

## Hello

I hope you are enjoying a good start to the Autumn and this newsletter helps you develop reading for pleasure with the children you work with.

Thank you for your support!  
Tom

## Remembrance Sunday - 13 November

Read *Over the Line* by Tom Palmer published by Barrington Stoke.

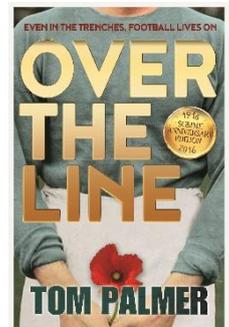
It's 1914 and Jack is making his debut as a professional footballer. But the match is marred by a demonstration demanding that the players sign up to do their duty in France. It is not long before Jack is bound for the trenches with the Footballers' Battalion.

Free **First World War Literacy Resources** include

- Posters
- Videos
- First Chapter
- A modern day footballer short story
- Quiz
- Playscripts
- Classroom Discussion Guides

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*"It's a stroke of brilliance to pair football with wartime history, and this combination is sure to enthral readers and pique their interest in the period"* [Book Trust](#)

*"Over the Line is a perfect class read to accompany any KS2 and KS3 (Y7&8) topic on the period. It's also an engaging read for football fans of any age. In my opinion, it deserves to sit alongside War Horse and Private Peaceful on any school bookshelf."* Helena Pielichaty

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## RAF series takes off - Wings

Read *the Wings Series* by Tom Palmer

"Typhoon" and "Spitfire" are the popular new follow up stories to "Flyboy". They complete my Wings trilogy and bring the series right up to date.

The Wings series is about four children at a football summer camp near an old airfield. They mysteriously find themselves propelled back in time. Only if they can learn how to fly the great RAF planes – the Sopwith Camel, Spitfire and Typhoon, will history will lead them on a flightpath back to the present.

The Wings series features:

- the famous First World War Sikh Ace flyer - Hardit Singh Malik
- female pilots
- the great RAF planes – the Sopwith Camel, Spitfire and Typhoon
- airshows
- flight simulators
- RAF museums
- making model aircrafts



Free First Chapters [here](#)

## Awards

[Wings: Flyboy](#) is on the longlist for the Leicester Our Best Book award 2017.

[Wings: Flyboy](#) is on Leicester Libraries 'The Big Friendly Read book list for children'

"Typhoon is a great read aimed at 8 to 10 year olds and is a stereotype-breaking brew of the supernatural, football, fighter jets and the relationship between two sisters." [That Boy Can Teach Blog](#)

"These are Biggles books for the 21st century." **Phil Clayton, Education Office at RAF Museum**

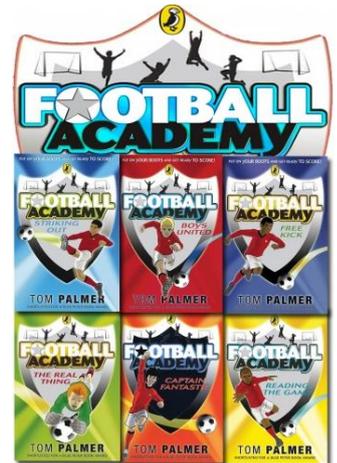
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## Resilience – Football Academy

**Read** the *Football Academy* series - full of positive messages about overcoming challenges on and off the pitch.

The series follows the young players in a Premier League under-twelve side – about what it's like to play the game at the top. The series features :

- Dyslexia
- Parents in prison
- Pushy parents
- Feeling smaller than peers
- Racism partic. against Polish families
- Bullying



"Packed with football action and great off-field story lines, Tom Palmer's books are often cited as the reason a reluctant reader turned into a book-lover!" [TheSchoolRun](#)

"We can't recommend this football series enough!" [Bringing up Boys](#)

[Read more](#)

Best wishes and thanks again for keeping in touch.

**Thank you for reading.**

Tom Palmer