



# The Great Fire of London

Key Vocabulary	
<b>bakery</b>	A shop where bread is made and sold.
<b>diary</b>	A book that people write about their lives in.
<b>fire engine</b>	A vehicle that carries things used to put out fires.
<b>firefighter</b>	People who put out fires as their job.
<b>St Paul's Cathedral</b>	A very large church in London. <b>St Paul's Cathedral</b> was <b>rebuilt</b> by Sir Christopher Wren after the fire.
<b>rebuilt</b>	Building something again after it has been broken or destroyed.
<b>river Thames</b>	The river that runs through the middle of London.
<b>17<sup>th</sup> century</b>	From the year 1601 to 1700. The Great Fire of London happened in the <b>17<sup>th</sup> century</b> , in 1666.



## Key People



Samuel Pepys



Sir Christopher Wren



King Charles II



Key Knowledge	
When was the Great Fire of London?	The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 1666 and ended on Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 1666.
Where did the fire start?	The fire started in a <b>bakery</b> on Pudding Lane.
Why did the fire spread so quickly?	In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had straw roofs.
What happened after the fire?	After the fire, many buildings were <b>rebuilt</b> . King Charles II ordered that buildings were built further apart and made of stone to make sure the fire could not happen again so easily.

## Timeline of Events

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1666**

The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1666**

**St Paul's Cathedral** is destroyed by the fire.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666**

The fire starts at around 1 a.m. Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1666**

The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1666**

The fire is finally put out. Thousands of people are left homeless.