

School visits 2025 & 2026

THE STORY MUSEUM



Exploring Here Be Dragons in the Treasure Chamber

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Curriculum links include:

- Literacy
- English Literature
- PSHE
- Spiritual, moral, social & cultural development
- Local and world history
- Human and physical geography

"The children LOVED the Story Museum, and I know they took a lot away from the sessions. The Story Leader was fantastic with the children and her storytelling really captured them."

Year 5 teacher, June 2025

Get in touch with our Learning Team
(learning@storymuseum.org.uk / 01865 790050) to arrange your school trip and secure your session.



Exploring Narnia within the Enchanted Library

OPTION 1: SMALL WORLDS

A story session held in The Story Museum's Small Worlds gallery. Students enter our Small Worlds gallery for stories on our big bed and in our space-themed Night Safe. They create their own mini story landscapes and imagine the episodes that could unfold within their enchanting new world.

Suitable for: Nursery, EYFS and Year 1

Outcome: speaking and listening presentation, depending on the Small Worlds session selected

Length of session: 2 hours

Session times: 10:00 – 12:00 or 12:30-14:30

Cost: £220+VAT per class of up to 32 students

NURSERY PIC 'N' MIX

Students enter our Small Worlds gallery to explore the range of worlds and activities and choose their favourites. The session includes a mixture of structured oral story time and songs, as well as free play in the different environments and a craft activity.

Outcome: a craft, learned song or story

EYFS & YEAR 1: STORY PLAY

Students enter our Small Worlds gallery to explore a magical land of picture books, nursery rhymes and traditional tales. In a story-building workshop they create their own mini story landscapes and imagine the episodes that could unfold within their enchanting new world.

Outcome: speaking and listening presentation



OPTION 2: GALLERIES VISIT AND STORY SESSION

An hour exploring The Story Museum's immersive Galleries, followed by an hour-long themed literacy session chosen from the following options:

Suitable for: Years 1 - 13, depending on the literacy session selected.

Length of session: 2 hours

Session times: 10:00 – 12:00 or 12:30-14:30

Cost: £220+VAT per class of up to 32 students

KS1: STORY PORRIDGE

Students will join in with participatory retellings of traditional folk and fairy tales, and learn to retell the story in groups. They will use the classic device of the Rule of 3 to create their own story.

Outcome: speaking and listening presentation

KS1: STORY TRICKSTERS

Students are introduced to oral stories that star the classic character of the Trickster, such as Anansi the Spider and Reynard the Fox, before creating and retelling their own versions.

Outcome: speaking and listening presentation

KS1 & KS2: HERE BE DRAGONS

Inspired by our exhibition, 'Here Be Dragons Co-curated by Cressida Cowell and Toothless', students will encounter dragons in oral stories from around the world, from the protective dragons of China to the fearsome foes of Europe. Students then devise a new dragon story, using drama and props to create the opening of a dragon quest.

Outcomes: speaking and listening presentation

KS2: STORY PORTALS

Students explore portals used in classic stories featured in the Enchanted Library, from the Rabbit Hole down into Wonderland to the Wardrobe through to Narnia. Students then create their own magical portal between two worlds, using a wealth of materials to stimulate the beginning of an enchanting story, including the beautiful mini worlds displayed in cabinets in the Magic Common Room.

Outcome: speaking and listening presentation

KS2 & KS3: FANTASY MAP MISSION

Students will encounter the classic structure of the Quest story, and explore maps and plans found in many popular children's stories such as Tolkien's Middle Earth, C S Lewis' Narnia and A A Milne's Hundred Acre Wood. Students will be transported into different fantasy worlds before creating their own maps to support story writing.

Outcomes: speaking and listening presentation, fantasy map



KS2: YOUNG STORYTELLERS

Students listen and join in with traditional oral stories from around the world and then create their own version using the key elements of story - character, setting, theme and plot structure.

Outcome: speaking and listening presentation

KS2 & KS3: WRITE AT THE STORY MUSEUM

The Story Museum's evocative settings provide the perfect space to give your students' writing experience a lift. Guided by our Learning Team, made up of experienced primary and secondary teachers, your students will explore the Museum's story-based environments with a view to inspiring new pieces of writing with a focus on vocabulary and metaphorical language.

