

# Wizard Stories

Spellbinding audiences  
since 2000!

Wizard Stories is a professional, touring storytelling company. Founded in 2000, Wizard Stories is rooted within the Education Sector, delivering a powerful portfolio of interactive educational workshops and performances. We believe the power of stories can release creativity and fire the imagination within of every child.

Wizard Stories' range of unique, interactive storytelling performances are highly participatory, with a strong focus on Speaking and Listening. Our sessions encourage each child to formulate their ideas, give them the opportunity express them as part of an audience and reveal clear and simple strategies to support them on their own literary journeys.

**“Wizard Stories are exciting, engaging, flexible and fabulous! Our pupils really enjoyed their story making sessions and were immediately inspired to write their own stories.”**

Emily Davies, Deputy Head Teacher,  
Carterhatch Junior School, LB Enfield

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# Interactive Storytelling

Each Wizard Story is as unique as the group that meets to listen, imagine and create. All our sessions, run by professional storytellers, are highly interactive, fun and child-centred with a strong focus on Learning. We make dramatic differences to literacy levels by fostering the idea that reading and writing stories is an enjoyable, engaging creative activity.

Since 2000 Wizard Stories has engaged in thousands of storytelling performances, enthraling children and young people, inspiring a love of stories and imagination. Proving the age-old partnership between teller and listener - those moments when the air seems to thicken and time ceases to matter still thrive. Even in this busy world full of social media chatter, the power of the spoken word and the skill of a storyteller prevail.

**“Captivating and enthusing my class for over ten years.  
Wizard Stories make children WANT to WRITE!”**

Louise Theodorou-Ditchburn, Oakdale Junior School, LB Redbridge



# Awesome Authors

Imagine diving into a storyteller's mind and unlocking his storytelling secrets...

*Awesome Authors* allows your classes to become story-writing wizards!

Our sessions transform children's attitude to and aptitude for literacy. Through our experiential approach pupils are first immersed in their own narrative then, through shared drama skills and techniques, have the chance to live, breathe and then write their own story.

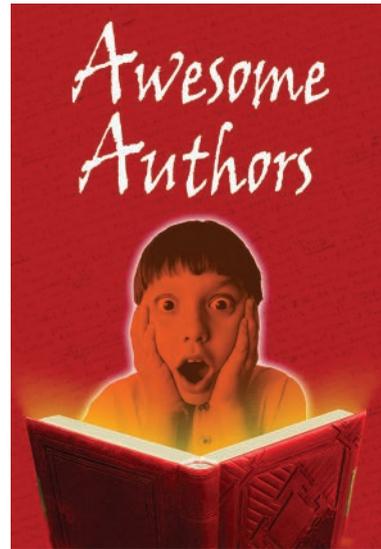
Each inspirational activity reveals another key element to story-writing, from clear characterisation to crazy conflicts, super settings to snazzy soundscapes.

An *Awesome Authors* residency breathes life into the mind of every child, igniting a fire in the imagination and a hunger for more, even in your most reluctant writers!

Wizard Stories will devise and conjure a tailored, bespoke series of workshops to suit your school, your targeted cohort or class. Our process consciously accommodates diverse learning styles and each workshop is fun, highly paced, engaging and inclusive.

**"Awesome Authors is a writing Brilliant Boot Camp for your class!"**

Barbara Turner, Headteacher, Five Elms Primary, LB Barking and Dagenham



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# An Audience With.....

Characters from the past, poetry and prose come straight to your classroom door!

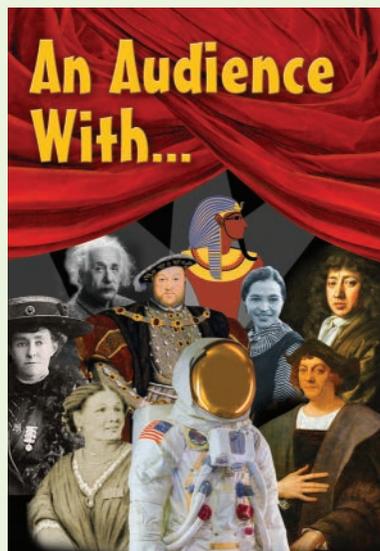
From Tutankhamun's High Priest to King Henry VIII, Samuel Pepys to Rosa Parks, Neil Armstrong to Mary Seacole and many others – any encounter of your choice is guaranteed to entertain, educate and enthrall!

