

Knowledge organiser

Year 2

The Great Fire of London

Key vocabulary

Burning	When something is on fire
Fire	The light and heat when something is burning
Smoke	The visible gases in the air when something is burning
Fireman	Someone whose job it is to put out fires
Bakery	A place where bread and cakes are made
Escape	To get away without being caught or harmed
Leather bucket	Leather is a tough material and buckets were made from this before plastic
London	The capital city of the UK
Diary	A book someone records their daily thoughts in
Fire hooks	A metal pole with a hooked end that was used for pulling down buildings that were on fire
Flammable	When something burns easily
Eyewitness	A person who saw an event and can describe it
Government	A group of people who make the rules for a country
Wattle and daub	Animal waste, straw and mud used to make walls of buildings
Thatched roof	Dried straw laid on a roof

Timeline of key events

Sunday 2nd September 1666

The fire began at Thomas Farriner's bakery on pudding lane. Samuel Pepys suggests to King Charles 11 that the houses should be pulled down.

Tuesday 4th September 1666

The fire reaches its peak. St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed. The wind begins to die down.

Thursday 6th September 1666

The final fires are extinguished. People have to sleep in tents on the outskirts of London because their homes have been destroyed.

Monday 3rd September 1666

Half the city has been destroyed and the fire is still spreading.

Wednesday 5th September 1666

The wind changes direction, blowing the fire towards the River Thames. Most of the remaining fires have been put out.

Key places

Key Numbers

Pudding lane – This is where the fire started	The fire lasted 5 days
London Bridge – This is the only way they could cross the River Thames	13,200 houses and 87 churches were destroyed
The River Thames – Many people escape to the river	100,000 people were left homeless
St Paul's Cathedral – This was burnt down and rebuilt using designs from Christopher Wren	6 people died

Important

people



Thomas Farrier
The baker



Samuel Pepys
Writer



King Charles II
King



Sir Christopher Wren
Architect

