

The Great Fire of London

Key Facts

When: It started 2nd September 1666 and stopped 6th September 1666.

Where: The fire started in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane, in London.

How it spread: The houses were narrow, made of wood and the wind was heavy.

How it changed History: London was rebuilt with stronger and safer houses. The rats that carried the plague were killed.

Timeline

Sunday: The fire started and spread. Samuel Pepys started his diary. Some houses were pulled down to slow the fire. People used buckets of water from the Thames to try to put out the fire.

Monday: The fire spread to the Tower of London. People ran away to boats. More houses were pulled down.

Tuesday: St. Paul's Cathedral was destroyed.

Wednesday: Houses are blown up to create gaps. The wind slowed down and the fire started to burn slowly.

Thursday: The fire was under control.

Key Words

Diary	When you write about your own day and feelings.
Artefact	An object or item that tells us information about the past.
Water squirts	A tool that is filled with water and then squirted.
Re-build	When something is built again after being knocked down.
Bakery	A place where bread or cakes are sold.
Eye-witness	A person that has seen an event and can tell others about what happened.

Important People

Samuel Pepys- Wrote a diary about the events of the fire. This is how we know about the fire today. He went to the Duke of York to tell him about the fire. They agreed the houses should be brought down to stop the fire.