Our actor/ storytellers use characterisation, costume, storytelling and drama to bring famous, infamous and fantastical characters vividly alive.

Building on Wizard Stories' powerful reputation for high quality, educational storytelling, *An Audience With...* brings context and colour to the lives of the famous and fictional. From Christopher Columbus to Dumbledore, Emily Davidson to Peter Pan, Albert Einstein to Horrid Henry, the choice is yours ... or challenge us with your own suggestions!

**“The energy level, and their ability to involve all the children, the whole school thought it was excellent and enjoyed it immensely!”**

Hannah Johns, Hugh Myddleton Primary, LB Islington



# Tales from the Trenches

To mark the poignant and painful centenary of the 1914-1918 War, Wizard Stories brings the stories, the sounds and smells of conflict to your classroom.

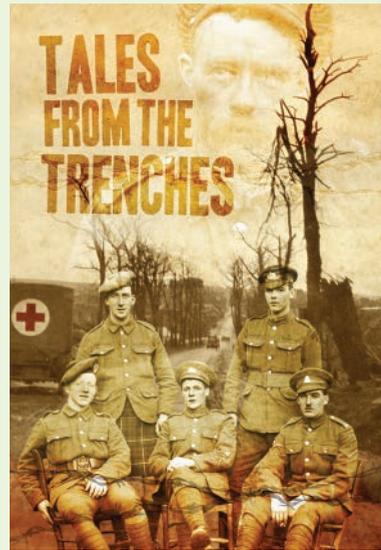
Over 3 million men volunteered to serve in the British Armed Forces at the beginning of World War One. Between 1916, when the Conscription Act was passed, and the end of hostilities in 1916 a further 2.3 million were conscripted – one in four of the male population.

*Tales from the Trenches* looks past the facts and figures to reveal the everyday life of the typical Tommy in the trenches: waiting for ‘The Big Push’, the horrors of trench foot and even an unexpected game of football.

Wizard Stories’ *Tales from the Trenches* gives context, colour and character to the events of The Great War.

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# Get Magna Carta!

## A British Values Workshop.

It's Monday 15th June 1215. King John has *lost* the Magna Carta, the cornerstone of British Law!

With one thousand angry barons, knights and dukes eagerly sharpening their swords, King John desperately needs your class' (or classes') help to rewrite the meaning of Britishness and save the King's neck!

*Get Magna Carta!* allows your class to examine the concept of British Values - what is important, how we coexist, what makes us belong and how we are connected.

Wizard Stories' range of interactive projects are all child centred and place creativity and imagination at the heart of every session. We encourage pupils to question, challenge, acknowledge and respect.

**“Engaging, exciting and educational. A stimulating approach to tackling a challenging issue. Wizard Stories strikes again!”**

Jeremy Gibbard, Assistant Headteacher, Christchurch Primary, Ilford



# Christmas Tales

**Superb, sensational seasonal stories to send your senses soaring!**

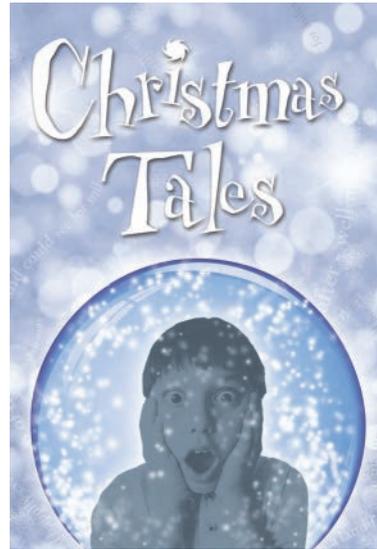
Let Wizard Stories take you to an enchanted seasonal world, full of excitement and promise, magical characters, both traditional and new, with guaranteed fun for everyone.

Our storytellers will enthral and amaze, as together we weave, imagine and create a unique *Christmas Tale*, a precious festive gift that's especially just for your class!

To bring some Wizard Stories sparkle to your classroom call us on 07710 474960!

**“So much energy and enthusiasm to their storytelling! They engaged even the most reluctant children – encouraging them to input their ideas, then, skilfully guided them towards creating a truly unique story.”**

St Anthony's School, Margate



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# I Know What You're Doing This Summer!

