

## Hello

I hope this newsletter helps you use my new resources to develop reading for pleasure with the children you work with. Thank you for your support!

Tom

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

## Top News!

*Defenders 1: Killing Ground* is on the longlist for the **Leicester Our Best Book award 2017** and the **Grampian Book Award**. Thank you to the teachers and librarians for nominating it.

*"Tom Palmer's Defenders has plenty of adventure, jeopardy, blood and thunder and mixing it all in with a good dollop of the country's favourite spectator sport... There are echoes here of Alan Garner and just a hint of the mystery behind Harry Potter – and that should be enough to get anyone reading."* **The Letterpress Project**

More awards [here](#).

Read the first chapter [here](#)

## Historical Fiction author visits

I am offering school workshops from March 2018 linking literacy to these historic periods:

- **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](#)

My new KS2 history series is out now. The three *Defenders* books feature hauntings from the Iron Age, Roman, Anglo Saxon and Viking periods. Three fast-paced thrillers written to help engage classrooms with the historical context of those periods.

Find out more here: <http://tompalmer.co.uk/historical-fiction-author-visits/>

## Remembrance Day - 11 November 2017 skype/videos

If your class is studying my First World War children's story *Over the Line* this term, please email [admin@tompalmer.co.uk](mailto:admin@tompalmer.co.uk) to organise a FREE Skype session.

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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

*"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*

*"I am using Over the Line as a group reader – it's really engaging some of our reluctant boys"* **Teacher, Harcourt Primary School**

*"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**

Free First World War Literacy Resources [here](#)  
More on *Over the Line* [here](#)

## Christmas 2017 - Nominate a child for one of my books as a Christmas present.

Nominate a child for one of 50 dedicated & wrapped books this Christmas. For children who will really benefit. Email [admin@tompalmer.co.uk](mailto:admin@tompalmer.co.uk) by 30 November.

More here <http://tompalmer.co.uk/a-christmas-offer/>

## Starts now - Diary of a football detective with the National Literacy Trust

This is a long-running dip-in dip-out story featuring the events of the football season as they happen week-on-week, while blending in powerful messages about the importance of reading for pleasure.

Diary of a Football Detective will be published by every Tuesday morning and each weekly set of diary entries will be less than 1000 words long.

More [here](#)

## 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 delivery (orders over £150) and can advise on buying fiction and non fiction books.

**Rosie is currently offering a Tom Palmer book pack** – 26 books with 20% discount and free delivery for £134. Save £34 off the RRP! 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.**

Tom Palmer

*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.**

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