The Great Fire of London –

History

**Vocabulary**:

London St Paul’s Cathedral

City 17th Century

Samuel Pepys Thomas Farriner

Pudding Lane

**The Great Fire of London:**

On Sunday 2nd September 1666, a fire started in Thomas Farriner’s bakery on Pudding Lane. The buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were very close together, making it easy for the flames to spread. It had also been a dry summer, so the buildings were dry. Strong winds were blowing, which helped the flames to spread. People used leather buckets and water squirts to try to put the fire out, but these did not work. Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading. The fire burnt for four days. King Charles 11 ordered that the houses should be rebuilt from brick or stone and that the streets should be wider.

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