

## Hello Malcolm Arnold Academy

I hope you've had a good start to the year and this newsletter helps you develop reading for pleasure with the children you work with.

Thank you for your support!  
Tom

## Top News!

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

*"Tom Palmer is a true reading hero and has been responsible for motivating many thousands of young people to get into books"* **Booktrust**

FREE Explore Literacy Ideas Pack for Flyboy [here](#)  
Read the first chapter [here](#)

## Six Nations rugby & literacy

Use the Six Nations rugby (February 4 to 18 March) to encourage your pupils to read about the game in newspapers, magazines, books and on websites.

I've written 6 stories for children about rugby including my [Rugby Academy series](#).

Read my short blog with ideas for schools and libraries [here](#).

My Rugby Reading for pleasure resources, commissioned by the RFU include:

Free posters - printed or downloadable:  
<http://tompalmer.co.uk/rugby/rugby-literacy/>

School and library toolkit of ideas and other free resources: <http://tompalmer.co.uk/rugby/rugby-literacy/>

Read [more](#)

## Historical Fiction author visits

From September 2017, I am available for author visits featuring both sport and KS2 & 3 history topics.

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## POSTER PACKS

Please email me back for a free signed poster pack.

## UNSUBSCRIBE

Reply with Unsubscribe in subject if you no longer wish to receive my newsletter.

## FORWARD

Please share my newsletter with others by forwarding it.

## TESTIMONIALS

As well as featuring sport, my books are also set in key periods of history including :

- **The Iron Age** – Read Defenders ; Pitch Invasion
- **Romans** – Read Defenders : Dark Arena
- **Anglo Saxons / Vikings** – Read Defenders : Killing Ground
- **Medieval England** – Read [Secret FC](#)
- **First World War** – Read [Flyboy & Over the Line](#)
- **Second World War** – Read [Spitfire](#)

From September 2017 I will be offering school workshops on linking literacy to all those periods. Find out more here: <http://tompalmer.co.uk/historical-fiction-author-visits/>

I will still be offering my popular Football and Rugby Reading Games, here: <http://tompalmer.co.uk/schools-librarians/author-visits/>.

## Secret FC

My popular children's story, "Secret FC", has been given a new cover design.

Secret FC is about a group of girls and boys who start their own football team, after sport is banned at their school.

*"A dramatic story with good twists and turns, especially the head's reason for banning the game in the first place!"* **Julia Eccleshare**

[www.lovereading4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk)

You can see all three designs here: <http://tompalmer.co.uk/secret-fc/>.

Which cover do your pupils prefer?

They can read the first chapter of Secret FC here: <http://tompalmer.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Secret-FC-CHAPTER.pdf>

Use the Secret FC Reading Quiz with your pupils [here](#)

*"I'm currently reading Secret FC to a class which they are really enjoying."* **Librarian, Bartley C of E Junior School**

[Read more](#)

## 20% off all my books

Rosie Hill is an independent book seller with over 20 years experience of selling to schools. She offers competitive 20% discounts on all books, free next day

*"Over the Line is a stunning look at the life of a real footballer who fought in the First World War as a member of the Footballers' Battalion and was the first of the modern professional footballers. It's not exclusively for those with dyslexia but it's as good as a book gets if you do suffer."* **Bookbag**

*"I have been downloading Tom's fantastic episodic story from the Literacy Trust website. I just wanted to drop him a line to tell him how brilliantly his story is going down at our school. Every morning I have children, particularly the boys, running up to me to check that I have downloaded and printed out the latest chapter of the story. The feedback from all the teachers is really positive, they tell me that it has really captured the boys imaginations and is encouraging them to read too!"* **Lucy Bakewell, SLA School Librarian of the Year**

*"I feel the moral aspects will help us deal with the various issues than can occur with young boys as they settle into secondary education."* **Pennaeth Cynorthwyol / Assistant Head, Ysgol Rhiwabon**

*"As a parent, I just wanted to say thanks for the Football Academy series. My 10 year old son had never read a whole book from start to finish until he discovered Boys United. He rattled through that so I bought Striking Out two days ago and he's nearly finished it already. Roll on the rest of the series!"* **Sarah**

*"Credited with turning book-phobic boys into page-turning maniacs"* **Sunday Telegraph**

*"The work of this author is making a valuable contribution to improving pupils' writing."* **Ofsted**

*"The stuff available from the Tom Palmer website is fantastic"* **Friends' School Saffron Walden**

*"Guerilla reading motivation at its finest"* **Jim Sells, National Literacy Trust**

*"I received the pack that you sent me today. Thank you very much. The books look really interesting. In fact, we have already had some interest from the boys! The posters will really brighten up our displays "* **Sir Graham Balfour School.**

delivery (orders over £150) and can advise on buying fiction and non fiction books. For more information email [rosie@rosemaryhillbooks.co.uk](mailto:rosie@rosemaryhillbooks.co.uk) or phone 01580 879560 or 07906 776681.

We do try to keep a tidy database but please accept our apologies if this has accidentally been cross-posted. Best wishes and thanks again for keeping in touch.

**Thank you for reading.**

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