

The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666.
It started in Thomas Fariner's bakery in Pudding Lane in London. It lasted for 4 days and nights.



Vocabulary

Bakery - a place where bread and cakes are made.

Diary - a book with pages for each day of the year where events are written.

Eye witness - a person who has seen something and can describe it.

Servant - a person who works in a house and does the cooking and cleaning.

Firehook - long pole with a hook on the end.

Firebreak - A gap to stop the fire spreading.

Water squirt - An object that sucks up water that can then be squirted at the flames.

Monument - a structure put up to remind people of a person or event.

Possessions - things that are owned.

St Paul's cathedral - A large church that burned down and was rebuilt using Portland stone.

Important people



Samuel Pepys - a man who wrote a diary and recorded the events of the Great Fire of London.

Thomas Fariner - A baker who forget to put out the fire in his bakery oven. This is how the fire started.



King Charles II - The king.

Sir Christopher Wren - An architect who designed many buildings in London after the Great Fire. He used Portland stone to rebuild them.

Key Facts

In 1666 the houses were made of **wood and straw** and they were built very close together, this made it easy for the flames to spread.

It had been a dry summer and there were strong winds. People used **leather buckets** and **fire squirts** to try and put the fire out.

King Charles II ordered that **fire hooks** should be used to pull down houses and make **fire breaks**.

