

seven stories

The National Centre for Children's Books

Summer Event Guide 2016



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morpurgo

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Welcome...

Seven Stories is the National home of children's books and there is no other place like it in the UK.

Our lively events and unique exhibitions celebrate all types of stories which are told, retold, loved, shared, discovered and explored on a daily basis.

"We had a fantastic day out at Seven Stories and spent a busy 5 hours there." Visitor

Every day is story time

Join our Story Catchers for fun and interactive stories every day, inspired by well-loved classics and newly published favourites.

Making the most of our Studio

Seven Stories' Studio is the perfect place for artists, budding writers and creative thinkers to discover, imagine and have fun. Around the room you will find instructions for different activities to help you explore books. Find a space and get stuck in!

Activities are FREE with your admission but donations are gratefully received to support the continued delivery of our family learning and engagement programmes.



NEW - Daydreamer Performance premieres Saturday 2nd July, 2pm

**Saturdays and Sundays at 11am & 2pm from Sunday 3rd July
Daily at 11am and 2pm from Saturday 23rd July – Sunday 4th September**

"The more time you take in 'dream time' – living in your head where the story is – the more you utterly lose yourself in the story." Michael Morpurgo

Join the Dreamer on a journey through adventure and imagination. In a world of possibilities, you are invited to become part of the story too. Where will you go? What will you do? Anything can happen!

Ouseburn Festival

**Saturday 2nd
Sunday 3rd July**

Join us for a weekend of activities as we take part in Ouseburn Festival.

Admission required.



Illustration © Paul Shriek



Café

Entry to the Café is FREE and with views of the Ouseburn and its wildlife, this is the perfect place to refuel during your visit.

Tuck into a selection of hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, wraps and soups as well as a delicious range of cakes and buns. Or if you fancy a quick pit stop surrounded by children's books, pop into our Bookshop Coffee Shop on Level 3 for hot drinks and cake.

For opening times, visit our website www.sevenstories.org.uk

Free Entry

Word Lab

Visitors can enjoy their picnic in our Word Lab on Level 1 which is available on weekdays during term time between 1.30-3.30pm and from 10am-2pm at weekends and during holidays.

Illustration © David Almond

Story Station

Our Story Station is an ideal space to share a story with your little readers. Use our seven sensory boxes bursting with props and activities to help you and your family explore your favourite books. This is also the home of our handcrafted, wooden train set.



Bookshop

Our independent Bookshop has been recognised by the Booksellers' Association as one of the biggest and best independent children's bookshops in the country.

We have a wide book selection, from baby and toddler to young adult. Our expert staff are on hand to offer you book buying advice.

In the lead up to **Independent Booksellers Week 18th - 25th June**, vote for the books you want to be read at story time.

Join the live voting on Twitter **@7Stories** and add your vote to our colourful book tally in the Bookshop.

Free Entry



Attic

Diagon Alley is a bustling backdrop to our enchanting Attic, where storytelling, author events and live shows take place. Put yourself in the story with costumes and space to perform.

Illustration © Sarah J Coleman

The Studio is used by school groups on weekdays during term time 10am-3pm. Ask at Reception on arrival for the day's availability. Interested in our learning offers? Email learning@sevenstories.org.uk

Exhibitions

Michael Morpurgo: A Lifetime in Stories

Walker Gallery (Level 4)

On display from Saturday 2nd July – June 2017

Michael Morpurgo is one of Britain's best loved story makers. Our exclusive exhibition will showcase for the first time, the notebooks and manuscripts that have become the classics we know today including *War Horse*, *Kensuke's Kingdom* and *Private Peaceful*.

With content rich in historical research, creativity and poignant prose, this exhibition will showcase the processes behind some of the most loved titles in modern children's books. Visitors can step into a replica of Michael's creative caravan where he imagines his stories and come face to face with the beloved Joey.

Supported by HarperCollins, Egmont Publishing, Walker Books, Innovate UK, Knowledge Transfer Partnership, Newcastle University and Arts & Humanities Research Council.



Meet the Story Maker – Michael Morpurgo

Saturday 2nd July, 11-11.45am

Join us for a celebration event to launch our new exhibition with very special guest Michael Morpurgo. To mark the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, Michael will read from a stunning new edition of his modern classic *Private Peaceful*.

