



# All Saints CE Aided Primary School Knowledge Organiser

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Geography: Bright Lights, Big City

Key question: Why is London Great?

Key concepts: City and Tourism

## Summary



London is in the continent of Europe and is the capital and largest city of England and the United Kingdom. It is considered to be one of the world's most important global cities.

The River Thames runs through London and the city has six major airports.  
Famous Landmarks



## Key Vocabulary

- Continent:** a group of countries
- Country:** a nation with its own government
- City:** a large town
- Landmark:** a feature of a town that is easily seen and recognised from a distance
- Tourist:** a person who is travelling or visiting a place for pleasure
- River:** a large stream of water flowing to a sea or lake
- Transport:** a way to carry people or goods from one place to another

## Transport in London

London is a busy place and people need to get around. Lots of people work in and around London and London gets lots of visitors. There are lots of different transport options in London such as the train, tube, car, bus, bicycle, walking and boats.

**The London Underground** is unique to London and is a network of underground trains below the city.



## Comparing London and Wokingham

### London – City

**Population:** 9 million people  
**River Thames** – 346km long  
**Landmarks:** London has several landmarks including Buckingham Palace and The Shard

### Wokingham – Town

**Population:** 170,000 people  
**River:** Emm Brook – 9km long  
**Landmarks:** Wokingham town hall



**Big Ben** is the name of the huge bell found in the Elizabeth tower. It is 3 metres wide and its chime can be heard 9 miles away!



**The London Eye** is a huge ferris wheel by the river Thames. It can carry 800 people at a time and there are 32 pods. It takes 30 minutes to go all the way round.



**The Tower of London** is a castle in the centre of London near the River Thames. The Romans originally built it as a fortress to defend the city. The crown jewels are kept safe here and are worth more than £20 billion! Some even say the tower is haunted by some old royals and a grizzly bear.



**Tower Bridge** is one of the world's most famous bridges. The two roads on each side open up once a day so that tall ships can go through it. It is one of the busiest bridges in the world.



**Buckingham Palace** is the main royal palace in London. It is over 300 years old and has 775 rooms altogether. There are even secret tunnels underneath the building!



**The Shard** is the tallest building in the UK and is almost 310 metres tall. It has 82 floors. It was designed to look like an iceberg and is made out of 95% recycled materials.

