



The **Great Fire of London** was between 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> September 1666.

- A fire started in the house of baker Thomas Farriner in **Pudding Lane**.
- The baker and his family escaped through an upstairs window.
- Church bells rang to warn people about the fire.
- The fire grew so large that people passed buckets of water to try and put out the flames.
- Houses were pulled down to stop the fire spreading.
- When the wind stopped, the fire stopped spreading and was put out.



- Houses had a thatched roof made of straw so would burn easily.
- Houses were built very close together and there was also lots of rubbish on the streets.
- These things along with the wind meant the fire spread quickly.



**River Thames** - River in London

**Bakery** - a place where bread and cakes are made or sold.



To fight fires during this time, people would have used leather buckets, and metal hooks called fire hooks

A **fire hook** was a pole used for pulling down house.