Outcome: written draft

KS2 & KS3: MUSEUM MAKER

In this creative workshop inspired by The Enchanted Library, students will uncover the secrets behind The Story Museum's curation process, exploring how narratives come alive in physical spaces. Through close reading and analysis of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis, students will design their own multi-sensory story environment.

Outcomes: speaking and listening presentation or illustrated and annotated design

KS2 & KS3: BESPOKE MUSEUM MAKER

A revitalising approach to your own class set text. The students will explore The Story Museum's curation process and then design an immersive narrative environment based on close reading and analysis. Please let us know in advance the text you would like us to base the session on.

Additional charge £100+VAT

Outcomes: speaking and listening presentation; illustrated and annotated design using quotations

YEAR 12-ADULTS IN FTE: ORAL STORYTELLING TECHNIQUES

This session is a basic, 1 hour introduction to oral storytelling techniques, using theories from ancient, modern and contemporary storytellers.

Please note that this session is for further education institutions only, such as teacher training colleges and universities. If you are a school or institution looking for in-service, continuing professional development training for your staff members, please contact us for details of our CPD and adult training sessions.



Returning from a city story walk

OPTION 3: CITY STORY WALK

Our Learning Team will lead your group to iconic sites around the city of Oxford from some of fiction's greatest moments. Select your chosen story below.

YEAR 2-4: ALICE STORY WALK

YEARS 2-4: NARNIA STORY WALK

YEARS 4-ADULT: WONDER WALK

Take a story-themed walk through Oxford to see the places in the city that inspired its most famous fantasy writers.

Suitable for: Years 2-13

Length of session: 2 hours

Session times: 10:00 – 12:00 or 12:30-14:30

Cost: £220+VAT per class of up to 32 students

Come on a walk through the story of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. We'll begin at The Story Museum, then walk along to Christ Church Meadow, the location of many sites that inspired Lewis Carroll. As your Story Leader retells the story, we'll have a Caucus Race, a Caterpillar Contest, a game of 'Red Queen Says', and fun with riddles and charades along the way.

Come on a walk through the story of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe with our Story Leader. We'll begin at The Story Museum, and walk towards the grounds of Oxford Castle, 'the perfect setting for a retelling of the dramatic events at the White Witch's Palace.

From the Narnia lamppost and Alice's gate to the spires and rooftops of Oxford...the Wonder Walk route features stunning locations including the Radcliffe Camera and Christ Church, with a few dragons along the way! The walk features authors past and present who have been inspired by Oxford in some way: Kieran Millwood Hargrave (*The Girl of Ink and Stars*), C S Lewis (the *Narnia* series), J R R Tolkien (*The Hobbit*), Lewis Carroll (*Alice's Adventure's in Wonderland*), Philip Pullman (*Northern Lights* trilogy), Katherine Rundell (*Rooftoppers*) and Patience Agbabi (*The Infinite*).

During the walk your students will learn key facts about the writers' lives and how simply observing the world can lead to ideas for classic fiction. Your students will also play the stories through a variety of multi-sensory games and storytelling.

OPTION 4: DAY OF DELIGHT

Enjoy a an extended visit to The Story Museum with a Day of Delight by selecting:

- A literacy session from Option 2
- A City Story Walk from Option 3

A Day of Delight includes a Gallery visit, literacy session, and City Story Walk.

Suitable for: Years 2-13

Length of session: 4.5 hours (including 30 minute lunch break)

Session times: 10:00 – 14:30

Cost: £325+VAT per class of up to 32 students

OPTION 5: DAY OF DISCOVERY

Enjoy a an extended visit to The Story Museum with a Day of Discovery by selecting:

- A literacy session from Option 2

A Day of Delight includes a Small Worlds visit, literacy session, Galleries tour and further storytelling activity.

Suitable for: EYFS-Year 1

Length of session: 4 hours (including 30 minute lunch break)

Session times: 10:00 – 14:00

Cost: £325+VAT per class of up to 32 students

“The trips have been age-appropriate and engaging for every year group, with pupils coming back to school buzzing.”

- Deputy-head teacher May 2025

Book your school visit to The Story Museum today by visiting our [website](https://www.storymuseum.org.uk), emailing our Learning Team at learning@storymuseum.org.uk, or calling 01865 790050.

We look forward to welcoming you and your class to the Museum!

Exploring the Enchanted Library