## A Key Stage Transition Programme.

We all remember that dreadful sinking feeling in your stomach – you felt it all that summer – just thinking about moving up to the big school made your insides do a triple somersault.

Wizard Stories' Transition Programme demolishes the myths and debunks the horror stories and legends which often surround Key Stage Transition. Our carefully-crafted process encourages your pupils to share, confront and examine their fears and anxieties as they face the prospect of 'Transition Terror!'

By harnessing the power of analogy, Wizard Stories skilled raconteurs allow each child to acknowledge and embrace their journey thus far, and the metamorphosis ahead of them. Then, together we begin to construct coping strategies, share advice and help each individual visualise their personal path to achievement.

**“Thank you for a great session. It is a remarkable skill to just step in cold and deliver something appropriate and interesting! Superb!”**

Jane Batey, Meadow Wood School, Bushey



# INSET Sessions

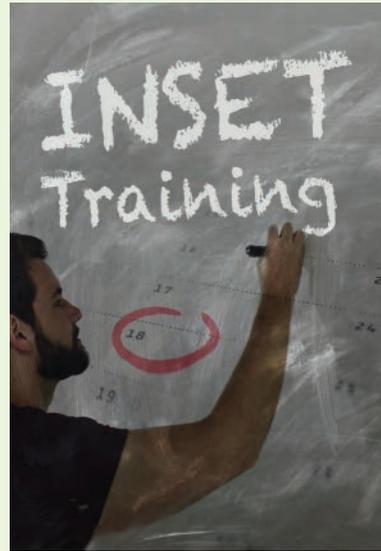
Wizard Stories practitioners inspire, encourage and challenge your team to dig deep and find creative opportunities in the most unexpected places!

Our INSET sessions foster team-building and collaboration in multi curriculum settings.

We work closely with our partners to hone a session which delivers your anticipated needs and expectations, resulting in quality INSET which is fast paced, engaging and relevant to your team's practice.

**“You bring the imagination to life and find imaginable stories in the unimaginable!”**

Martine Hurt, Deputy Assistant Headteacher, Parsonage Farm Primary, LB Barking and Dagenham



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# A big thank you to our partners ...

Wizard is regularly developing partnerships with other agencies. Our passion for stories is infectious. We have secured residencies in the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Enfield, Haringey, Havering, Islington, Newham, Redbridge, Southwark, and Waltham Forest; forged powerful partnerships with Arts Council England, Beach Creative, The Barbican Centre, BBC, Bedfordshire CPD, Creative Partnerships, Great Ormond Street Hospital, Hertfordshire County Council, Luton Borough Council, The London Cultural Olympiad, The Metropolitan Police, Nat West Bank, Michael O'Connell, Redbridge Drama Centre, Redbridge and Waltham Forest Health Authority, Shillam & Smith, SNAAP, Stratford Circus, The Umbrella Centre, Vestry House Museum, York City Council and Wiltshire County Council, The William Morris Gallery and Windsor Mountain Centre for Experiential Learning, New Hampshire (USA).

  
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“Every single child was engaged and encouraged to participate, including children with language difficulties ... excellent as always – can't wait for the next visit!”

Nicola Featherstone, Keir Hardie Primary School, Newham.

“Many of the boys had low self-esteem and this activity really boosted their confidence.”

Jackie Levy, Churchmead Junior School, Waltham Forest

“They were just brilliant! They really motivated the children ... I'd love to have them again.”

Christine Gilbert, St George's Primary School, York



[www.wizardstories.com](http://www.wizardstories.com)

“Inspiring, interesting and stimulating, loads of potential for follow up ... a brilliant language and visual experience for all the children.”

Rebecca Heaps, London Fields Primary School, Hackney

“Wizard Stories have helped to enhance our pupils’ understanding within the culturally diverse world we live in.”

Gary Hawkins Assistant Headteacher & Specialist Leader in Education,  
Beech Hill Primary School, Luton

“Get Wizard Stories in. You won’t regret it.”

Keith Homer, Centre Head, Redbridge Drama Centre

“What an uplifting day, all the children had an excellent time.”

Margaret Bye, Davies Lane Primary School, Waltham Forest

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