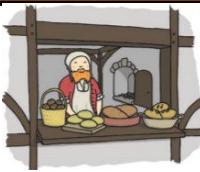


# The Great Fire of London

## Vocabulary

bakery



A place that makes and sells bread and cakes.

Pudding Lane



The street where the fire started.

St Paul's Cathedral



A very big church in London.

diary



A book someone writes in about their life.

fire squirt



Water gun used to put out fires.

fire hook



Giant hook used to pull down houses to stop fires spreading.

leather bucket



Filled with water to put out fires.

## Key people



Samuel Pepys



Thomas Farrinor



King Charles II

## Key Facts

When did the fire start?

On Sunday 2nd September 1666.

Where did the fire start?

In Thomas Farrinor's bakery on Pudding Lane.

How did the fire start?

The fire used for baking bread was not put out properly before bedtime.

Why did the fire spread so quickly?

- The buildings were made of wood and straw.
- The buildings were close together.
- There had not been much rain that summer so the buildings were very dry.
- Strong winds were blowing.

How did people try to put the fire out?

First, they used leather buckets and water squirts but it did not work. Then, they used fire hooks to pull down buildings.

How was the fire stopped?

The wind stopped blowing so it was easier to put out the flames.

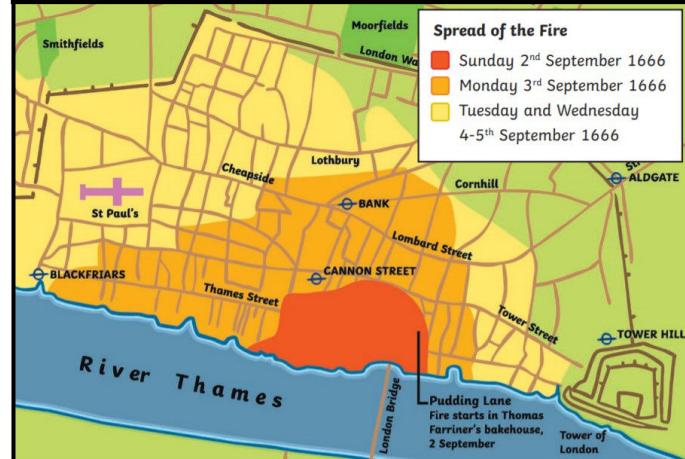
How long did the fire last?

It lasted for four days.

## What you will learn by the end of the unit

- To make a timeline of the events of the fire.
- Why the fire started and how it spread so quickly.
- What fire-fighting was like in 1666 and compare to modern day fire-fighting.
- What happened after the fire and how did things change.
- How is the fire remembered.
- How we know about the fire.

## Map of the spread of the fire



## Timeline

### Sunday 2nd September

Early Sunday morning

The fire starts at Thomas Farrinor's bakery on Pudding Lane.

Mid Sunday morning

People run to escape from the fire. Samuel Pepys starts writing about the fire in his diary.

Sunday evening

House are pulled down with fire hooks to try and stop the fire spreading.

### Monday 3rd September

Early Monday morning

People carry their possessions to safety using boats on the River Thames.

### 4th September

Tuesday

St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

### 5th September

Wednesday

The fire stops spreading so quickly as the wind stops.

### 6th September

Thursday

The fire is finally put out. Many people's homes have been destroyed.



Monument in London to remember the fire