

**Year 2**  
**History**  
**Topic: The Great Fire of London**

**Key People**

**Thomas Farriner**



An ember from one of Thomas' bakery ovens ignited some nearby firewood. The fire quickly spread around the room and to nearby buildings.

**Samuel Pepys**

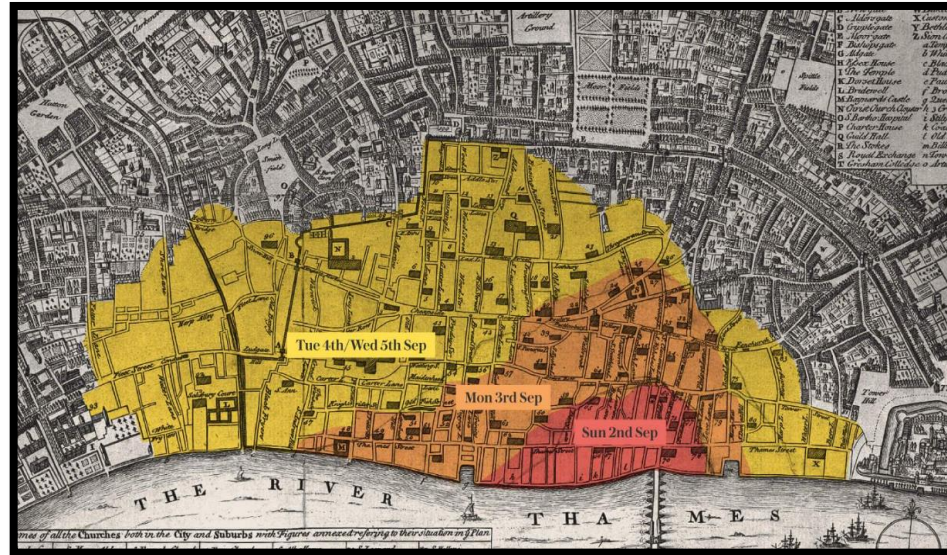


Samuel Pepys was a close friend of King Charles II. He wrote about the fire in his personal diary.

**King Charles II**



Charles II was the King of England in 1666. After the fire, he made a decree that houses must be built further apart and built from stone not timber.



**Key Places and Vocabulary**

<b>London</b>	The capital city of England and the United Kingdom
<b>River Thames</b>	Many people got a boat on the River Thames to escape the fire
<b>St Paul's Cathedral</b>	A Christian building burnt to the ground in the fire and rebuilt using designs by Sir Christopher Wren
<b>Thomas Farriner's bakery</b>	The bakery where the fire started
<b>Diary</b>	A personal record of somebody's life events
<b>eye-witness</b>	A person who has seen something and can give a description of it
<b>embers</b>	Small pieces of glowing coal or wood in a dying fire
<b>fire-hooks</b>	Giant hooks used to pull down houses
<b>Fire-breaks</b>	When buildings are destroyed to make a gap so the fire can't spread
<b>flammable</b>	When something burns easily

**Timeline**

<p><b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666</b></p> <p>The fire begins in Pudding Lane at the home of Thomas Farriner in the early hours of the morning.</p> <p>The Mayor ignores warnings and the fire spreads further because of heavy winds.</p>	<p><b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1666</b></p> <p>The fire continues to spread, leading to people leaving homes and save their belongings.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1666</b></p> <p>Many buildings are destroyed including St Paul's Cathedral. The fire reaches 300 Yards from The Tower of London.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1666</b></p> <p>The wind drops and the fire fighters are able to stop the fires in the west of the City</p>	<p><b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1666</b></p> <p>The fire is finally put out. 87 churches destroyed 13,200 houses destroyed. Only 6 people were killed.</p>
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