Event ticket £10 per person, includes a copy of the *Private Peaceful* anniversary edition (RRP £12.99) complete with signed book plate.

Event only ticket £5. **Admission required.**

Michael will not be able to sign books after the event.

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Seven Stories Visitor Centre will be closed
to the public on Friday 1st July.

Rhyme Around the World – A Nursery Rhyme Exhibition

Westall Gallery (Level 5)

Open until February 2017

Rhyme Around the World is a celebration of much-loved ditties and rhymes shared across generations around the world. This exhibition is rich with sensory play and packed with original artwork.

It is a rare opportunity to enjoy Harold Jones' illustrations from the classic *Lavender's Blue* (1954) and unseen illustrations from *Over the Hills and Far Away*, collated by Seven Stories' co-founder Elizabeth Hammill.

Supported by Frances Lincoln Children's Books, part of the Quarto Publishing Group UK and the Siobhan Dowd Trust.



Edward Ardizzone: 80 Years of Little Tim

Gillian Dickinson Gallery (Level 6)

Open until Sunday 18th September

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the publication of *Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain* (1936), Seven Stories has curated an Edward Ardizzone exhibition, drawing on the extensive material in the Seven Stories Collection.

Original artwork as well as draft material, single illustrations, printed books and letters – some on show for the first time – will introduce the characters that made Ardizzone's books so popular. Meet the heroic Little Tim, mischievous Ginger, resourceful Charlotte and the Wise Old Boatman.



Illustration © Edward Ardizzone

Little Gallery Explorers

Monday, Thursday and Friday
at 2pm until Friday 22nd July

Daily at 1.30pm from Monday 25th July
– Sunday 4th September.

Suitable for under 4s

All Little Gallery Explorers are invited to adventure through our exhibitions with the help of songs and fun activities led by our Story Catcher. These sessions are ideal for our youngest visitors to find something new and exciting in our galleries.

Coming soon – Two Bad Mice: Mischievous in Beatrix Potter's Tales

Exhibition launches Saturday 1st October
– Sunday 8th January 2017

Exhibition on loan from the National Trust.

Sensory Backpacks

Sensory Backpacks are full of innovative, multi-sensory props and endless opportunities for exploring our exhibitions. *Sensory Backpacks* are available for a £10 refundable deposit. Ask at Reception.

Seven Stories Touring Exhibitions

Out and about this summer? You will find our exhibitions on tour from Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Preston to Hannahs at Seale Hayne in Devon.

Visit our website for
more information.



Illustration © Cressida Cowell

Special Offer

A Viking's Guide to Deadly Dragons
with Cressida Cowell lands at Tullie House
Museum, Carlisle this June.

Get a special offer discount card stamped when you visit Seven Stories and get 1 FREE child entry when you visit Tullie House.

Offer runs 18th June
– 30th September 2016.

Admission to Tullie House:
adult £3.30 and child £2.

www.tulliehouse.co.uk



Artist Residency with Chris Riddell: The current Children's Laureate

Saturday 23rd – Monday 25th July

Let us introduce you to Chris Riddell – multi-award-winning illustrator and acclaimed ninth Children's Laureate. Chris is renowned for his distinctively intricate pen and ink illustrations and joins us for a packed Artist Residency with events for all ages.

Follow our Instagram campaign *Seven Stories Sketch* inspired by Chris' *Doodle-a-Day*.

Share your sketches with us on Instagram [#sevenstories #7Sketch](#) for a chance to win a copy of Chris Riddell's latest book *The Hunting of the Snark* by Lewis Carroll.

Studio Takeover

Saturday 23rd July
Drop in for all the family

Watch the master of illustration Chris "The Doodler" Riddell at work as he scribbles, doodles, sketches and draws. Get doodling alongside Chris and let your imagination whirl – can you create a story from his illustrations?

Free event. **Admission required.**



Ask the Laureate: Q&A with Chris Riddell

Sunday 24th July, 2-3pm
All the Family

Ever wondered how Chris Riddell has enough ideas to do a doodle-a-day? Do you need advice on how to create your own illustrated series? Now's your chance. Ask Chris all your questions big and small about writing for children, illustrating for national newspapers, and being the Children's Laureate.

Free event.

Admission required.



