



THE NSB TRUST

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A termly newsletter
to support with
reading at home and
to help promote our
reading culture across
The NSB Trust.



Welcome to the summer edition of this academic year's NSB Trust reading newsletter. This term the newsletter is an "Author Takeover"! As always, we would welcome any feedback on the newsletter; please email jbarlow@nsbtrust.school

1 READING AT THE NSB TRUST

We were delighted to welcome Tom Palmer to NS and NSB in Term 5 and Mitch Johnson in Term 6, with a series of excellent assemblies and two very well-attended book signings! Tom shared his scrapbooks and plans for his books, giving us a unique insight into the mind of a writer. We were also privileged to be the first readers in the country to get copies of his new release - a week before it was officially released to the public! Mitch Johnson was also signing copies of his new book "Strike" following a very interesting and competitive assembly!



2 TOP TIPS FOR READING AT HOME

Tom was candid about his struggles with reading as a child and how he used comics, football magazines and matchday programmes to become an avid reader and writer. This aligns with the motto of the "National Year of Reading": If you're into it, read into it. The campaign has featured many musicians, sports stars and actors sharing examples of texts they had read and how these aligned with their hobbies and interests.



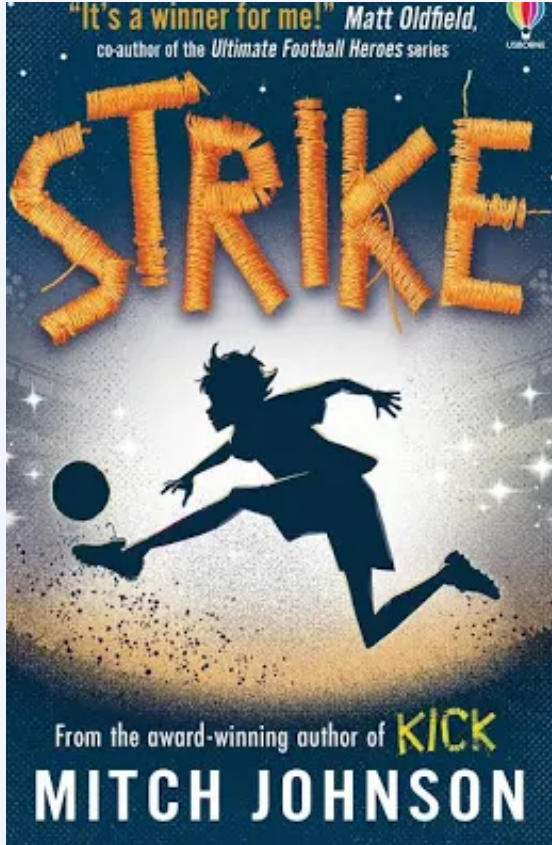
3 READING IN THE NEWS

Following a £60m transfer to Barcelona, England player Anthony Gordon was asked about his Spanish language skills, which had surprised much of the media: **"My drive - that is all we have," he says. "We play football and we kid ourselves that we play to win. We want to win, of course. But we want to see who we can become. I have always been very intrigued to see who I can become, mentally. I'm from a very poor background, just a normal family, and I have made the journey to this level. I want to keep doing that. I want to learn as many languages, read as many books and see what kind of person I can become."** Gordon has spoken before of his love of sports psychology books and their impact on his training, mentality and attitude to the game. It is fantastic to see the England team celebrating and promoting the role of reading in their careers! Read more about his favourite book in [this interview](#) from Euro 2024.

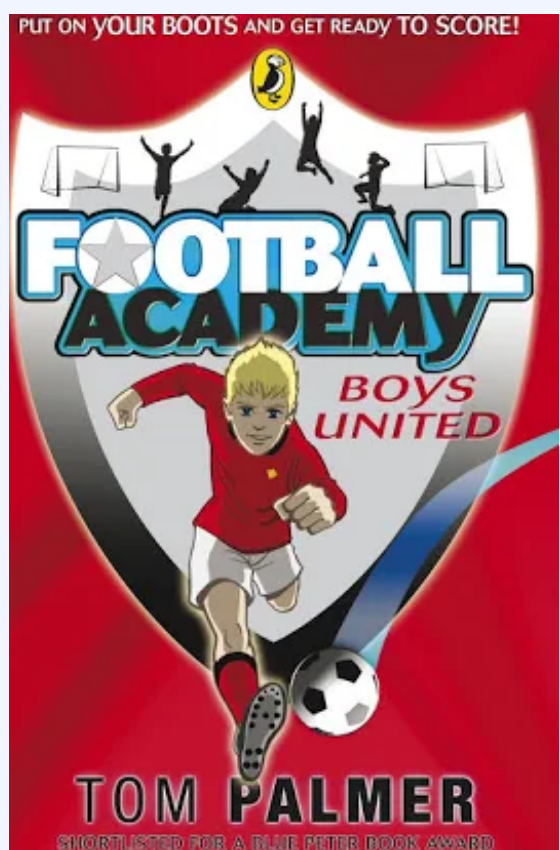


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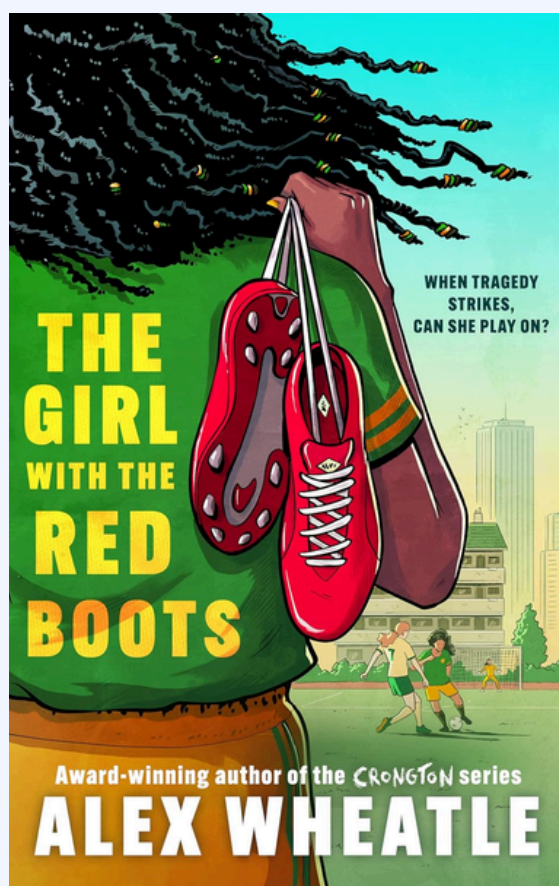
Following Tom Palmer and Mitch Johnson's visits to NS and NSB, we have selected some of our favourite sporting books. Hopefully, these will inspire some sporting enthusiasts to pick up a book as part of some much needed R&R this summer...



Based on the characters and issues raised in "Kick" by the same author, this book follows Owen as he finds a mysterious note in a new pair of football boots, which leads him to uncover the dirty truths behind the beautiful game...



This series is incredibly popular in both libraries! The older readers at NSB were very excited to see Tom, with many comments of "I read all the Football and Rugby Academy books when I was younger!" These books are designed to engage reluctant readers but keen sports fans.



After the death of her brother, Kadeen is forced to move from Jamaica to London, to live with her strict aunt. Football is her distraction, but that is soon in jeopardy too...

Alex Wheatle is a phenomenal writer, creating books that feel heart-felt but with enough grittiness to be truly engaging!

