

Monday 7th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Challenge Whole School Celebration

As you know, this term as a school, we will have been aiming to reach a collective total of **10,000 reads!** As we are well on track to be successful, we will be celebrating this with a visit from a children's book author to continue inspiring reading both in school and at home. As we head towards the final weeks of term, please remember to continue recording reads in your child's reading record to ensure they are counted towards our total (reception- year six). Children know that if they read 5 or more times they are recognised for doing so and have enjoyed the competition between classes to compete for being the class who reads the most!

Please find attached some information from our visiting author ahead of his visit. We know many of you will want to buy a signed copy of the book and will therefore need to follow the information to pre-order ahead of Sunday 13th October.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Horton and Mrs Short

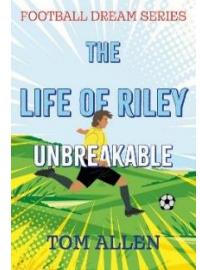
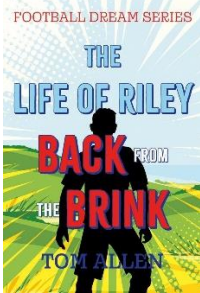
Reading Team

Children who read at least 20 minutes a day are exposed to almost 2 million words per year.



Pre-sale of signed books for Haywood Village Primary:

I am delighted to be visiting Haywood Village Primary to talk about my books, **'The Life of Riley – Unbreakable'** & **'The Life of Riley – Back from the Brink'**, to discuss my journey as an author and to inspire the children to read and write great stories themselves. I will be offering the opportunity to buy **signed copies** of my books.

<p>Riley Adams has three passions in life: family, friends and football. Despite often finding school difficult, Riley finds happiness in friendships with his 'band of brothers and sisters', who play for his beloved Highfield Flyers FC.</p> <p>Riley and the Flyers learn to play together and focus, bringing them great moments and taking them close to glory. Rivalries form and the desire to win grows until...</p> <p>Riley's world is turned upside down when his mum receives life-changing news. Can he really care about football again? What will happen to Mum? How will he cope with life now?</p>	 <p>£8.99</p>
<p>Riley Adams and his beloved Highfield Flyers FC are back for a new season, with the chance to erase the painful memory of his critical penalty miss the last time he pulled on the golden Flyers shirt.</p> <p>However, Riley struggles to cope with football, the final year at primary school and, most of all, supporting his terminally ill Mum. When the dreaded day arrives, he is overcome by grief and devastated by the knowledge that she won't be there anymore. Nothing seems worthwhile: not even football. Can anything bring him back from the brink?</p> <p>With support from his aunt and uncle, teachers, loyal friends and teammates, and his incredible coach, Ted Bristow, Riley somehow finds the strength to face the world and get back on the pitch. Old rivalries are renewed, exciting opportunities arise, and the Flyers play themselves to the brink of glory.</p> <p>Can Riley lead his team to the league title they so desperately desire? Can he truly come to terms with life without Mum? Ultimately, it's her strength inside him that provides the answer...</p>	 <p>£9.99</p>

More information can be found at www.tomallenaauthor.co.uk or by emailing me at tomallenaauthor@gmail.com

To **pre-order** a copy (or multiple copies), please complete the following BEFORE 9PM on Sunday 13 October:

- 1.) Email me at tomallenaauthor@gmail.com letting me know which books you would like, your name and who the book dedication should be made out to (usually your child's name). Please let me know which class your child is in. I will email back to confirm I've received your order.
- 2.) Send payment of £8.99 (Unbreakable), £9.99 (Back from the Brink) or £17.99 (both books) to my account:
Tom Allen
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Include the reference H14/10NAME/INITIAL as the payment reference. For example, Sarah Jones should use the reference H14/10JONES/S.
- 3.) I will email to confirm receipt of payment and at that point the book will be signed and delivered at the visit (no refunds can be given once the book is signed).

I can only guarantee signed books for those parents who have BOTH emailed me AND pre-paid by 9pm on the previous day to my visit. I'm happy to offer signed books at the end of the school day on Monday 14th October for anyone who didn't pre-order. I can accept cash or card payments on the day. I can't wait to meet the children and share my passion for writing and books with them.

Here's a photo of me so you don't mistake me for the comedian who shares my name!