Ink and Drink with Chris Riddell

Saturday 23rd July, 6-8pm
Suitable for ages 15+

Enjoy a glass of wine as you doodle and listen to Chris Riddell share tips and advice from his award-winning career. This relaxed event is ideal for fans of Chris' work and open to everyone from experienced illustrators and enthusiastic artists, dabblers and occasional doodlers.

£5 event ticket includes one glass of wine or soft drink on arrival. Additional drinks will be available to purchase throughout the evening. Admission not required.

Navigating Fantasy and Maps with Chris Riddell

Monday 25th July, 10-11.30am
Suitable for 8-12 years

Maps and fantasy worlds spark the imagination and throw readers into unknown terrains. Lose hours poring over the minutiae of Chris' intricate illustrations in an event revealing how he created maps and fantasy worlds with author Paul Stewart for the hugely popular *Edge Chronicles*.

£6 event ticket. Admission to Visitor Centre not required if attending event only. Participants will be signed into this event at Reception where they will return for collection promptly at 11.30am.

Summer Story

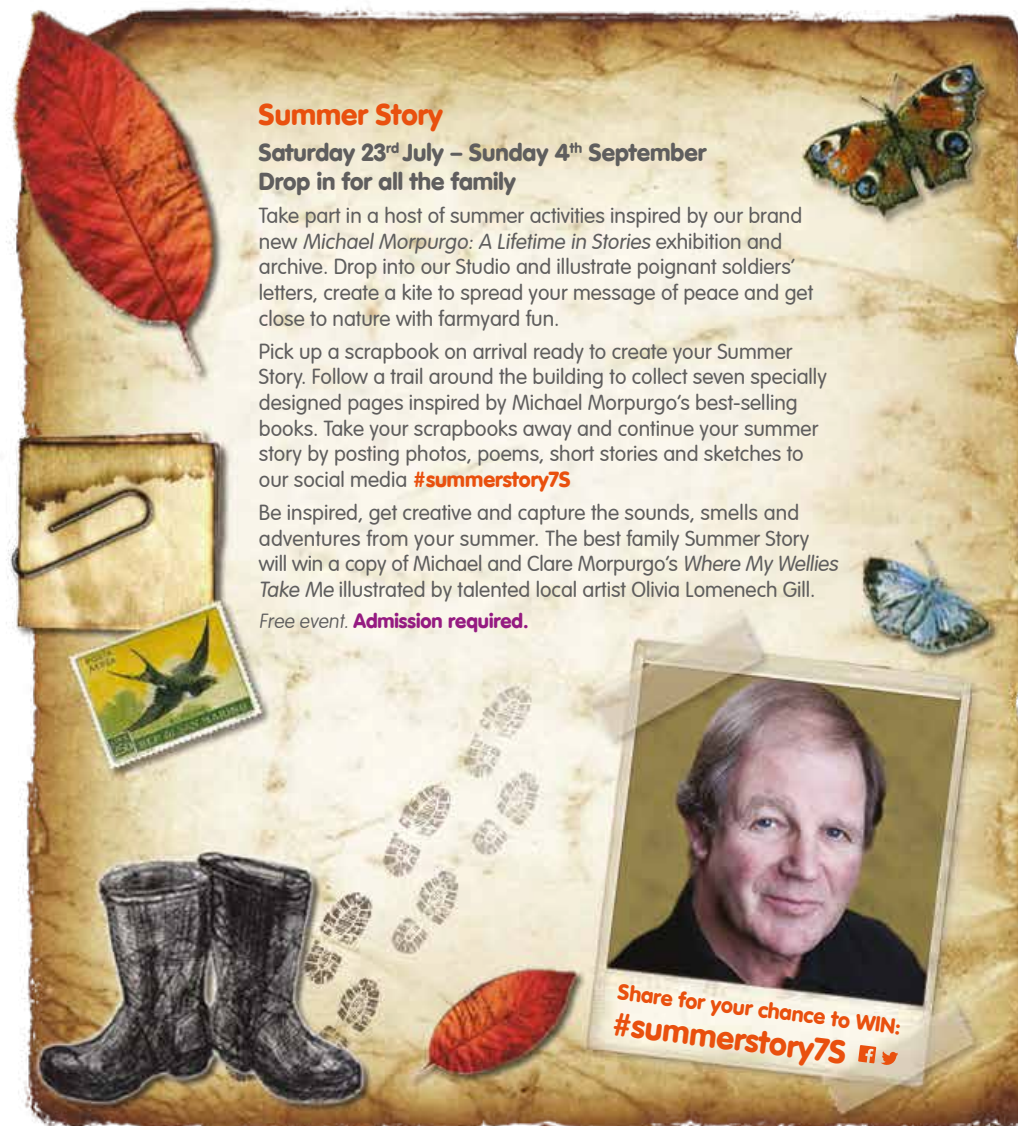
Saturday 23rd July – Sunday 4th September
Drop in for all the family

