

Timeline of Events / Chronological Order

Monday 3rd September 1666
The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

Tuesday 4th September 1666
St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

Sunday 2nd September 1666
The fire starts at around 1 a.m.
Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his *diary*.

Wednesday 5th September 1666
The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666
The fire is finally put out.
Thousands of people are left homeless.

Key Facts

When was the Great Fire of London?

The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and ended on Thursday 6th September 1666.

Where and why did the fire start?

The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane where the fires used for baking were not put out properly.

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. It had also been a hot, dry summer.

What happened after the fire?

Many buildings were rebuilt. 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.

Key People

Samuel Pepys
Wrote a diary about the fire.



Sir Christopher Wren
The architect who designed lots of new buildings.



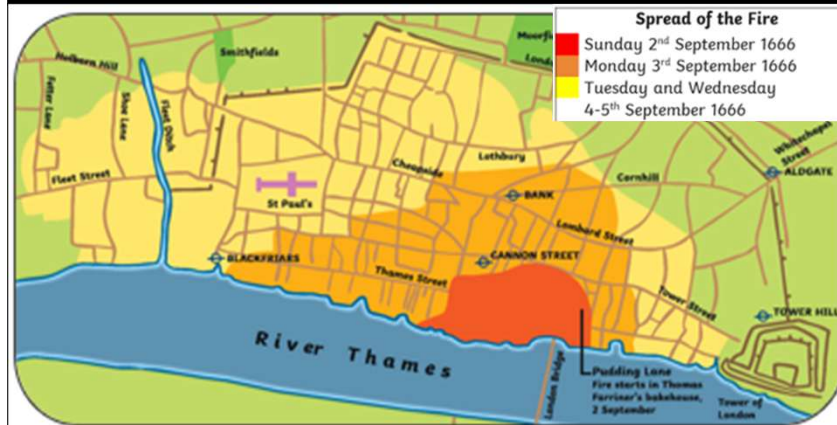
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The Great Fire of London

Key Vocabulary

Pudding Lane	Small street in London where the fire began.
London	Capital city of England.
River Thames	River that flows through London.
eye-witness	A person who has seen something and can give a description of it.
fire-break	A gap that stops fire spreading.

Where was the fire?



Lots of famous buildings were destroyed in the fire.