

# Sport for All

### Recommended reads to keep your brain active!

National School Sport Week takes place in the last week of June every year to celebrate the important role of Physical Education and school sport in enhancing young people's wellbeing. As well as doing some exercise everyday it's important to keep reading too, so why not combine the two and read about your favourite sport! Don't forget to quiz on what you read.

Ultimate Football Heroes: From the Playground to the Pitch – Includes Kane, Ramos, Aubameyang,

Aguero, Sterling, Bale, Gerard, Mane, Salah, Van Dijk: by Tom and Matt Oldfield

**Ultimate Football Heroes** is a series of biographies (true life stories) about the biggest and best footballers in the world and their incredible journeys from childhood fan to super-star professional player.



#### Rugby Spirit by Gerard Siggins



**Rugby Spirit** is an exciting eight book series for rugby fans. A lovely mix of sport, history, adventure, and ghosts.

Jamie Johnson a 7-book series by Dan Freedman

*Jamie Johnson* is crazy about football and desperate to become his school's star football player (and in his dreams, a top professional too).





#### **Rebound** by Kwame Alexander





**Rebound** is a story in verse about a boy who falls in love with playing basketball when he is sent to stay at his grandparents for the summer.

#### Keeper – A Paul Faustino Novel Book 1 of a trilogy by Mal Peet



World Cup winning goalkeeper El Gato "the Cat", recounts his life story to top South American journalist Paul Faustino, South America's top football writer. On the table between them stands the World Cup.

#### My Story - Berlin Olympics by Vince Cross

*Berlin Olympics* A young girl athlete has the chance of a lifetime when she qualifies to compete in the 1936 Berlin Olympics.



#### 321 Go! Powerboat Race by Steve Rickard



**321 Go!** takes readers right to the heart of the action. With detailed, yet simple descriptions and superb full colour photographs, readers will discover what it's really like to pull off a death-defying stunt, launch into space or hurtle along in a drag race.

#### The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird

Eleven-year-old Solomon loves to run! The great athletes of the Ethiopian national team are his heroes and he dreams that one day he will be a gold-medal-winning athlete like them, in spite of his ragged shorts and bare feet.



#### Game, Set, and Match by Donna King



Carrie is tired of having to choose between her friends and tennis - between having fun and endless hours on the court. Will a month at a top tennis school in Florida help Carrie to rediscover her love of tennis and her will to win?

#### Extreme Sports by Emily Bone



Non-fiction: Extreme cycling (BMX and mountain biking), air extremes such as skydiving and BASE jumping, urban sports skateboarding and parkour, high-risk free and solo rock climbing, and watery extremes such as surfing and whitewater kayaking.

#### Long Jump High by Malachy Doyle

At only 13 years old, Pete has qualified for the Olympics to compete in the triple jump. And Edgar Winter, Pete's competition, is determined not to lose against someone so young - no matter what it takes.



#### Pride and Penalties by Chris Higgins



Charlotte doesn't want a lot - just to play rugby and for her Dad to be proud of her. But her brother Will's the rugby star of the family, only he's got very different stars in his eyes. Soon they're both keeping secrets and so is their mum!

#### The Fox and the Ghost King by Michael Morpurgo

In a cosy den under a garden shed lives a family of foxes. They love to watch football, almost all foxes do. But their favourite team keeps losing, and it seems like things will never look up. That is, until Daddy Fox finds the ghost of a king, buried underneath a car park.



#### The Beautiful Game: Hannah's Secret by Narinder Dhami



Hi, I'm Hannah, and I'm the future captain of the England women's football team! Ha ha -- only kidding. Although my dad seriously thinks so, which is embarrassing with a capital E. He's always yelling at me when I play -- it's a nightmare! At least I've got football, and five new mates to keep me happy.

## For older readers:

#### Break the Fall by Jennifer Lacopelli

A fiercely told novel about one girl's determination to push her body to win gold at the Olympics, and the power of uniting as women to speak out. Seventeenyear-old Audrey Lee dreams about is swinging her way to Olympic glory.



#### Fever Pitch by Nick Hornby



#### My Autobiography by Alex Ferguson

The celebratory, revealing, inspiring, and entertaining autobiography of the greatest manager in the history of British Football.



#### Fighting Ruben Wolfe by Markus Zusak



The Wolfe Brothers know how to fight, they've been fighting all their lives. Now there's more at stake than just winning.

#### First XI: Eleven Stories of the World of Cricket Zusak by Bob Cattell

A collection of short stories with the theme of cricket, each set in a different cricket-playing country, bring together a diverse cast of characters, loosely linked by the theme of cricket.