Take part in a host of summer activities inspired by our brand new *Michael Morpurgo: A Lifetime in Stories* exhibition and archive. Drop into our Studio and illustrate poignant soldiers' letters, create a kite to spread your message of peace and get close to nature with farmyard fun.

Pick up a scrapbook on arrival ready to create your Summer Story. Follow a trail around the building to collect seven specially designed pages inspired by Michael Morpurgo's best-selling books. Take your scrapbooks away and continue your summer story by posting photos, poems, short stories and sketches to our social media [#summerstory7S](#)

Be inspired, get creative and capture the sounds, smells and adventures from your summer. The best family Summer Story will win a copy of Michael and Clare Morpurgo's *Where My Wellies Take Me* illustrated by talented local artist Olivia Lomenech Gill.

Free event. **Admission required.**



Once Upon a Birthday Party

Seven Stories is the perfect venue for your child's unique birthday party. Your dedicated Story Catcher will lead lively story times and party games before you enjoy a Birthday Picnic with love from our Café.

Email reception@sevenstories.org.uk or call 0300 330 1095 ext 300 between 10am-5pm to book.



Early Bird Opening

For visitors with an Autistic Spectrum Condition. Every first Saturday of the month from 6th August, 9am-10am

We appreciate that queues and hustle and bustle can be overwhelming so we are opening our doors early to ease your arrival. Early Bird Opening also means you can have a quieter visit to our Café. Enjoy a hot drink or homemade snack and a chance to explore food using all your senses with hands-on activities.



Relaxed Storytime: Adventures with the Tiger

Every first Saturday of the month from 6th August, 10am

Awaken all your senses in a relaxed story time featuring some of our favourite characters. Experimenting with a variety of tactile props and sounds, these sessions offer accessible ways to spark imagination and allow families to share stories together.

Free event. **Admission required.**



Seven Stories wants to give you the best possible visitor experience. If you or any of your group needs support to enjoy your visit, please ask a member of staff on arrival or call prior to your visit with any queries. You can find our Social Story and details about accessibility on our website www.sevenstories.org.uk/visit/accessibility

Animation Workshop with Paul Miller

Wednesday
3rd & 10th August
10.30am-1.30pm*
Suitable for ages 8+



Work with experienced animator and visual artist Paul Miller as he leads budding talent in the first steps to creating their very own animation. Produce your own stop motion animation using clay and flip-books and get to grips with the techniques used by professionals.

Meet Paul: "I am passionate about creative, visual art. I am deaf myself and use British Sign Language (BSL) to communicate. My animation workshops are accessible for both hearing and deaf people. Find out more on my website www.rorystudio.com."

Event ticket £10. Admission to Visitor Centre not required if attending event only. Participants will be signed into this event at Reception where they will return for collection promptly at 1.30pm.

* Please note: this event is the same on both dates.

Seriously Silly Stuff with Andy Seed

Thursday 28th August, 2pm
Suitable for ages 7+

Join Blue Peter Book Award winner Andy Seed for an hour of sensational stories, funny facts, wacky jokes and entertaining challenges. Andy is the author of *The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff* (Bloomsbury) and several other fun non-fiction books full of amazing information, juicy word games and cheeky giggles.

Free event, booking essential. **Admission required.**



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Illustration © Scott Garrett

Mornings with Mog: Happy Birthday Seven Stories!

Monday 15th - Friday 19th August, 10.30am

A special guest is coming to wish Seven Stories a Happy birthday. Meet Mog and curl up (but no cat-napping) ready for a delightful event to celebrate the nation's most-loved cat. Bring along your soft toy kitties to share the story too.

