemen | St Paul's cathedral burns down | The fire is put out |
| Sunday 2 nd September 1666 | Monday 3 rd September 1666 | Tuesday 4 th September 1666 | Thursday 6 th September 1666 |

Key Vocabulary

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| bakery | A place where bread and cakes are baked. |
| St Paul's cathedral | A very large church that was destroyed by the fire but then rebuilt. |
| firebreak | A gap that stops a fire spreading to nearby buildings. |
| River Thames | A wide river that runs through London. |
| timber framed buildings | Very old buildings made of wood. |
| diary | A book where people write about their lives. |

DID YOU KNOW?

The fire lasted for four days!

Key Knowledge

How did the fire start?

The Great Fire of London started on Sunday, 2 September 1666 in a baker's shop on **Pudding Lane** belonging to **Thomas Farynor** (Farriner). The fire moved quickly down Pudding Lane and carried on down Fish Hill and towards the **River Thames**. Houses at the time were made of **timber** and were built very close together causing the fire to spread rapidly.

How was the fire stopped?

People used leather buckets and fire squirts to put out the flames, using water from the **River Thames**. **King Charles** also ordered buildings to be pulled down so that the fires could be put out. **Fire hooks** were used to pull down buildings in an attempt to stop the fire spreading to other buildings.

Famous people



Samuel Pepys kept a diary and this is how we know what happened