

Hello

Firstly, my apologies if this is an unwanted email – please do let me know and we'll take you off our list immediately.

I hope news about my new series and literacy resources will help the children you work with develop an enjoyment of reading for pleasure.

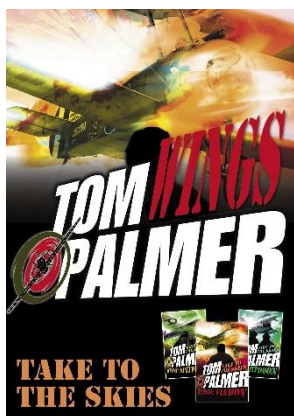
I am writing another free live story in the summer term with the National Literacy Trust. It will be set during the **Euro 2016 football tournament and the main characters will be school pupils on a battlefield tour and First World War soldiers**. This is to tie in with this July's centenary of the Battle of the Somme. Please email me back for a reminder when chapter one is released.

There's also more information below about the chance to win me as your Patron of Reading!

Please do pass this on to other teachers, librarians or organisations who may be interested. Please email me back with any questions or to order a free poster pack.

Find out more at www.tompalmer.co.uk or via twitter [@tompalmerauthor](https://twitter.com/tompalmerauthor).

Thank you for your continued support.



NEW Wings series

The Wings series is about four children at a football summer camp, who find themselves propelled back in time. If they can learn how to fly the great RAF planes – the Sopwith Camel, Spitfire and Typhoon - history will lead them on a flightpath back to the present.

“Wings: Flyboy is a wonderful, warm tale. Stories highlighting the diversity of Britain’s troops during both world wars

are rare and this one deserves a wide audience. It is a cracking read.” Bali Rai

Wings 1: Flyboy 15 March 2016

Wings 2: Spitfire 15 June 2016

Wings 3: Typhoon 15 August 2016

Published by Barrington Stoke

Read the first chapter here : <http://tompalmer.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Wings-Flyboy-Chapter-1-1.pdf>

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Testimonials

"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

Order signed copies here <http://tompalmer.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Wings-Signed-Books-Order-Form-2016.pdf>

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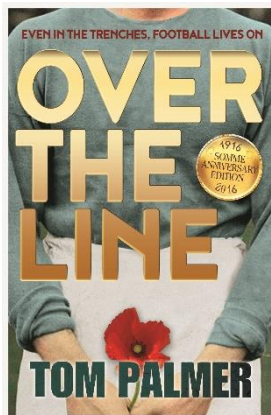
Euro 2016 football tournament story - school pupils on a battlefield tour

I am writing another free live sixteen-chapter classroom read in the summer term, starting on 13 June. It will be set during the **Euro 2016 football tournament and the main characters will be school pupils on a battlefield tour**. This is to tie in with this July's centenary of the Battle of the Somme. Please email me back for a reminder when chapter one is released.

There will also be ...

- A literacy toolkit of ideas to use in schools based around the France 2016 competition and the centenary commemorations
- Daily writing exercises during the tournament period inspired by both events
- See the National Literacy Trust for more here. http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/schools_teaching/euro-2016

Click [here](http://tompalmer.co.uk/first-world-war-literacy-resources/) for more <http://tompalmer.co.uk/first-world-war-literacy-resources/>



SUMMER Battle of the Somme centenary resources

Build on the national interest in the First World War centenary events using books like [Over the Line](#). These accompanying resources can help children's understanding and encourage reading for pleasure.

"'Over the Line' has been a massive success this term. Many of my reluctant readers have turned a corner so thank you very much!" Bradley Stoke Community School

Resources include

- Posters
- Videos
- First Chapter
- A Short Story
- Quiz
- Playscripts
- Classroom Discussion Guides
- Signed Certificate

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Patron of Reading

My time as Patron of Reading at 3 schools across the UK has come to an end and I am now hoping to find 4 schools – in England, Wales,

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."

Scotland and Northern Ireland to work with for the 2016-2017 school year.

" Sir Graham Balfour School.

If you'd like the unique chance for your school to work with a children's author - with a termly Skype, the chance to see new writing and a visit please do email me back.

Click [here](#) for more <http://tompalmer.co.uk/about-tom/patron-of-reading/>

Thank you for reading. Please do feel free to get in touch or pass this on to others who may be interested.

We do try to keep a tidy database but please accept our apologies if this has accidentally been cross-posted.

If you wish to unsubscribe, my apologies, please do email me back with unsubscribe in the subject line.

Best wishes and thanks again for keeping in touch.

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