Event ticket £3, includes £2 voucher redeemable on any title in Judith Kerr's Mog series from the Seven Stories Bookshop.

Book must be purchased on the same day. **Admission required.**



Illustration © Judith Kerr

Hiccuping Hilarity with Holly Sterling

Sunday 10th July, 2pm
For all the family

Illustrator Holly Sterling would like to introduce you to best friends, Ruby and Oscar from her new book *Hiccups!* Find out how the story began and learn how to draw Holly's charming characters for yourself in a delightful family event.

Free Event, booking necessary.

Admission required if arriving before 1.45pm.



Illustration © Holly Sterling

Bookworm Babies

Tuesday 6th or Friday 9th September

Suitable for babies up to walking and their grown-up

Join us for imaginative, exploratory play with the very best books for your baby. Discover innovative ways to introduce your budding bookworm to a lifetime love of reading.

During the 6 weeks you will also be given a taster tour of our galleries, meet new friends and pick up top tips from our knowledgeable Bookshop team to help continue the book fun at home.

Booking essential. £30 per child for a 6 week course, includes event ticket only. We recommend purchasing an Adult and Toddler Annual Pass at £30 if you would like to explore the rest of Seven Stories.



Sensory Stories

Term time: Every Wednesday, 1.30pm & Sunday, 10.30am until Wed 13th & Sunday 17th July.

Summer holidays: Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday at 10.30am from Monday 25th July until Sunday 4th September. Suitable for under 4s.

Join us for our popular Sensory Stories and share our favourite books in this specially designed session ideal for the youngest visitors. Our Story Catchers use sensory props, sounds and textures to encourage your child to engage with books through adventure, play and song.

This is a very popular session. To ensure everyone has the chance to attend, tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis from Reception. Tickets go quickly. Last tickets (if still available) will be allocated 10 minutes before session begins in order to give you time to get to the session so it can start promptly. Sessions cannot be pre-booked.



Meet the Curator of Michael Morpurgo: A Lifetime in Stories exhibition

Sunday 4th September, 1.30pm

Michael Morpurgo is one of Britain's greatest living authors for children and Seven Stories is now the home of his entire archive. Meet the expert team who brought Michael's original manuscripts, notebooks and drafts to life and curated our *Michael Morpurgo: A Lifetime in Stories* exhibition. This is a rare opportunity to take part in a unique 'white glove' experience and ask the Senior Curator Gillian Rennie and KTP partner Dr Jessica Medhurst about how the exhibition evolved.

£5 per person. Event ticket entitles you to £1 off purchase of a hot drink in our Bookshop Coffee Shop. **Admission required before 1pm.**



UKYA Extravaganza

Saturday 17th September
Venue: Newcastle City Library

Newcastle City Library will be bouncing with the biggest authors of children's and YA books in a mega all-day event. Listen to energetic panel talks and ask your burning questions; meet your favourite authors and swipe goodies from the well-stocked swag.

Keep refreshing our social media for the announcement of which authors will be attending.

Tickets available to purchase soon.
Check www.sevenstories.org.uk for more information.



Team Creative: Writers of the Next Generation

Monday 25th – Friday 29th July. Creative Writing Course, 9.30am–4pm
Suitable for children aged 8–12

Unlock your imagination in a week-long creative writing course at the National Centre for Children's Books. Join our Story Catchers, spend time with award-winning author Andy Seed AND current Children's Laureate Chris Riddell and get access to some of the best scribbles and drafts from the Seven Stories collection.

Explore different styles of writing from poetry to adaptation, prose to screen writing and get ideas on how to nurture your own distinctive style. With opportunities for creative writing, top tips and advice this is a course not to be missed – could you be a writer of the next generation?

Course fee £120 per child. Annual Pass holder course fee £100 (must be verified on arrival with proof of valid annual pass). Participants need to bring their own packed lunches each day to fuel their creative juices. No additional admission is required. Participants must be signed in each day at Reception.

Coming soon: Seven Stories Comic Club for 8 to 12year olds every second Saturday of the month from October. Email info@sevenstories.org.uk to register your interest.

