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The Great Fire Starts

The great fire of London began on Sunday, 2nd of September 1666, shortly after midnight. The fire started in a bakers shop on Pudding Lane. This shop belonged to Thomas Farynor. He was a baker for King Charles II.



At one o'clock in the morning, one of the maidservants woke up and found the bakery on fire. She alerted the family who were trapped upstairs. The family managed to escape on to the roof of the house next door, but the maidservant died in the fire because she was too frightened to try.

The fire started because Thomas Farynor had not put the oven fire out properly. The embers were still hot and set light to a stack of fire wood.

The great fire lasted until Wednesday, 5th September. The fire destroyed 11,000 houses, 87 churches, St. Pauls Cathedral and many other buildings.