



STORYTELLING FOR SCHOOLS

"Once Upon A Bus" provides a creative storytelling environment, on a customised double-decker bus, with sessions primarily focussed at, but not limited to children aged 0-12 years in the UK. Through the use of mixed media including puppetry, role play, music, film and special effects, in an engaging and interactive setting, we provide a fun space in which to learn about and explore the many facets of language and communication, through traditional storytelling.

The vehicle has been designed to provide distinct spaces that engage key activities, to promote both the desire and the ability to learn. State-of-the-art technology and visual projections provide an "immersive experience" that entertains, captivates and inspires our audiences without compromising the "real-world", face-to-face environment and traditional storytelling values that underpin our vision. Creative storytelling has been shown to improve literacy whilst helping to build a "confidence in learning" for both children and parent/carers.



Our service delivers a range of educational activities to children and an opportunity for their parent/carers to engage in a positive and productive social environment.

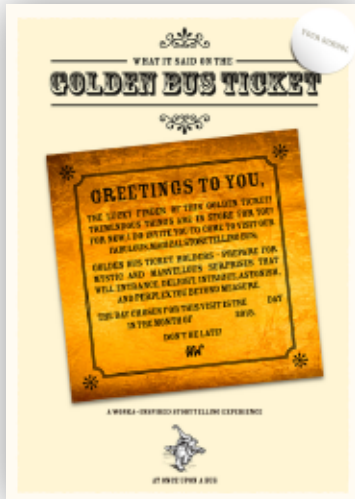
Once Upon a Bus is especially well positioned to service schools; providing tailor-made experiences to support project themes, specific genres/authors and the National Curriculum.

Group Sizes

The bus has been designed to accommodate an average classroom size of children and carers on the upper deck and sits 20 people comfortably downstairs. Adults accompanying children have use of a seating area at the back of the upper deck (the book corner) which can seat 8 comfortably.

The length of each session is tailored for each school dependent on the number of children in each class. We have been able to cater for a school of 420 pupils with 20 minute workshops over a school day.

Children are encouraged to interact throughout and are encouraged to read parts of the story where possible.



THE WONKA BUS

This wonderful story telling session is inspired by the book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl.

An introduction to the story takes place in assembly where children will find golden ticket invites to the Wonka Bus.

Children are then treated to a half an hour interactive story whereby children are allocated to read characters from the story or become an Oompa Loompa!

Suitable for Key Stage 1&2



DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE

This fun, interactive session is inspired by the book 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll.

The session provides a big tick against national curriculum items such as 'British values and traditions'.

Children will be whisked away to wonderland with a half an hour interactive poem written by Once Upon a Bus. Children are allocated to read characters by playing a game of 'pass the teapot'.

Suitable for Key Stage 1&2



THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

This fun, interactive session is inspired by the book 'Alice through the looking Glass' by Lewis Carroll.

The session provides a big tick against national curriculum items such as 'British values and traditions'.

Children will be whisked away to wonderland with 40 minute interactive battle of wits between 'Alice' and 'The Queen of Hearts' written by Once Upon a Bus. Children are split into two teams and allocated to read characters during the story

Suitable for Key Stage 1&2



NEVERLAND

This wonderful story telling session is inspired by the book 'Peter Pan' by James Barrie

Children are then treated to a 40 minute interactive story whereby children are allocated to read characters from the story and take part in the battle between the courageous Lost Boys led by our hero 'Peter Pan' and the cut throat Pirates led by the dastardly 'Captain Hook'.

Suitable for EYFS, Key Stage 1



SEASONAL

STORYTELLING EXPERIENCES

YULETIDE

Let Once Upon a Bus spoil you at Christmas with lots of stories to choose from!

Experience an interactive 40 minute storytelling experience with the Polar Bus based on the story 'Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg.

Experience an interactive 40 minute Bah Hambug of a storytelling experience based on the story 'Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.

Experience an interactive 40 minute storytelling experience based on the story 'The Snow Queen' by Hans Christian Andersen

Children experience interactive storytelling on the top deck of the bus and join in with songs 'The twelve days of Christmas' and the classic poem 'T'was the night before Christmas', whereby St Nicholas is summoned up the stairs and the children then visit him in his grotto on the lower deck of the Bus!

Suitable for EYFS, Key Stage 1&2



HALLOWEEN

Double, Double, Boil and Trouble...

Three Witches, Room on the Broom and many more ghoulish stories!

Suitable for EYFS, Key Stage 1&2





"The Once Upon A Bus came to be part of the prestigious Children's Literature Festival at Eagle House School on 18 and 19 September 2015. The magic and creativity of Arti and Matthew could not be faulted as they narrated and shared stories with children over the two days. Boys and girls entering the bus are taken to a new world and the brilliance is that the bus evolves into whatever theme has been planned. From the moment they assemble outside to watch the magical Bubble Man, the children are entranced. Arti's characters are played out brilliantly and she leads them on a journey through the bus, reading and sharing and fully immersing children into the world of storytelling. We could not have been more delighted with the response from the children after their adventures on the Once Upon A Bus. They have not stopped talking about their experience and there is no doubt that the bus helped make our Festival a huge success. If your children love stories they will adore the bus and I would urge you to let it park up at your school and create its magic."

Matthew Edwards

Head of English
Eagle House School, Sandhurst



Fundraising for PTA'S

As Approved Parent Kind suppliers, Once Upon a Bus can be hired for fetes and fairs to help fundraise. We provide the service to the PTA who pay a fee based on number of hours required and the parents and children pay to come onto the sessions. . Please enquire for details.

We also work alongside a number of approved professionals who can provide additional services.

Hosting

Once Upon a Bus are now offering Hosting services for a range of Fairs and Festivals. Enjoy our banter as we create an unforgettable hosted event!

Bespoke Stories

Once Upon a Bus are always writing new scripts and are happy to tailor storytelling sessions or write new scripts according to a particular subject/author/book. We consult with schools to offer support and education through enrichment activities that can support classroom themes, national curriculum, and current learning topics. Our aim is to reach shared learning objectives, while the children have fun.

Prices

Our standard Price for Private Hire is £250 per hour, with a minimum two hour booking. We have discounted our prices for schools based on half day or full day bookings:

Schools Packages

Half day (8.30 - 12.30) £650

Full day (8.30 - 3.30) £950

Additional costs:

- a) Travel / Mileage is charged at £1.90 per mile
- b) Once Upon a Bus can run power through a normal power supply. We carry a 50m extension cable. The bus is also fitted with an internal generator. In the absence of power the generator can be utilised. This is charged at £10 per hour
- c) Schools within the 'Low Emission Zone' will incur an additional charge of £200
- d) During 'Book Week' an additional £150 is charged during the week and an additional £300 on book day
- e) Once Upon a Bus can only be hired for a full day during 'Book Week' due to high demand.

START YOUR STORY WITH US TODAY

For further information or to book an experience, please contact us via email or telephone (it's good to talk!)

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