Coming Soon – Dark Dahl: Mash Up this October Half Term

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 30th October
For all the family

Be plunged into the dark and mischievous world of Roald Dahl's most unscrupulous characters as we celebrate 100 Years of Dahl. You will be revolted by rhymes, lively story times and activities as we bring to life some of Dahl's most dastardly baddies. What happens when The Witches meet Miss Trunchbull?

Come dressed as a mash up of your favourite characters and join us to find out.



Illustration © Sir Quentin Blake

Great North Snowdogs 2016

An exciting trail of Snowdogs sponsored by businesses and painted by artists as well as mini pups created by local school children will take over Tyne and Wear this Autumn. Watch illustrator Chris Riddell doodle-a-dog while he is at Seven Stories in July. We'll be going barking mad with events, canine capers and our very own Snowdog and litter of pups from September 2016 to celebrate the pooches on parade.

Visit our website for more information
www.sevenstories.org.uk

The decorated Snowdogs will be auctioned at the end of the season with proceeds going to St Oswald's Children's Hospice in Gosforth.



Illustration © Raymond Briggs

A Wild in Art event

Fundraising

"We have a huge admiration for what everyone has done at Seven Stories – this is significant and it matters in the world of the arts. That's an extraordinary thing to have created." Michael Morpurgo

Seven Stories is a charity and home to an amazing archive. All the money earned and raised is used to ensure future generations can enjoy Britain's rich literary heritage. Find out how you can support us on our website.

Upgrade Today

Upgrade to an annual pass and enjoy unlimited visits for 12 months - there's plenty to keep all bookworms busy this summer.

Upgrade your day ticket today, or hold onto your receipt and upgrade within the next 30 days.

Plan your family day out with help from:



raring2go.co.uk



familyexplorers.co.uk

Get Social

Follow us on social media and we'll keep you up to date on our events and news. Share your photos, thoughts and Seven Stories experiences with us too [#sevenstories](https://twitter.com/sevenstories). Follow [@7stories](https://twitter.com/@7stories) on 12th August Teen Twitter Takeover Day.

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www.sevenstories.org.uk

Opening Times

Monday - Saturday, 10am-5pm
Sunday and Bank Holidays, 10am-4pm

Holiday periods correspond to the Newcastle region school timetable.

Arts Award:

We support children and young people working towards their Arts Award through dynamic workshops, events and programming.

Ask us for more information.



Prices *Includes Gift Aid donation

Admission	Day Ticket	Annual Pass
Toddler (1-3yrs)	£2.50	£9
Adult & Toddler	-	£30
Child (4-16)/Concession	£6.60*	£21
Adult	£7.70*	£26
Family	£23.10*	£65
Family Plus	£27.50*	£70

Why not buy your tickets online?

Book your tickets online or by calling our reception team on 0300 330 1095 ext 300

Booking fees are non-refundable unless otherwise stated and are in addition to admission charge.

Family Ticket:

1 adult and 3 children or 2 adults and 2 children.

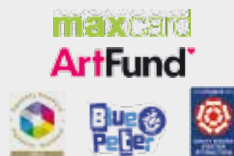
Family Plus Ticket:

1 adult and 4 children or 2 adults and 3 children.

Add an additional child to an annual family pass for £10

Admission to Seven Stories Café and Bookshop is free!

FREE admission for **BLUE PETER** badge holders, each badge holder must be under 16, bring their badge and badge winner card and be accompanied by a full price paying adult. Valid **NATIONAL ART PASS CARD** holders gain FREE admission to Seven Stories. Access to the archive (appointments necessary) is also FREE. **MAX CARD** holders, adults and children get FREE admission to the centre but charges for special events may apply.



Finding Seven Stories

Public Transport

Manors is the nearest Metro Station. Quaylink Q3 bus stops on Cut Bank, a two minute walk away.

Metro

Travel by Metro to Seven Stories and gain a FREE child place with every full-paying adult at Seven Stories. (offer valid until 04.09.16 and on production of a valid Metro ticket for day of visit or Metro pass.

Parking

Free car parking is available behind Seven Stories. Follow signs for Ouseburn Central Car Park on Foundry Lane, NE6 1LH.



Find our guide to parking: www.sevenstories.org.uk/visit/how-to-find-us

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We love to hear your thoughts, you can find us on TripAdvisor.

All information correct at time of print – subject to change and check with Reception on the day for up to date information 0300 330 1095 ext 300.

