

**Y2 Great Fire of London: Knowledge Organiser**

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| **Timeline of events** |
| Sunday 2nd September 1666 | A fire starts in Thomas Farriner’s bakery on Pudding Lane. As news of the fire spreads, people run to escape its path. |
| Monday 3rd September 1666 | Fire-fighters try to tackle the fire but it spreads quickly. People carry their possessions to safety using a horse and cart or boats on the River Thames. |
| Tuesday 4th September 1666 | Houses are pulled down in an attempt to stop the fire spreading. St. Paul’s Cathedral is destroyed. |
| Wednesday 5th September 1666 | The fire starts to burn more slowly as the wind dies down. |
| Thursday 6th September 1666 | The fire is finally under control and put out. People are left homeless. |

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| **Important people** | **Key Facts** |
| Charles II of England - Wikipedia Samuel Pepys - Wikipedia  Samuel Pepys King Charles II | * The weather in London was hot and it hadn’t rained for months. There was also a strong wind at the time.
* Houses in London were mainly built from wood which was flammable, especially when it is very dry.
* The houses were also built very close together which meant the fire could spread easily.
* The fire lasted for 5 days.
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| **Key Vocabulary** |
| Bakery | A place that makes bread, cakes, etc. |
| Diary | A book that people write about their lives in. |
| Eyewitness | a person who saw an event and can therefore describe it. |
| Firebreak | When buildings are destroyed to make a break so that the fire can’t spread to the next building. |
| Fire hooks | Giant hooks used to pull houses down. |
| Flammable | when something burns easily. |
| King Charles II | The King of England in 1666. |
| Leather bucket | Leather is a material and was what buckets were made from before plastic was invented. |
| Oven | A place where food is cooked. Today we use gas and electricity to heat ovens but in 1666 they burnt wood to heat the oven. |
| River Thames | A large river in London that many people escaped to during the fire. |
| Samuel Pepys | A famous man who wrote a diary about the fire.  |
| St Paul’s cathedral | A very large Christian church in London that was burnt down during fire. A new St Paul’s Cathedral was built after the fire. |

