

Hello

If the children you work with are enjoying the **2015 Rugby World Cup**, now is a good time for them to read for pleasure about the game that is capturing their imagination. Websites. Fiction. Non-fiction. Newspapers. Magazines. Rugby can help children enjoy reading for pleasure. I hope these free resources I've written for **England Rugby** can help you achieve that.

******"Palmer's Rugby Academy is pacey, but also thought-provoking. This is just the thing to whet the appetites of rugby-mad primary school children at the start of the World Cup year."* **Rugby World**

The resources include:

- a live online class reading story
- READ RUGBY - a toolkit of ideas to use rugby to help encourage reading for pleasure.
- fifteen classroom lesson plans about writing and reading through sport
- downloadable posters

Click [here](http://tompalmer.co.uk/rugby-world-cup-2015/) for more <http://tompalmer.co.uk/rugby-world-cup-2015/>

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.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Live online class reading story



From September 17 to Friday 16th October you can start downloading a free daily (weekdays) story called The Twickenham Trials. The story will be written by me every day as the World Cup unfolds. Packed with cliffhangers and chances for children to vote on the outcome, it is designed to be read in schools for five minutes every morning. It is not too late to join in!

The link to first chapter to get you started is now up here: <http://tompalmer.co.uk/the-twickenham-trials/>

Read Rugby

Read Rugby is a toolkit of ideas for schools and libraries to use to promote reading for pleasure during the tournament – from the staffroom, through school settings, to activities children can do with

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Testimonials

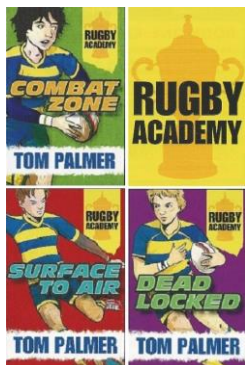
"I have been downloading Tom's fantastic episodic story from the Literacy Trust website. I just wanted to drop him a line to tell him how brilliantly his story is going down at our school. Every morning I have children, particularly the boys, running up to me to check that I have downloaded and printed 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 Headteacher, Ysgol Rhiwabon

"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

their parents at home. On the same webpage as Read Rugby there are 15 rugby writing and reading drills for the classroom.

Click here for more <http://englandrugbyteachersresource.com/putting-it-into-practice/other-subjects/literacy>.

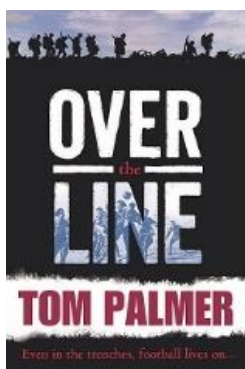


Rugby Academy

The free story above features the three main characters from my new [Rugby Academy](#) trilogy, which is aimed at 8+ and published by Barrington Stoke. The books have already had five-star reviews from Rugby World magazine, parents and teachers.

Book 1, [Rugby Academy : Combat Zone](#) is on the shortlist for the [Coventry Inspiration Book Award 2016!](#)

Click here for more <http://tompalmer.co.uk/rugby/rugby-academy/>



Remembrance Day

If you are doing any work around Remembrance Day this November, check out www.readingwar.co.uk. It is a new website created by Barrington Stoke, with an extraordinary wealth of resources for school groups at KS2 or KS3.

My book [Over the Line](#) is on the prestigious **Recommended Reads** list in the **Historical fiction** category for [Read for My School](#).

Click here for more [http://tompalmer.co.uk/over-](http://tompalmer.co.uk/over-the-line/)

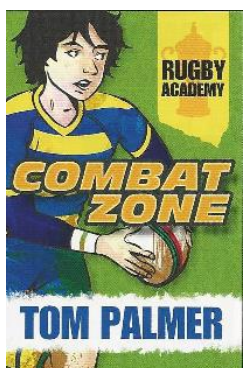
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and if your pupils prefer football to rugby...

... you can still sign up for the National Literacy Trust's 2016 Premier League Reading Stars Scheme. The most effective football literacy project going by a long way. The application deadline is 30 September 2015. Having worked in dozens of schools that run with the programme, I cannot recommend it more highly.

Click here for more

http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/premier_league_reading_stars/take_part.



Awards

[Rugby Academy : Combat Zone](#) is on the shortlist for the Coventry Inspiration Book Award 2016!

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.

"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.

Best wishes and thanks again for keeping in touch.

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