



The Great Fire of London

Over 350 years ago, in 1666, a fire broke out at a bakery in Pudding Lane, London.

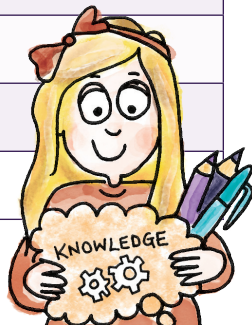
The fire raged for four days and nights and led to the destruction of the city of London. It is known as the Great Fire of London.




Significant People

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| King Charles II | Sir Christopher Wren |
| King during the Great Fire of London. | Architect who designed the new St Paul's Cathedral. |
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| Samuel Pepys | John Evelyn |
| Eyewitnesses of the fire, Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn wrote diaries describing what happened. | |


| Key Words | |
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| bakery | Place that makes bread, cakes etc. |
| combustible | Able to catch fire and burn easily |
| destruction | Wiping out something so it cannot be fixed |
| diary | A book that people write about their lives in |
| drought | A period of low rainfall, making it very dry |
| eyewitness | A person who has seen something happen first hand |
| fire brigade | People trained to put out fires |
| fire breaks | A gap that stops fire spreading to nearby buildings |
| fire hooks | Long pole with a hook, used to pull down walls and ceilings |
| flammable | Easily set on fire |
| gunpowder | Explosive powder used to blow things up |
| possessions | Things that belong to people |
| quench | Put out a fire |




Key Events




Sunday 2nd September 1666
Around 1am the fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane. It spread quickly.




Tuesday 4th September 1666
The fire reached its peak. St Paul's Cathedral was destroyed.



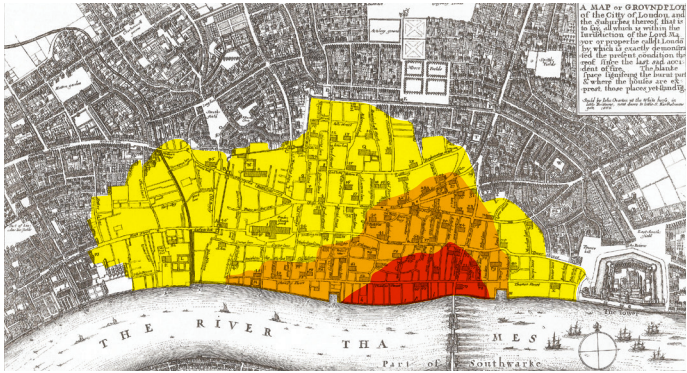
Thursday 6th September 1666
The last of the flames were eventually put out.



Monday 3rd September 1666
The fire blazed through the south of the city. People tried to escape.



Wednesday 5th September 1666
The wind died down and the fire lost strength.



How the Fire Spread

Key

Sunday 2nd September

Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th/Wednesday 5th September